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# First Presbyterian Church

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Resurrection of the Lord/Easter

April 4, 2021

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\*Those who are able may stand

PREWORSHIP FELLOWSHIP  
PRELUDE MUSIC  
WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS  
CALL TO SILENCE – Song of Contemplation



**\*CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)**

Early in the morning light,

The women went to Jesus' tomb.

The tomb was empty, the stone rolled away,

For God's love is stronger than death itself.

Let us join our voices with Mary Magdalene:

"We have seen the Lord!"

Easter people, Christ is Risen!

Christ is risen indeed!

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

(vs. 1, 2, & 4)

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)**

O God, you raised Christ from the tomb and shattered the powers of sin and evil. Raise us from the tombs of our sin, O Lord, and bring us to new life in you. You bring us good news of Easter joy. Forgive us when we cannot hear it. You send us out to share your love. Forgive us when we cannot carry it. You cast a vision for peace and justice. Forgive us when we cannot imagine it. Forgive us when we stand in its way. For you are the God of the empty tomb, the one who makes all things new.

**SILENT CONFESSION**

**DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS (Responsive)**

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! **Thanks be to God.**

The Peace of Christ be with you!

**And also with you.** (Please share signs of peace with each other at a distance!)

**\*RESPONSE HYMN #240....."Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks"**  
(vs. 1 & 2)

**\*PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (Responsive)**

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.**

**SCRIPTURE**

**FIRST READING.....Acts 10:34-43**

**SECOND READING .....1 Corinthians 15:1-11**

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

**GOSPEL READING.....Mark 16:1-8**

*Leader: The word of the Lord. People: **Praise to You, O Christ***

**SERMON**

*- Pastor Greg Isaacson*

**SILENCE FOR REFLECTION**

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

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

*Leader: Lord in your mercy People: **Hear our prayer***

**THE LORD'S PRAYER (forgive us our "sins")**

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (Responsive)**

The Lord be with you, **and also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord!**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise**

*thankful  
&  
blessed*

**\*WORDS OF INSTITUTION**



**COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE**

**\*POST COMMUNION PRAYER (Responsive)**

Thank you, gracious God, for giving us bread for the journey of these forty days. As we travel on through the wilderness, help us to share your grace with others and draw us ever closer to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**\*BLESSING AND CHARGE (Responsive)**

May the love of the holy triune God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit abide with you forever. Alleluia!

**\*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**

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*Please see insert for Lily Memorials  
Happy Easter – O Glorious Day!*

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**Please continue to be in prayer for:**

- Jeri Melsa & Family
  - Ruth Sander's mother, Lois
  - Dale & Laura Charais' grandson
  - Hank Koza
  - Karen Mullins (Lynne's sister-in-law)
  - Brent Blake and the Blake families
  - JoAnn Westburg
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