

**Announcements**     *Please see insert.*

**Children's Message**

**Prayer for Illumination**

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading**            1 Corinthians 5:6b-8

**Anthem**                 *Joy Dawned Again on Easter Day*    Roberta Bitgood

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading**            Luke 24:13-49

**Sermon**                 *Can it really be so?*

**\* Hymn #106**            *Alleluia! Alleluia, Give Thanks*

**Offering of our Gifts and Tithes**

**Offertory Music**

**\*Doxology #592**        Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Christ, all creatures here below;  
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;  
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

**Joys and Concerns**

**The Prayer of Jesus**

**\* Charge and Blessing**

**\* *The Alleluia Chorus*** from "The Messiah" Please join us in singing.

**Postlude**                 *\*All that are able please stand.*



Palisades Presbyterian Church  
Palisades, New York 10964  
Easter Sunday  
April 8, 2007



*We are a Christian community welcoming all,  
as we seek to grow in faith and serve others.*

**The Palisades Presbyterian Church  
Welcomes You on this Easter Sunday**

April 8, 2007

**Prelude**                    *Meditation*                    by M. Shapiro

**Church Bell**

**Introit**

**Call to Worship**

(The Rev. Dixie Brachlow, Ashland Presbyterian Church, Ashland, VA)

Leader:            When the tomb looms large before our eyes,  
                         remind us, God, who we are:

**People:            We are children of the resurrection;  
                         the place of death will not hold us.**

Leader:            We are the painters of the rainbows;  
                         the shadow of death will not daunt us.

**People:            We are the breakers of loaves and fishes;  
                         the taste of death will not defile us.**

Leader:            We are the raisers of the dead;  
                         the power of death will not defy us.

**People:            We are the people of Pentecost;  
                         the spirit of death will not destroy us!**

**ALL:                God is our refuge and our strength.  
                         We gather in the power and sure promise of resurrection.  
                         Amen.**

**\*Hymn #123:**            *Jesus Christ is Risen Today*

**Prayer of Confession** (In Unison)

God of power and might,  
we stand before the empty tomb with awe,  
pondering a love that is stronger even than death.  
Can that love save us?  
Can it close the distance between us and heal our hearts?  
Can it really be so?

It's a day of new beginnings,  
and we pray that by your Spirit,  
we might start afresh.

We pray in the name of Jesus,  
who is raised from the dead,  
defeating all powers and principalities,  
once and for all, for all...  
and even for us.  
Amen.

**Silent Personal Confession**

**Choral Response**

**Assurance of Pardon**

This is the day of all days when we know that we are free, forgiven, and loved: that our sinfulness is forgiven, our grief is comforted, and that God's love is for us, around us, and within us. Today, once more, we are made anew! How wondrous are the ways of God! Amen.

**Hymn #316**

Breathe on me, breath of God  
Fill me with life anew  
That I may love what Thou dost love  
And do what thou wouldst do

**\*Let Us Offer One Another a Sign of Peace**