

# First Presbyterian Church

## Easter Sunrise Service

Resurrection of the Lord

April 16, 2017

Praise with elation, Praise every morning,  
God's recreation Of the new day!

### GATHERING

#### WELCOME

Kelly Weaver

Good Morning on this glorious Easter morning! We gather to experience the awe and the joy of that morning so long ago, and to remember the promises that we still live in today.

Please stand for our:

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Kelly Weaver

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!

Please join in singing....

#### \*HYMN

*"Morning Has Broken"*

Farjeon, 1931

Morning has broken Like the first morning,

Blackbird has spoken Like the first bird.

Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!

Praise for them, springing Fresh from the Word!

Sweet the rain's new fall Sunlit from heaven,

Like the first dewfall On the first grass.

Praise for the sweetness Of the wet garden,

Sprung in completeness Where His feet pass.

Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning

Born of the one light Eden saw play!

### PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Tammy Hillin

Let us pray... Precious Lord, as we remember you this Easter morning, open our ears, our hearts, our minds, to receive your message to us. And, in hearing this message, send us out to share it with others. Let us be your messengers of love and peace to the world. It is in your name, we pray. Amen.

### SCRIPTURE:

John 20:1-9

Tammy Hillin

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.' Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went towards the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

### DRAMATIC READING:

*"Our Risen Savior: Peter and John"*

(Readers: John Bruce Hillin and Tom Laney)

### REFLECTION

Lynn Tieken

### PRAYER OF ADORATION

All

Glory to you, O God: On this day you won victory over death, raising Jesus from the grave and giving us eternal life. Glory to you, O Christ: For us and for our salvation you overcame death and opened the gate to everlasting life. Glory to you O Holy Spirit: You lead us into the truth. Glory to you, O Blessed Trinity, now and forever. Amen.

#### \*HYMN

*"Christ the Lord Is Risen Today"*

Wesley, 1739

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

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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 live and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

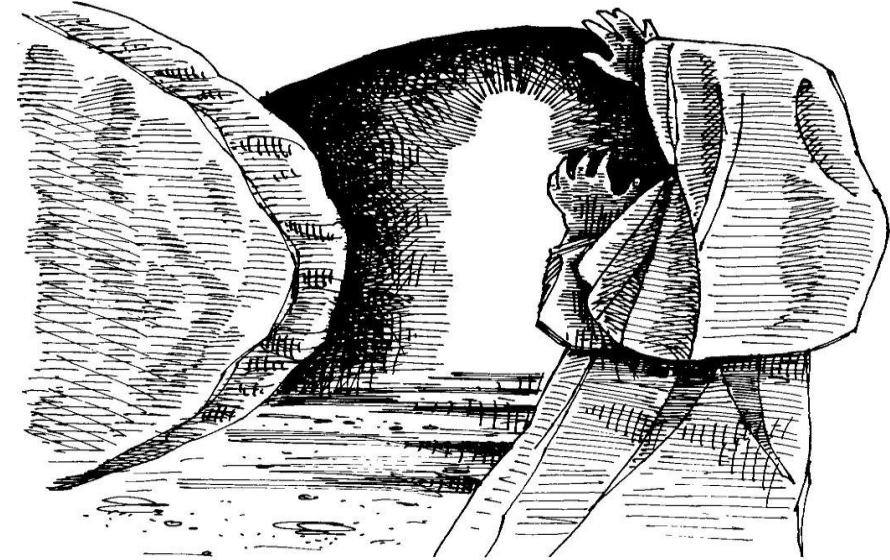
BENEDICTION

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Go in peace to love and serve the Lord in the power of his resurrection. Alleluia!

Fellowship continues with Easter breakfast in the Fellowship Hall.

Please take a carnation to place on the cross in the sanctuary.



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

Mark 16:6

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