

First Presbyterian Church

Easter Sunrise Service

Resurrection of the Lord

March 27, 2016

GATHERING

WELCOME

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*CALL TO WORSHIP

Early on the first day of the week,
The disciples of Jesus went to the tomb
Where he had been buried
Only to find that the stone had been rolled away
And the tomb was empty.
Friends, we gather here as Christ's disciples,
On the first day of the week,
To celebrate the good news of the gospel:
Jesus Christ has risen from the dead!

*HYMN

"Christ the Lord Is Risen Today"

Wesley, 1739

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| Christ the Lord is risen today, | Al-le-lu-ia! |
| Earth and heaven in chorus say | Al-le-lu-ia! |
| Raise your joys and triumphs high, | Al-le-lu-ia! |
| Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply, | Al-le-lu-ia! |
| Love's redeeming work is done, | Al-le-lu-ia! |
| Fought the fight, the battle won, | Al-le-lu-ia! |
| Death in vain forbids him rise, | Al-le-lu-ia! |
| Christ has opened paradise, | Al-le-lu-ia! |
| Lives again our glorious King, | Al-le-lu-ia! |
| Where, O death, is now thy sting? | Al-le-lu-ia! |
| Once he died our souls to save, | Al-le-lu-ia! |
| Where's thy victory, boasting grave? | Al-le-lu-ia! |
| Hail, the Lord of earth and heaven! | Al-le-lu-ia! |
| Praise to you by both be given, | Al-le-lu-ia! |
| Every knee to You shall bow, | Al-le-lu-ia! |
| Risen Christ, triumphant now, | Al-le-lu-ia! |

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Pat Laney

READING:

"Resurrection Story"

By Rachel Benjamin

James Nicholson, Jan Pennal,
John Bruce Hillin

JESUS' WORDS FROM JOHN 20

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Jesus said: "Woman, why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for?"

Jesus said: "Mary."

Jesus said: "Do not hold on to me, for I have not yet returned to the Father. Go instead to my brothers and tell them, 'I am returning to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'"

Jesus said: "Peace be with you!"

Jesus said: "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you."

Jesus said: "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.:"

Jesus said: "Peace be with you!"

Jesus said: "Put your finger here: see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe."

Jesus said: "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

REFLECTION

Room for Miracles

Weldon Gray

PRAYER

Lsha Stanley

*HYMN

"Christ Is Alive!"

Wren, 1968

Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.
The cross stand empty to the sky.
Let streets and homes with praises ring.
Love, drowned in death, shall never die.
In every insult, rift, and war,
Where color, scorn, or wealth divide,
Christ suffers still, yet loves the more,
And lives, where even hope has died.
Christ is alive, and comes to bring
Good news to this and every age,
Till earth and sky and ocean ring
With joy, with justice, love, and praise.

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People of God, we are witnesses to these things:

That Christ died, hanging on a cross:

That God raised him from the dead on the third day;

That he is coming again in glory to reign.

This is the good news we tell to all the world:

Jesus Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

BENEDICTION

One: Rejoice, people of God!
Christ is risen from the dead!
Go in peace to love and serve God.
Christ is with you always,
Even to the end of the age!
Alleluia!

People: **Alleluia!**

You are invited to take a flower from beneath the cross and place it on the cross in the Sanctuary or take it home with you as a reminder of the meaning of Easter and new life.

Everyone is invited to share Easter morning breakfast with us in the Fellowship Hall. We would be pleased to have you break bread with us.

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“He has risen,
See he is not here.
the place where they laid **him.**”
Mark 16:6

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