



Resurrection, Alma Thomas

EASTER DAY
Resurrection
of the Lord

Sunday, April 9, 2023
10:30 A.M.

FIRST 
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Jesus Christ is risen today!

Christ is risen indeed!

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*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 232

Jesus Christ is Risen Today

EASTER HYMN

During the processional hymn, the items removed during Holy Week are returned to the sanctuary and the communion table is set.

*LITANY OF ADORATION

Psalm 118

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;

his steadfast love endures forever!

Let God's people say,

His steadfast love endures forever!

The Lord is my strength and my might;

He has become my salvation.

I shall not die, but I shall live and recount the deeds of the Lord.

Open to me the gates of righteousness,

that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord.

The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

This is the day that the Lord has made;

Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of mercy, we no longer look for Jesus among the dead, for he is alive and has become the Lord of life. From the waters of death you raise us with him and renew your gift of life within us. Increase in our minds and hearts the risen life we share with Christ, and help us to grow as your people toward the fullness of eternal life with you, through Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

CHORAL ANTHEM

Christ the Lord is Risen Again

Philip W.J. Stopford

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Jeff Moles

May God be with you in worship here.

May God be with you in worship there.

Children will remain with their families in the sanctuary today.

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

O Lord our God, we give you thanks for the new life you raise up in us through the mystery of baptism—the sorrow of the heavy cross, the surprise of the empty tomb, the love that death could not destroy. By the power of your Holy Spirit, poured out upon us in baptism, fill us with the joy of resurrection so that we may be a living sign of your new heaven and new earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Water is poured into the font.

Remember your baptism and be thankful! **Alleluia! Amen.**

*GLORIA PATRI

GREATOREX

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Since we have been reconciled to God, let us also be reconciled to one another.

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. **And also with you.**

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Living God, with joy we celebrate the presence of your risen Word. Enliven our hearts by your Holy Spirit so that we may proclaim the good news of eternal and abundant life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

READINGS FROM SCRIPTURE

Acts 10:34-43 The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

John 20:1-18 The Gospel of the Lord. **May Jesus Christ be praised.**

SERMON

“The Great Race”

Rev. Matt Curry

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

This is the good news which we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved, if we hold it fast: that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day, and that he appeared first to the women, then to Peter, and to the Twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses. We believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God. Jesus Christ is the first and the last, the beginning and the end; he is our Lord and our God. Amen.

MINUTE FOR MISSION

The One Great Hour of Sharing

Suzanne Guyer

THE EUCHARIST

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

MUSIC FOR THE OFFERING

Alleluia! Jesus is Risen!

Michael Burkhardt

*THE DOXOLOGY (Hymn 606)

OLD HUNDREDTH

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

...who forever sing to the glory of your name:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest!

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; 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 OF THE BREAD & THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

All who seek God are invited to the table, regardless of church affiliation or any other condition or identity. You may take communion by taking a small piece of bread and dipping it in the cup.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Gracious God, we give you thanks that by the witness of your word and the sharing of this meal you have opened our hearts and eyes to the presence of Christ among us. Now send us forth from this place by the power of your Spirit to tell this good news to the world: The Lord has risen indeed! Amen.

THE SENDING

*HYMN 157

I Danced in the Morning

LORD OF THE DANCE

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

**Rise in body or spirit*

LEADING OUR WORSHIP TODAY

Preacher: *Rev. Matt Curry* | Liturgist: *Patti Price* | Communion Servers: *Jerry & Glenda Price*

BRASS QUINTET

Koby Durbin, Trumpet | Will McDonner, Horn | Evan Patterson, Euphonium
Joshua Maier, Trombone | Tipton Lolley, Tuba

The floral arrangements in the sanctuary this morning were given by:

Creda Townsend Heffelfinger in memory of Cindy Hicks Little

and

Beth Saylor in memory of her cousin, Joy Mefford Malone

The Banners, parament, and pastor's stole, newly made for this Easter season, were created by liturgical artist Clee Lee thanks to a generous donation to our church. The designs convey the colors of the Jerusalem landscape and the brilliance of a sunrise. The banners include a path between the crosses and empty tomb, symbolizing the connection between death and life.

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Hearing Assistance Devices are available. Please see an usher if you would like to use one.

EASTER FLOWERS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD

In Memory of Lois Edine
and John Thomas Townsend

BY CREDA HEFFELFINGER AND FAMILY

In Memory of Larry's twin, Lynne Meredith

BY PAT & LARRY HALE

In Honor of Andi Wallace

BY ASHER & COHEN WALLACE

In Honor of Tom Cecil

BY MEREDITH BOWERS

In Memory of my parents,
Mary Jane and Harris Shevelson
and my brother Ned Shelevson

BY MARY LOU TAYLOR

In Memory of Brian Loucks

BY JOHN & MARNA LOUCKS

In Memory of Norris Harris

BY BETTY HARRIS

In Memory of Paul E. Oakley

BY DENNIS JEWETT

In Memory of Win Kramer & Charles Truitt

BY RAY AND NANCY KRAMER

In Memory of W. Dale Guyer

BY SUZANNE GUYER

In Memory of Maxine and Jerry Price

BY GLENDA AND JERRY PRICE

In Memory of Mimi Davis

BY BRETT DAVIS

In Memory of Jane Stevenson

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In Celebration of Ray and Nancy
Kramer/Dad (Poppy and NanaNancy)

BY R. STRAND AND EVELYN BARR KRAMER,
CHILDREN AND GRANDCHILDREN

In Memory of Winifred Jennings Kramer
(Mom/Mama Kree/Grammy)

BY R. STRAND AND EVELYN BARR KRAMER,
CHILDREN AND GRANDCHILDREN

In Memory of Pam Kirtley

BY BOB KIRTLEY AND FAMILY

In Memory of Louise Kirtley
and Elizabeth Gasser

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In Memory of Lis Jacobs

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In Memory of Mr. and Mrs. E.C. Preuss
BY DON PREUSS



ALLELUIA



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community of faith called to proclaim
the good news of the love of Jesus Christ for all people,
and to join God in the building of a
just, peaceful, and compassionate world.



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