

Celebration of the Resurrection

March 27, 2016

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

(each person prays silently)

*God of our Salvation, you roll away the power of sin, bringing forth the One who makes everything alive.
Out of the garden of violence and hate you bring forth a glorious harvest of love.
Christ is risen! Christ is risen! Christ is risen! Alleluia!*

Gathering

PRELUDE

Chorale Prelude on "Antioch" (Am. Folk Tune) arr. Dale Wood

*I know that my Redeemer Lives. Glory Hallelujah!
What comfort this sweet sentence gives. Glory Hallelujah!
Shout on, pray on, we're gaining ground, Glory Hallelujah!
The dead's alive and the lost is found. Glory Hallelujah!*

WELCOME

Jimmy Chapman

*INTROIT #232

"Jesus Christ Is Risen Today" (v.1&2)

Wesley, 1740

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Out of the darkness of grief and despair comes a message of hope. Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

We run to the tomb to see for ourselves.

And it's true. It's true. Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

We hear a voice call our name, and we know our risen Lord is with us now and always.

Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Amen.

*HYMN #234

"Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain"

Neale, 1859

CALL TO CONFESSION

Friends, this is the day God tossed logic out the window and raised Jesus from the dead. So we must throw out claims of innocence, and confess how we have not lived as God's Easter people. Let us confess our sin by praying first silently, then together using the words in the bulletin.

SILENT PRAYER

(A time of silence for personal prayer)

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

On this first day of the week, as on all the other days, God of our lives, we confess. We wander in the shadows of temptation, ignoring the Light you offer to us. We are asked to

proclaim the good news of life, but continue to speak the old words of despair. You try to anoint us with the Holy Spirit, but we put up the barricades of fear to keep it from touching us. You hear our prayers, and you answer us with forgiveness! On this morning of perfection, you give us new life. On this day of all days, we are transformed from mourners into witnesses of the resurrection. In the days to come, we will run to share the good news that Jesus, our Lord and Savior, is alive and in our midst. Thank you again, Precious God.

LORD HAVE MERCY

Kyrie Eleison

**"Lord, have mercy upon us,
Christ have mercy upon us, Lord have mercy upon us."**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

What a day! Easter Day! God's dawn of new hope, new mercy, new life. In the name of our Risen Lord, in his name and in his name only, I declare to you, we are forgiven!
On this first day and every day, we can walk as God's Easter people, forgiven and made whole. Thanks be to our Risen Savior! Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI

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.

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Proclaiming

ANTHEM

"Lift High the Cross"
(FPC Chancel Choir)

arr. Schrader

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 65: 17-25

Bibles, p.654/LG. p.851

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

HYMN #248

"Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!"

Wren, 1984

SECOND SCRIPTURE

Luke 23:50 - 24:12

Bibles, p.84/ LG. p.109

The Word of God, for the People of God

Thanks be to God

SERMON

"He Did What?"

Rev. Candice L. Klein

Responding

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

"In life and in death we belong to God. We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead,

vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal. We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. ” This, we believe. Amen.

– from A Brief Statement of Faith

CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

MINISTRY OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY *“It is Well with My Soul”* arr. Craig Phillips

*DOXOLOGY

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Sending

*HYMN #239 *“Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing!”* Alington, 1931

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE #232 *“Jesus Christ Is Risen Today” (v.4)*

POSTLUDE *“Toccatà”* Charles Marie Widor

(*) Those who are able may stand.

Bold italic letters indicate congregational responses.

This week’s prayers and concerns: Martha Paul Bennett, Jack Clark, David Craig, Syble DeLoach, Tolly Dill, Diane Dill, Mike Dill, Jack Gray, Debbie Murphy, Bob & Cindy Ratliff

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Mon. 03/28

Church Offices Closed

Mon. 03/28

Pipeline Deadline

Sun. 04/03

Communion Sunday

Choir Practice Every Wed. at 5:45pm

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