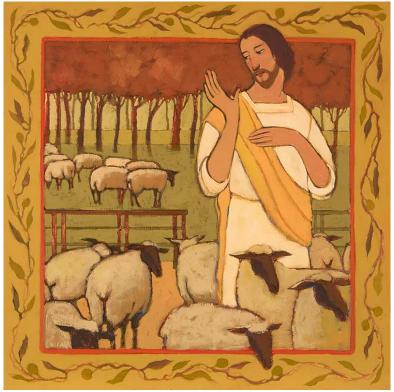
Community Savior



The Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 21, 2024 4 E. Henrietta Road Rochester, New York 14620 www.CoSMtHope.org

Evangelically Rooted • Liturgically Formed • Socially Engaged

Next Sunday, April 28

Fifth Sunday of Easter, 8:45 and 11:00 a.m. Katie Sawade Hall will be preaching and Barb Bushart will preside at the Lord's Table. The scripture readings are Acts 8:26-40, Psalm 22:25-31, 1 John 4:7-21, and John 15:1-8.

Coffee and Conversation—Everyone is welcome to meet in the fellowship hall each Sunday between the worship services for refreshments and conversation.

Faith Formation for Children, Youth and Adults: 9:00 a.m. Sundays

Nursery: newborn to preschool

Junior Explorers: preschool through kindergarten

Explorers: 1st through 6th grade **Youth Group**: 7th through 12th grade

Adults: "The Resurrected Christ in a Present-Day, Ordinary Life"

Marty Garland, CoS member, shares her life pilgrimage from early traumatic loss to the love of the resurrected Christ--including how several books by the classical spiritual writer Henri Nouwen helped her to have hope to continue the journey.

Following Worship Today: Eucharistic Ministry and Altar Guild Training

Choose one of two sessions: 10:00 a.m. and 12:25 p.m. CoS is seeking to expand its team of Eucharistic Ministers and Altar Guild participants. Eucharistic Ministers participate with the pastors in the Sunday liturgy in serving the cup. Members of the Altar Guild serve the sacramental ministry of the church by preparing and restoring the Table.

Justice and Joy: Promoting Just Worship Environments

The Genesis Justice Network is excited to offer a unique opportunity to those who coordinate or lead worship services. Whether you preach, sing, or take part in your services in any other way, you are welcome at Iglesia Nuevo Dia on Saturday April 20 at 10am-1pm. You will learn theological truths and practical methods to ensure your worship context and content are healthy and just. For more information, contact the church office.

May 11th: CoS Spring Hike

A CoS spring hike is in the air! Saturday May 11 an intergenerational mid-morning hike is planned. More information to follow.

Job Opportunity: Children's Ministry Coordinator

Community of the Savior is seeking to add a Children's Ministry Coordinator to its ministry team. For more information on the position and on how to apply, contact Pastor Barb.

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WE GATHER IN THE NAME OF JESUS OUR RISEN LORD

As we enter to worship, let us gather in quiet contemplation and prayer.

To worship is to quicken the conscience by the holiness of God, to feed the mind with the truth of God, to purge the imagination by the beauty of God, to open the heart to the love of God, to devote the will to the purpose of God. (Archbishop William Temple)

Community Moments

Preparation for Worship

Please stand, if able

Greeting

Leader: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

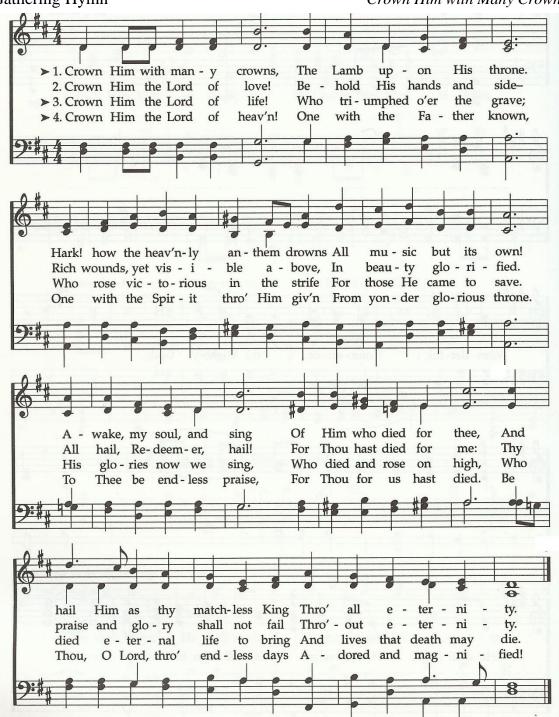
People: Amen

Leader: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!



