

# First Presbyterian Church

## RESURRECTION OF THE LORD/EASTER SUNDAY

April 12 at 10:30

### THE GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

INTROIT

*Christ is Risen*

Sanborn

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Christ is risen! Alleluia!

**Alleluia! Christ is risen indeed!**

Come, see the tomb where he was laid.

**Come, touch the stone that was rolled away.**

Come, hear the story of our risen Lord.

**Come, worship God!**

\*OPENING PRAYER

**Living God, we praise you – for the day that you have made; for the life that you have given; for the church that you have called. Let this day be filled with wonder; let our lives proclaim the message; let your church sing out the news – that Christ, our Lord and Savior, is risen. Amen.**

HYMN 232

*Jesus Christ Is Risen Today*

EASTER HYMN

*Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!  
Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!  
Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!  
Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!*

*Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!  
Unto Christ, our heavenly King, Alleluia!  
Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!  
Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!*

*But the pains which he endured, Alleluia!  
Our salvation have procured. Alleluia!  
Now above the sky he's King, Alleluia!  
Where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!*

*Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!  
Praise eternal as God's love. Alleluia!  
Praise our God, ye heavenly host, Alleluia!  
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!*

## TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

**Congregation: May God be with you in worship there.**

Children: May God be with you in worship here.

## CALL TO RECONCILIATION

In the risen Christ, we are reconciled to God and one another. Our brokenness no longer defines us, for God's grace claims us anew. Trusting in this good news, let us confess where we have fallen short, that we might rejoice in our new life with Christ. Let us pray.

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of new life, forgive us when we would rather mourn the old. God of resurrection, forgive us when all we can see is death. God of faithfulness, forgive us when we are certain that we are alone. Forgive us, God of mercy. Make us aware of the depth of your grace, that we might respond with lives of faithfulness.**

*Silence is kept for personal prayer*

## POURING OF THE WATERS REMINISCENT OF BAPTISM

*Remember your baptism and be thankful!*

## DECLARATION OF PROMISE AND FORGIVENESS

### \*THE GLORIA PATRI (HYMN 581)

*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.*

GREATOREX

### \*PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

### \*SUNG RESPONSE

*Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!  
Christ is risen! Shout Hosanna! Celebrate this day of days!  
Christ is risen! Hush in wonder: all creation is amazed.  
In the desert all surrounding, see, a spreading tree has grown.  
Healing leaves of grace abounding bring a taste of love unknown.*

HYMN TO JOY

## THE WORD

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Risen Christ, you show us the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy. Speak to us now as the Scripture is read and proclaimed, that we may know your presence and be filled with gladness in our hearts.  
**Amen.**

## READING FROM SCRIPTURE

Matthew 28: 1-10 (N.T. p. 33)

The Gospel of the Lord. **May Jesus Christ be praised.**

## SERMON

\*Affirmation of Faith (the Apostle's Creed)

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

## THE EUCHARIST

### INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

### OFFERING

MUSIC FOR THE OFFERING

*Alleluia! Jesus is Risen!*

David Johnson

### INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

### GREAT THANKSGIVING & PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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.**

It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise...

...Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

### 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 & COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

## THE SENDING

\*HYMN 826

*Lift High the Cross*

JUDAS MACCABEUS

*Refrain: Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim  
till all the world adore his sacred name.*

*Come, Christians, follow where our savior trod,  
the Lamb victorious, Christ, the Son of God.  
(Refrain)*

*All newborn servants of the Crucified  
bear on their brow the seal of Christ who died.  
(Refrain)*

*O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,  
your death has brought us life eternally.*

*(Refrain)*

*So shall our song of triumph ever be:  
praise to the Crucified for victory.*  
*(Refrain)*

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY