
First Presbyterian Church

Resurrection of the Lord / Easter Sunday, April 9, 2023

*Those who are able may stand

PREWORSHIP FELLOWSHIP

PRELUDE MUSIC

CALL TO WORSHIP

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

INVITATION TO REST

***GATHERING HYMN #232....."Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"**

***OPENING SENTENCES (Responsive)**

This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!

This is the good news we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved:

Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!

That Christ died for our sins, and was buried, and rose again on the third day.

Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!

He appeared to Peter, and to the twelve, and to many faithful witnesses.

Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!

At last he came to us, that we might come to believe and proclaim this good news to the world.

Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!

Let us worship the Risen Christ!

CONFESSION OF NEED (Responsive)

Gracious God, we have heard the good news: how on the third day, Christ rose again. Still we look for the living among the dead. You rolled away the stone from the tomb. Still we look for the living among the dead. You sent messengers to

proclaim the gospel. Still we look for the living among the dead. You were faithful to your promise; you have done wonderful things! Still we look for the living among the dead. Forgive us, Lord, we pray.

Teach us to trust your promise and to believe the good news of salvation: Christ is alive; Jesus is risen from the dead. Amen.

DECLARATION OF GRACE (Responsive)

Friends, this is the Good News of the Gospel...
...in Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

***RESPONSE HYMN #240....."Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks"**

***SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST (Responsive)**

The Peace of Christ be with you! **And Also, with you!**
Let us share a sign of God's peace with one another.

SPECIAL MUSIC.....Mercy Tree.....Krueger Family Singers

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (Unison)

Holy Spirit, help us hear your voice beyond our inability to hear and understand your word beyond any speaker's ability to explain. Through your word, speak to our hearts even if our heads are not ready to listen.
Amen.

SCRIPTURE

FIRST READING..... Isaiah 65:17-25

*Leader: The word of the Lord. People: **Thanks be to God!***

SECOND READING.....Luke 24:1-12

*Leader: The word of the Lord. People: **Thanks be to God!***

SERMON Hunting for Good News

Rev. Michael Ozaki

SILENCE FOR REFLECTION

***HYMN OF THE DAY #238....."Thine Is The Glory"**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Lord in your Mercy. **Hear our Prayer.**

THE LORD’S PRAYER (forgive us our “sins”)

OFFERING MUSIC....."Jesus, What a Wonderful Name"

The Communion

- *Invitation*
- *Prayer of Thanksgiving*

Lord be with you,
And also with you.
 Life up your hearts,
We lift them up to the Lord.
 We lift them up to the Lord our God,
It is right to give our thanks and praise.



- *Words of Institution*
- *Communion of the People*
- *Prayer*

***BLESSING AND CHARGE (Responsive)**

Beloved children of God receive the gift of the Holy Spirit, the grace of Jesus Christ, and the blessing of the Lord forever.

Alleluia! Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN #157....."I Danced in the Morning"**

***DISMISSAL (Responsive)**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Thanks be to God.
Amen.

***POSTLUDE**



