

Praise for them springing fresh from the world

Sweet the rains 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

Praise with elation, praise every morning

God's recreation of the new day

BENEDICTION

Kelly Weaver

The Hope in our Hearts by Judy Dinnen

“What is Easter?” they ask.

It belongs to the life and love;

It follows the healing and welcome;

It echoes the upturning of tables

And the peacemaking.

It summarizes the blessing

On the mount and the braking of bread.

...A gift exploding into a new day,

A gong sounding over and over in ecstasy,

The past crashing into the present,

The present opening doors to eternity. **Amen**

[Breakfast in the fellowship hall]



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 Joshua Allen.....Music Director
 Debbi Ricci.....Admin. Assist.



*Serving God,
 Honoring Creation,
 Embracing Differences*



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

HENDERSON, TX

Easter Sunrise Service

April 9, 2023

Bold Italic Letters indicate congregational response

WELCOME

Steve Lowe

Celebrate Our Savior by Joanna Fuchs

DUET

Was It a Morning Like This

Joshua Allen and Stefen Kane

CALL TO WORSHIP Responsive

Kelly Weaver

When Flowers Bloom by Liz Delafield

When flowers bloom in the desert, Christ is risen.

Alleluia, Alleluia!

When enemies sit around tables and talk about peace, Christ is risen.

Alleluia, Alleluia!

When despite hardship and struggle, people sing and dance, Christ is risen.

Alleluia, Alleluia!

When prison bars are shattered by the cry of "Freedom!", Christ is risen.

Alleluia, Alleluia!

When in our wounded and broken world, Life triumphs over death,

Peace over war, Hope over fear, Freedom over captivity, Love over hate, Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia, Alleluia!

RESPONSIVE PRAYER

Jan Pennal

Let Us Say that Again by Rodney Hamilton

(Congregation begins with...)

Living God!

Let us say that again:

Living God!

... May we be your resurrection people, alive to life and ready to share it with the world,

Hear us, live in us, reshape us, call us anew and again into life

and all its fullness. So be it.

HYMN

Christ Arose

1. Low in the grave he lay, Jesus my Savior, Waiting the coming day, Jesus my Lord!

Refrain:

Up from the grave he arose; with a mighty triumph o'er his foes;

He arose a victor from the dark domain, and he lives forever, with his saints to reign.

He arose! He arose! Hallelujah! Christ arose!

2. Vainly they watch his bed, Jesus my Savior, Vainly they seal the dead, Jesus my Lord!

[Refrain]

3. Death Cannot keep its prey, Jesus my Savior; He tore the bars away, Jesus my Lord!

[Refrain]

SCRIPTURE

John 20:1-18

Bible p. 108, LG p. 140-141

Jimmy Chapman

REFLECTION

Jan Pennal

Easter Joy By Joanna Fuchs

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Steve Lowe

We offer our prayers through Christ, who is risen from the dead, who lives and reigns forever, and prays for us in heaven.

Through Christ, we pray for the church . . .

Let us be people of joy, living witnesses to the power of the resurrection and the good news of your grace and peace.

Living God, ***hear our prayer.***

...God of all power and glory, receive these prayers,

and continue your mighty work among us,

through Jesus Christ, our living Lord. ***Amen.***

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,

thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as 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.

HYMN

MORNING HAS BROKEN

Stefen Kane, Flute

Morning has broken like the first morning

Blackbird has spoken like the first bird

Praise for the singing, praise for the morning