First Presbyterian Church

Easter Sunrise Service Resurrection of the Lord April 1, 2018

GATHERING

WELCOME Fred A. Medina

*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!

Please join in singing....

*HYMN "This is the Day" Sosa, 1983

This is the day!

This is the day that the Lord has made, that the Lord has made.

I will rejoice;

I will rejoice and be glad in it, and be glad in it.

This is the day that the Lord has made I will rejoice and be glad in it.

This is the day!

This is the day that the Lord has made.

SCRIPTURE: The Resurrection

When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you." So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

READING	"Looking for Jesus in Eastertide"	Angeline Medina
	(By Rev. Dr. Stephen McKinney-Whitaker)	

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Lynn Tieken

Mark 16: 1-8

*HYMN	"Christ the Lord Is Risen Today"		Wesley, 1739
	Christ the Lord is risen today, All creation, join to say: Raise your joys and triumphs high, Sing, O heavens, and earth reply,	Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!	
	Love's redeeming work is done, Fought the fight, the battle won, Death in vain forbids him rise, Christ has opened paradise.	Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!	
	Hail, the Lord of earth and heaven! Praise to you by both be given, Every knee to You shall bow, Risen Christ, triumphant now,	Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!	

PRAYER John Tieken

BENEDICTION

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; he is not here. See the place where they laid him."

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