



FIRST  
PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH

Sunday, April 4, 2021 10:30 A.M.

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## SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

The Resurrection of the Lord: Easter Sunday

### THE GATHERING

PRELUDE

*Prayer of St. Gregory*

A. Hovhanness

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

INTROIT

*Christ is Risen!*

Jan Sanborn

\*LITANY FOR EASTER

This is the day that the Lord has made;  
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

**Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!**

This is the good news we have received,  
in which we stand, and by which we are saved:

**Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!**

That Christ died for our sins, and was buried,  
and rose again on the third day.

**Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!**

He appeared to Peter, and to the twelve,  
and to many faithful witnesses.

**Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!**

At last he came to us, that we might come to believe  
and proclaim this good news to the world.

**Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!**

1. Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!  
our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!  
who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!  
suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!
2. 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!
3. 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!
4. 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

Leader: May God be with you in worship there.

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

POURING OF THE BAPTISMAL WATERS

*Rev. 22:17*

The Lord says: Come. Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift.  
Remember your baptism and be thankful!

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 our 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.**

\*GLORIA PATRI (Hymn 581)

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.**

1. We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.  
Embraced by death he broke its fearful hold,  
and our despair he turned to blazing joy.  
Alleluia!
2. We share by water in his saving death.  
Reborn we share with him an Easter life  
as living members of a living Christ.  
Alleluia!
3. The Father's splendor clothes the Son with life.  
The Spirit's power shakes the church of God.  
Baptized we live with God the Three in One.  
Alleluia!
4. A new creation comes to life and grows  
as Christ's new body takes on flesh and blood.  
The universe, restore and whole, will sing:  
Alleluia!

## 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

Isaiah 25:6-9

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Mark 16:1-8

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

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*"I Know That My Redeemer Liveth" from Messiah*  
Shelby Ratliff, soloist

G.F. Handel

### SERMON

Jeff Moles

### AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*1 Cor. 15:1-6; Mark 16:1-9; Matt 16:16; Rev. 22: 13; John 20:28*

**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 the 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.

## THE EUCHARIST

### INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

MUSIC FOR THE OFFERING          *Christ the Lord is Risen Again*          Philip W.J. Stopford

\*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...**

#### 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

## THE SENDING

\*HYMN 248          *Christ is Risen! Shout Hosanna!*          HYMN TO JOY

1. 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.

2. Christ is risen! Raise your spirits from the caverns of despair.  
Walk with gladness in the morning. See what love can do and dare.  
Drink the wine of resurrection, not a servant, but a friend.  
Jesus is our strong companion. Joy and peace shall never end.
  
3. Christ is risen! Earth and heaven nevermore shall be the same.  
Break the bread of new creation where the world is still in pain.  
Tell its grim, demonic chorus: "Christ is risen! Get you gone!"  
God the First and Last is with us. Sing Hosanna everyone!

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*CLOSING VOLUNTARY

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*\*Rise in body or spirit*

## LEADING OUR WORSHIP TODAY

### PREACHING

*Jeff Moles, Director of Christian Education & Mission*

### PRESIDING AT THE TABLE

*Rev. David Madewell*

### ASSISTING

*Dennis Jewett, Director of Music*  
*Stephanie Dube, Director of Youth Ministries & Weekday School*

### MUSICIANS

*Patrick Ritsch, Organist*  
*The First Presbyterian Church Choir*  
*Addison Stoddard, Trumpet*

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