



First Presbyterian Church OF LAKE FOREST

Sending well-equipped disciples of Jesus into the world—compassionate, generous, resilient, and wise



HE IS RISEN

EASTER SUNDAY

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Prayer for Preparation

God of resurrection; Mary went to the garden looking for you. Two thousand years later, we follow in her footsteps. We seek after you, hungry to hear you say our name.

So hold all of our prayers in your heart, and continue to reveal yourself in our broken world. Until God's promised day, we will sing our alleluias. We will hold on to hope. We will seek you. And we will pray.

Prelude

Solemn Processional	Richard Strauss, 1909
March from Auf, schmetternde Töne, BWV 207a	Johann Sebastian Bach, c. 1735
Rejoicing from the Royal Fireworks	George Frideric Handel, 1749
Symphonie VI: Final	Louis Vierne, 1925

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!

Bringing the Light of Christ

Introit

Awake, Thou Wintry Earth	J.S. Bach
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*Call to Worship

Leader: You are holy, O God, and blessed is your Son Jesus, the Christ,
whom you sent to redeem us from sin, futility and death.

People: Putting on our flesh, he dwelt among us full of grace and truth.

Leader: His words are true; his touch brings healing.

People: To those who follow him, even through death, he gives new and abundant life.

Leader: When evil sought to destroy him and he lay bound in darkness,

People: You raised him from the grave, the first fruits of those who had fallen asleep.

Leader: With joy and thanksgiving we cry out, "Christ is risen!"

People: He is risen indeed! Alleluia! Amen.

*Hymn of Praise NO. 232

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

TUNE: EASTER HYMN

***Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!
our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!
suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!***

***Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!
unto Christ, our heavenly King, Alleluia!
who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!
sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!***

***But the pains which he endured, Alleluia!
our salvation have procured. Alleluia!
Now above the sky he's King, Alleluia!
where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!***

***Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!
praise eternal as God's love. Alleluia!
Praise our God, ye heavenly host, Alleluia!
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!***

***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.

Flowering of the Cross

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)*

If, at times, we deny you:
God forgive.
If, at times, when the risks of discipleship are high,
and we are nowhere to be found:
God forgive.
If, at times
we wash our hands of responsibility:
God forgive.
If, at times,
we cast our lot with powerful oppressors
and seek to buy freedom with silver:
God forgive.
If, at times,
fear keeps us from witnessing to your truth,
or prejudice keeps us from believing it:
God forgive.

In the bright light of Easter morning,
our sin is exposed,
but your grace is revealed.
Tender God,
we are bold to come before you
and ask you to forgive us.
Help us to leave behind our foolish doubt
so that with joy we may witness to your awesome deeds
in Jesus the Risen one.
Amen.

Sung Invocation NO. 264 (*stanzas 1 and 2*)

At the Name of Jesus

TUNE: KING'S WESTON

*At the name of Jesus
every knee shall bow,
every tongue confess him
King of glory now;
'tis the Father's pleasure
we should call him Lord,
who from the beginning
was the mighty Word.*

*Humbled for a season
to receive a name
from the lips of sinners
unto whom he came,
faithfully he bore it
spotless to the last,
brought it back victorious,
when from death he passed.*

Assurance of Forgiveness

Acts 2:17, 21

Leader: Hear the good news:
In raising Jesus from the dead,
God has brought life and immortality to light.
And hear the good news:
By God's great mercy,
we have been born anew to a living hope
through the resurrection of Jesus Christ
from the dead.
In the name of Jesus,
I say to you:
Our sins are forgiven.
All things are made new.
Doubt no more;
Christ is with us always.
Alleluia! Amen.

People: Thanks be to God.

***Sung Response NO. 240** (*stanza 1*)

Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks

TUNE: ALLELUIA NO. 1

Alleluia, alleluia!

Give thanks to the risen Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Give Praise to his name.

Jesus is Lord of all the earth.

He is the King of creation.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Give thanks to the risen Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Give Praise to his name.

***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.

Old Testament Lesson

Jonah 2:2-6

"I called to the Lord out of my distress, and he answered me; out of the belly of Sheol I cried, and you heard my voice. You cast me into the deep, into the heart of the seas, and the flood surrounded me; all your waves and your billows passed over me. Then I said, 'I am driven away from your sight; how shall I look again upon your holy temple?' The waters closed in over me; the deep surrounded me; weeds were wrapped around my head at the roots of the mountains. I went down to the land whose bars closed upon me forever; yet you brought up my life from the Pit, O Lord my God."

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Lesson

John 20:1, 11b-18

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.

As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to you, O Christ.

Anthem

Living Hope

Sermon

"A Living Hope"

Rev. Clinton G. Roberts

*Hymn of Response NO. 254

That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright

TUNE: PUER NOBIS NASCITUR

***That Easter day with joy was bright;
the sun shone out with fairer light
when, to their longing eyes restored,
the apostles saw their risen Lord.***

***He bade them see his hands, his side,
where yet the glorious wounds abide,
the tokens true which made it plain
their Lord indeed was risen again.***

***From every weapon death can wield,
your own redeemed forever shield;
O Lord of all, with us abide
in this our joyful Eastertide.***

Prayers of the People

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!

Offering

Alleluia from Cantata 142 (Alleluia, May God be Praised), BWV 142

J. S. Bach



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

*Doxology (with Alleluias)

TUNE: LASST UNS ERFREUEN

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, Alleluia.

*Affirmation of Faith

Leader: We believe in resurrection—
People: mysterious, beyond our understanding, and yet, like tulips after the snow: real.
Leader: We believe in Easter morning—
People: in the promise of a God who would roll back every stone to return to us.
Leader: We believe in Jesus—
People: who calls us by name and asks, "Who are you looking for?"
Leader: So we look—
People: for justice, for mercy, for God in our midst.
Leader: And as we look, we sing, "Alleluia!"
People: Alleluia! Amen.

***Hymn of Sending** NO. 260 (stanzas 1, 3, and 4)

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

TUNE: HYFRYDOL

*Alleluia! Sing to Jesus;
his the scepter, his the throne;
Alleluia! his the triumph,
his the victory alone!
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion
thunder like a mighty flood:
"Jesus out of every nation
has redeemed us by his blood."*

*Alleluia! Bread of angels,
here on earth our food, our stay;
Alleluia! here the sinful
flee to you from day to day.
Intercessor, friend of sinners,
earth's redeemer, hear our plea
where the songs of all the sinless
sweep across the crystal sea.*

*Alleluia! King eternal,
Lord omnipotent we own;
Alleluia! born of Mary,
earth your footstool, heaven your throne.
As within the veil you entered,
robed in flesh, our great high priest;
here on earth both priest and victim
in the eucharistic feast.*

***Benediction**

***Benediction Response**

"Hallelujah" from *Messiah*

G.F. Handel, 1741

***Postlude**

Toccata from *Symphony No. 5*

Charles-Marie Widor (1844-1937)

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*The Easter flowers throughout
the church have been given...*

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Ryc Loope and Lynne Beyer

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Our loving parents Bill, Ruth, Mac and Tieria

Jerry's brother, Samuel B. Ligon

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Ed Hamming
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Susan Widner and LeRoy Meyer
Phyllis and Ken Boyer
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Our parents, Jim and Audrey Webster,
our brother, Scott Webster,
and our father Gustavo Munoz
Jim and Jo Cochrane and
Don and Carol Daniels
Stanley, Ruth and Tom Hess;
Frank, Lucy and Uncle Carl Klein
Kent Kinney, celebrating Easter in Heaven
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