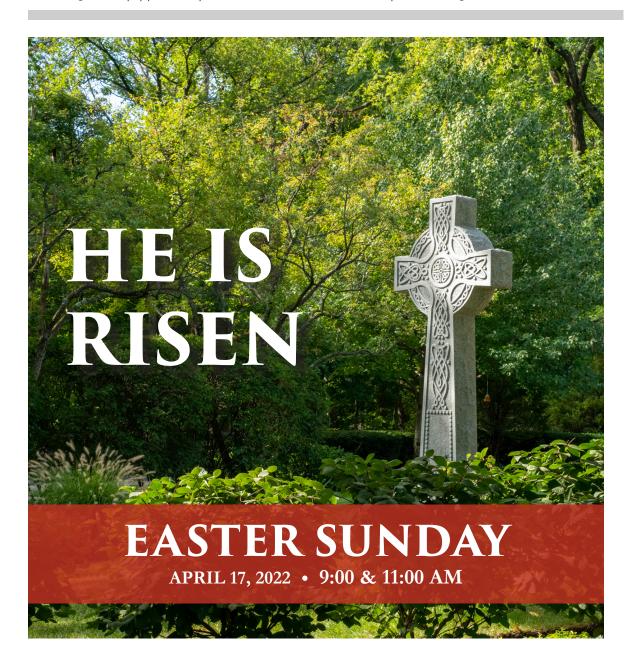


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#### **Prayer for Preparation**

Holy God, as once long ago you turned a cold and cheerless dawn into a spring time Alleluia, so come to us this morning and turn our sadness into joy. Call us by our own names and lead us into new life and peace. Come, risen Christ, surprise us with your grace.

#### **Prelude**

Cortège, Op. 26, No. 1 I. Intrada, II. Arioso, III. Finale Raymond Weidner, 2011

### **Prologue**

"And very early in the morning..."

Mark 16:1-8 (J.B. Phillips)

TUNE: EASTER HYMN

#### Introit

Ukrainian Alleluia Craig Courtney, 2007

# \*Call to Worship

Leader: Slow steps under the shadow of death.

People: Heavy hearts bent in sadness,

Leader: Reddened eyes from the ache of loss.

People: Then, the dawning of hope and the ripples of joy.

Leader: He is not here! He is risen!

People: Sound the trumpet, shout for joy, laugh and hug.

Leader: An empty cross and an empty tomb!

People: Grab hold of courage; unleash the buried song.

Look death in the eye; walk on in confidence.

Leader: For Christ the Lord is risen!

People: He is risen indeed!

### \*Hymn of Praise NO. 232

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

<sup>\*</sup> PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE.

# \*The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is 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.

#### The Welcome

"Christ is Risen!" Happy Easter! We welcome you to First Presbyterian Church on this joyful morning as we celebrate Christ's resurrection. It is the Easter faith, this faith in the risen Lord, which enables us to embrace life in all its fullness—even in the presence of suffering, sorrow, and death. If we believe that Christ is risen, we stand assured that even death cannot remove us from his undying love. We will face nothing without him. We are not alone.

We are a community that prays for one another. We invite you to fill out a Joys & Concerns/Visitor Card to share your prayer request with the pastors. If you are visiting, please leave us your email on the back side, and we will send you information on our upcoming ministries and events. You can place your cards in our offering boxes located by the Sanctuary doors.

May the joy and hope of this Easter morning fill you and your loved ones with God's redeeming love and amazing grace. For Christ is Risen indeed!

### Flowering the Cross

Sonata pian'e forte

Giovanni Gabrieli (1557-1612)

Children are invited to come forward to adorn the cross with their flowers.

#### Call to Confession

1 Peter 2:24

Christ himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sin, we might live for righteousness. Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

#### Prayer of Confession (unison)

Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered the power of sin and death. We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death. We overlook the poor and the hungry, and pass by those who mourn; we are deaf to the cries of the oppressed, and indifferent to calls for peace; we despise the weak, and abuse the earth you made.

Forgive us, God of mercy.
Help us to trust your power
to change our lives and make us new,
that we may know the joy of life abundant
given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord.

#### Sung Invocation NO. 236 (stanza 4)

The Strife Is O'er TUNE: VICTORY

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Lord, by the stripes which wounded thee, from death's dread sting thy servants free, that we may live, and sing to thee:
Alleluia!

# **Declaration of Forgiveness**

Acts 2:17, 21

Leader: Hear the good news of God's promise:

I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh.

Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

People: Thanks be to God.

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#### \*Sung Response NO. 236 (stanza 1)

The Strife Is O'er TUNE: VICTORY

The strife is o'er, the battle done; the victory of life is won; the song of triumph has begun. Alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

#### \*Passing the Peace

Leader: Since God loved us so much, we too should love one another.

People: Let us love one another, since love comes from God.

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

(You may greet your neighbor by saying, "Peace be with you"and respond with "peace.")

# **Prayer for Illumination**

Living God, with joy we celebrate the presence of your risen Word. Enliven our hearts by your Holy Spirit so that we may proclaim the good news of eternal and abundant life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### First Reading

1 Chronicles 29:10-13 (NRSV)

Then David blessed the Lord in the presence of all the assembly; David said: 'Blessed are you, O Lord, the God of our ancestor Israel, for ever and ever. Yours, O Lord, are the greatness, the power, the glory, the victory, and the majesty; for all that is in the heavens and on the earth is yours; yours is the kingdom, O Lord, and you are exalted as head above all. Riches and honour come from you, and you rule over all. In your hand are power and might; and it is in your hand to make great and to give strength to all. And now, our God, we give thanks to you and praise your glorious name.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

#### **Second Reading**

John 17:1-5 (NRSV)

After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, 'Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.'

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to you, O Christ.

#### Sermon

"The Kingdom, the Power, and the Glory"

Rev. Clinton G. Roberts

### \*Hymn of Response NO. 246

Christ Is Alive TUNE: TRURO

# Prayers of the People

# Offertory

Lift High the Cross

arr. Sondra K. Tucker, 2008



Our special offering this Easter will serve to alleviate the suffering of the people of Ukraine through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, a mission agency of the Presbyterian Church (USA). Envelopes are available in your pew. Please give generously.

# \*Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God all creatures here below.
Alleluia, Alleluia.
Praise God above, ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

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#### \*Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles' Creed (unison)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sin; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

# \*Hymn of Sending NO. 268

Crown Him with Many Crowns

\*Charge and Benediction

#### \*Benediction Response

"Hallelujah" from Messiah

G.F. Handel, 1741

TUNE: DIADEMATA

#### \*Postlude

Toccata from Symphony No. 5

Charles-Marie Widor (1844-1937)



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Don Jr., Jan, Gale & Rob

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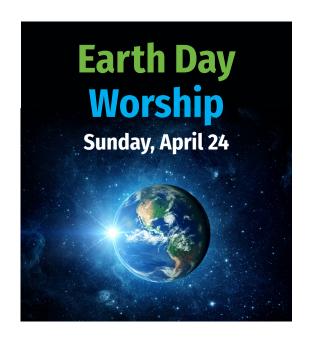
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