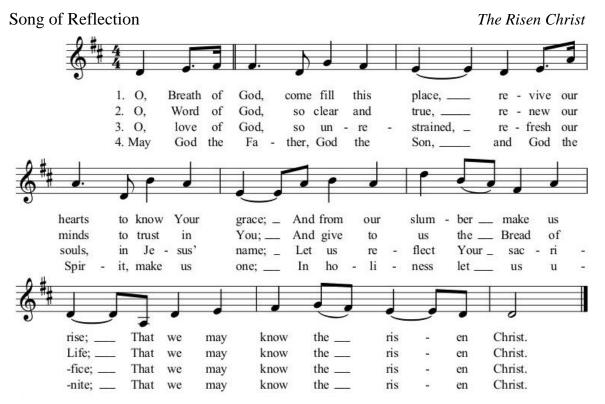
Opening Prayer

All: In Easter hope we gather to worship you. Triune God, pour out your love on us; Risen Christ, continue to reveal yourself to us as we break bread together; Holy Spirit, shower us with power from above that we may be your church, alive to you and one another, as we gather and pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Please be seated

Call to Confession

Leader: Dear friends in Christ, as we enter into the glory of God's holy presence, let us call to mind the struggles, failures, and frailties of our lives, and in humble confidence, make our honest confession before almighty God.



Silent Personal Confession

Corporate Confession

All: Loving Shepherd, who cares for us and for all creation, thank you for your strong and tender care. We confess that far too often we neglect to heed your voice. We forget the power of your name and fall into fear and doubt of your care for us and for this world. Forgive us, we pray. Encourage us to believe in you, to abide in your love, and to live in ready obedience to your life-giving commands. May your goodness and kindness meet us this day, and pursue us all the days of our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Leader: "For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is God's love for those who fear God; as far as the east is from the west, so far has God removed our transgressions from us." By the grace of the risen Lord Jesus we are forgiven.

All: Amen.

...TO OPEN OURSELVES TO THE LIVING WORD OF GOD

Prayer for Illumination

Leader: Holy One, our strength in suffering and our hope for salvation, lift up your word of life and pour out your Spirit of grace so that we may follow faithfully.

All: Amen.

The First Reading

Acts 4:5-12

(Pew Bible, NT 92)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Psalter Psalm 23

The refrain is sung first by the cantor, then by the congregation. It repeats as led by the cantor



The Second Reading

1 John 3:16-24

(Pew Bible, NT 188)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Please stand, if able

Gospel Acclamation



The Gospel

John 10:11-18 (Pew Bible, NT 96)

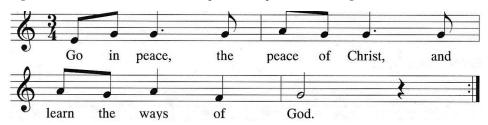
Leader: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Please be seated

Liturgy Moments

After Liturgy Moments, children who wish are invited to participate in Faith Formation (8:45, preschool-high school) or Children's Worship (11:00, preschool-3rd grade) on the lower level.



Sermon

Silent Reflection

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

Affirmation of Faith The Nicene Creed

All: We believe in one God,

the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,

God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:

by the power of the Holy Spirit

he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again, in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in the one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,

and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Peace

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Tithes and offerings may be placed in an offering basket at the door, given through the online giving portal at cosmthope.com/give, or mailed to Community of the Savior



...TO FEAST AT THE TABLE OF JESUS, OUR LORD

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. Leader: People: And also with you.

Lift up your hearts. Leader:

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise. People:

The leader offers thanks to God with a prayer appropriate to the season, concluding with:

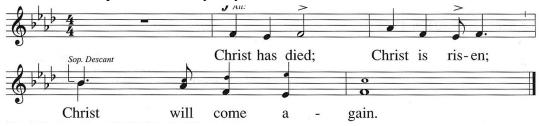
And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Please be seated

The leader continues the prayer of thanks to God for the acts of salvation, remembering Jesus' words of institution, and concluding:

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.



The leader prays for the presence of the Holy Spirit, and for Christian unity, concluding,

...all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and forever.



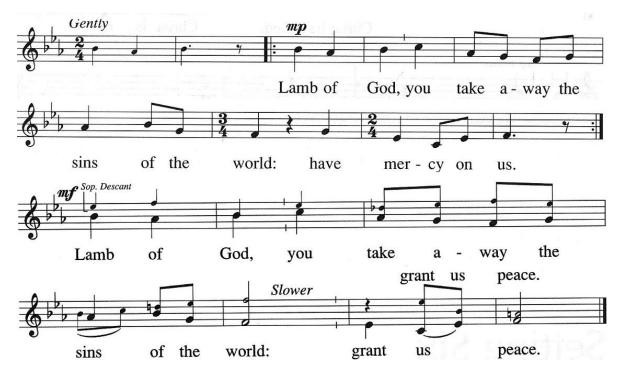
The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Breaking the Bread

Leader: Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us!

