Community Savior



The Third Sunday of Easter

April 14, 2024 4 E. Henrietta Road Rochester, New York 14620 www.CoSMtHope.org

Evangelically Rooted • Liturgically Formed • Socially Engaged

Next Sunday, April 21

Fourth Sunday of Easter, 8:45 and 11:00 a.m. Barb Bushart will be our preacher and Doug Cullum will preside at the Lord's Table. The scripture readings are Acts 4:5-12, Psalm 23, 1 John 3:16-24, and John 10:11-18.

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: Encounters with the Risen Lord, facilitated by Harry Heintz

This Tuesday, April 16 at 11:00 a.m.: RPC Service and Lunch

Each 3rd Tuesday of the month, CoS welcomes our neighbors from the Rochester Psychiatric Center for a worship service and luncheon at 11:00am. Everyone is welcome to join and enjoy worshipping and table fellowship with our neighbors and RPC staff.

This Wednesday, April 17: Every Knee

Every Knee is a monthly informal service of worship through acoustic contemporary music, scripture, and prayer. Typically, Every Knee is on the 3rd Wednesday of the month. The next services are April 17 and May 15.

This Friday, April 19: CoS Game Night

All are invited this Friday from 6:00-9:00 pm. Bring a favorite family game and a snack or dessert to share. Pizza and beverages will be provided. Hope to see you there!

About the Cover Art

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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!

Gathering Hymn

The Day of Resurrection!





Opening Prayer

All: Holy and righteous God, you raised Christ from the dead and glorified him at your right hand. Let the words of scripture, fulfilled in Jesus your Son, burn within our hearts and open our minds to recognize him in the breaking of bread. Amen.

Please be seated

Call to Confession

Leader: We have received the faithful witness of the resurrection, but we hoard our joy, and are reluctant servants of Jesus. Let us ask the Lord to forgive us for the sins we can name and save us from the sins we hide.



Silent Personal Confession

Corporate Confession

All: Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Leader: In Jesus Christ there is no sin, and he has been revealed to the world to take away sin. All who repent and turn to God have their sins wiped out through Jesus Christ our Lord. Sisters and brothers, your sins are forgiven; be at peace.

All: Amen.

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

Prayer for Illumination

Leader: Almighty God, in you are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. Open our eyes that we may see the wonders of your word; and give us grace that we may clearly understand and freely choose the way of your wisdom; through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

The First Reading

Acts 3:12-19

(Pew Bible, NT 92) The Word of the Lord.

Leader: The Word of the Lord People: Thanks be to God.

The Psalter Psalm 4

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



The Second Reading

1 John 3:1-7

(Pew Bible, NT 188)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Please stand, if able

Gospel Acclamation



The Gospel

Luke 24:36b-48 (Pew Bible, NT 69)

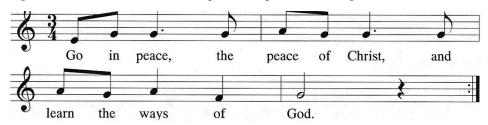
Leader: The Gospel of the Lord.

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 Apostles' Creed

All: I believe in God the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he arose again; he ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of the Father, and will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,

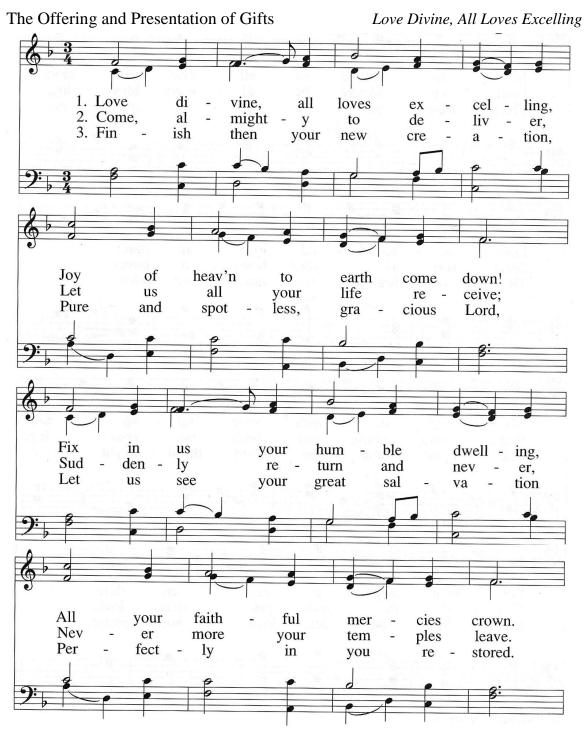
The Peace

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

and the life everlasting. Amen.

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

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

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

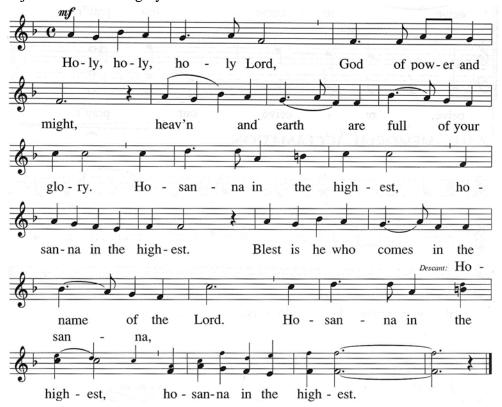
People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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.

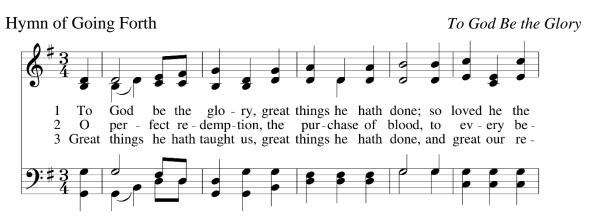
Healing Prayer: Those with a special need are invited to receive prayer and anointing with oil, if desired. Simply move to the prayer station and a pastor will pray a brief prayer for you.

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

Please stand, if able

Post-Communion Prayer

All: Creator of the universe, you made the world in beauty, and restore all things in glory through the victory of Jesus Christ. We pray that, wherever your image is still disfigured by poverty, sickness, selfishness, war and greed, the new creation in Jesus Christ may appear in justice, love, and peace, to the glory of your name. Amen.





Charge and Blessing

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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Ushers: Rajiv Bala, Maria Marseglia, Lynn and Jane Braband