

GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME

INTROIT *The Lord Ascendeth Up on High*

Russell

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Shout for joy, sing songs of praise,
for God reigns over all the earth!
God has gone up with a shout!
Sound the trumpets and sing songs of praise!

*HYMN 267 *Come, Christians, Join to Sing*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Living God,
we confess that our faith is sometimes weak,
our love for others can be faint,
our prayers are often timid,
and our gratitude is frequently unconvincing.
When we stand looking toward heaven,
yet feel far from you,
you draw near in mercy to forgive us,
and fill us with your power,
through the grace of Jesus, our resurrected Savior.

A time of silence

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Therefore, proclaim this good news to the ends of the earth:
through the mercy of Christ, our sins are forgiven!

*RESPONSE *Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia* HYMN 251

Christ has arisen to set us free.

Alleluia, to him praises be.

Jesus is living! Let us all sing;

he reigns triumphant, heavenly King.

Let us sing praise to him with endless joy.

Death's fearful sting he has come to destroy.

Our sin forgiving, alleluia! Jesus is living, alleluia!

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

WORD

SHARING FAITH WITH CHILDREN

ANTHEM *Non Nobis, Domine*

Powell

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE READING Acts 1:6-14

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON

MUSIC FOR REFLECTION

*As we reflect on God's word, consider how you might respond
with your time, talent, and treasure.*

ORDINATION OF NEW ELDER

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *Adapted from the Confession of 1967*

**New life in Christ takes shape in a community
in which people know
that God loves and accepts them
in spite of what they are.
They therefore accept themselves
and love others,
knowing that no one has any ground
on which to stand,
except God's grace.**

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS

PRAYER OF ORDINATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Your kingdom come,
your will be done.

SENDING

*HYMN 273

He Is King of Kings

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

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Today's liturgy is from *Feasting on the Word Worship Companion: Year A Vol 1*. The prayers of the people were written by David Hamflett as published in *Fire and Bread: Resources for Easter Day to Trinity Sunday* by Ruth Burgess.

Upcoming Events

The **Cove Women's Group** meets next Tuesday, May 19, at 5:30 in Cove Hall. Join us for a Pentecost party! Be in touch with Rosetta Forshee or Pam Dorland for more details.

Next Sunday is **Pentecost Sunday**! Join us to celebrate the birthday of the Church and the movement of God's Spirit among us. Photographer Bob Kurtz will be in worship taking new photos for our church website.

Plan to come on Sunday, June 7 to our **organ anniversary worship service**, featuring organist Suzanne Riehl. The instrument will be 200 years old! Following worship, all are invited to enjoy birthday cake in Cove Hall.

Cove Presbyterian Church

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AN EASTERTIDE SERMON SERIES

Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 17, 2026

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