People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!



Receiving the Bread and the Cup

The Lord's Table at Community of the Savior is an open table. All who embrace faith in Christ are welcome to receive the Eucharist. Two communion lines form, beginning with the front rows; the pastor will place the bread in your hand, then you will move to the cup, dip the bread in the cup and partake. Individual cups are also available. In recognition of the various streams of Christian tradition that converge at CoS, followers of Christ who have not yet received baptism may receive, but are encouraged to contact one of the pastors as soon as possible to consider Christ's invitation to baptism. Those who do not wish to partake are invited to come with arms crossed over their chest, and the pastor will pray a brief prayer of blessing for you as you move through the line. A gluten free option is available. Please ask the server. In solidarity with all who struggle with addiction, the Eucharistic Cup at CoS is non-alcoholic.

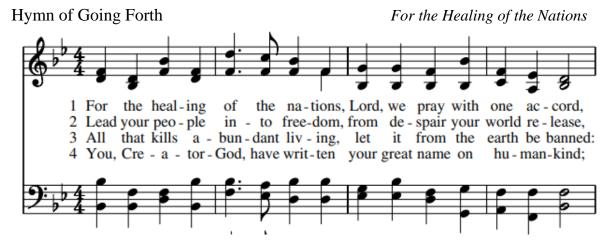
Healing Prayer: Those with a special need are invited to receive prayer and anointing with oil, if desired. Simply move to the prayer station and a pastor will pray a brief prayer for you.

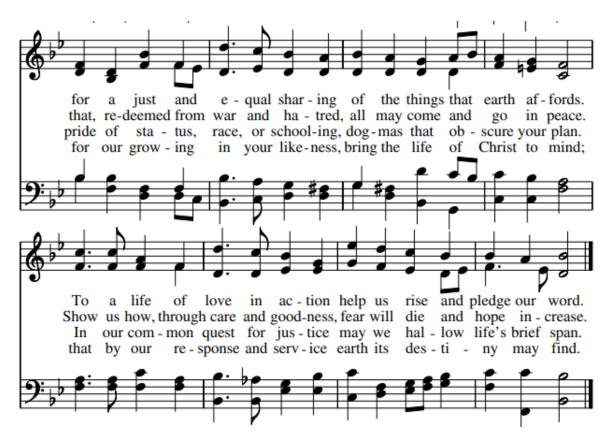
...TO GO FORTH IN THE RENEWING POWER OF THE SPIRIT

Please stand, if able

Post-Communion Prayer

All: Loving God, you have nourished us, body and soul, with the bread of life and the cup of salvation. May we who have received this sacrament be strengthened in your service; may we who have sung your praises tell of your glory and truth; and may we who have seen the greatness of your love, live in that love each day; in the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.





Charge and Blessing

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Brief History of Community of the Savior

On the first Sunday of Advent 2007, after many months, prayer and discernment, Community of the Savior started weekly worship services as an evening congregation of New Hope Free Methodist Church. Founding co-pastors Gloria Roorda and Doug Cullum were joined by a faithful core group of people to help launch the vision of a church that yearned to be both faithful to historic Christianity and meaningfully responsive to the needs of the present world. Increasingly the leadership team of CoS felt called to move to a Sunday morning service in order to more faithfully fulfill its mission. In spring 2009, CoS joined Edgewood Free Methodist Church as one of the worshiping communities in Edgewood's multi-site approach to ministry, and on Pentecost Sunday began morning worship at St. Bernard's School of Theology and Ministry. Community of the Savior became a Free Methodist church society on March 16, 2014. We began worshiping in the former South Presbyterian Church at 4 E. Henrietta Road on October 19, 2014. Welcome to the journey!

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Eucharistic Ministers: Cris Kerekes, Rajiv Bala

Healing Prayer: Katie Sawade Hall Livestream: Emma Duttweiler

Preacher: Barb Bushart, Kevin Austin

Presider: Doug Cullum **Rovers**: Joseph Kuo, Mike Stanley

Scripture Readers: Deb Benedict, Dave Brown, Elizabeth Cullum, Audrey Cullum

Sound: Micah Chapman, Luke Duttweiler

Ushers: Joseph Kuo, YiFen Lee, Simon Sykora, Irene Churukian