

First Presbyterian Church
Service for the Lord's Day
Resurrection of the Lord / Easter Sunday

April 12, 2020

10:00 a.m.

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Words of Welcome

Prelude

Call to Worship

from Psalm 118:22-23

The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.

This is the Lord's doing. It is marvelous in our eyes.

Jesus Christ is risen from the dead.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Hymn 232

“Jesus Christ is Risen Today”

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

2 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!

3 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!

4 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!

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

***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.***

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.***

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace

Easter Response (to Hymn 232)

***Hail the Lord of earth and heaven! Alleluia! Praise to you by both be given, Alleluia.
Every knee to you shall bow, Alleluia! Risen Christ, triumphant now. Alleluia!***

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson: Isaiah 65:17-25

For I am about to create new heavens and a new earth;
the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind.
But be glad and rejoice forever in what I am creating;
for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy, and its people as a delight.
I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and delight in my people;
no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it, or the cry of distress.
No more shall there be in it an infant that lives but a few days,
or an old person who does not live out a lifetime;
for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth,
and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed.
They shall build houses and inhabit them;
they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit.
They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat;
for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be,
and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands.
They shall not labor in vain, or bear children for calamity;
for they shall be offspring blessed by the LORD - and their descendants as well.
Before they call I will answer, while they are yet speaking I will hear.
The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, the lion shall eat straw like the ox;
but the serpent—its food shall be dust!
They shall not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, says the LORD.

Psalter: Psalm 118:12, 18-25

Refrain: ***God's steadfast love endures forever!***

Children's Time

Gospel Lesson: John 20:11-18

Mary stood weeping outside 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.

Sermon:

Rev. Carter

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Special Music

"Without Seeing You"

David Haas

Refrain: Without seeing you, we love you. Without touching you, we embrace.
Without knowing you, we follow; without seeing you, we believe.

1. We return to you deep within, leave the past to the dust;
turn to you with tears and fasting; you are ready to forgive (Refrain)
2. Forever we sing to you of your goodness, O God;
proclaiming to all the world of your faithfulness and love. (Refrain)
3. For you are our shepherd, there is nothing that we need;
in green pastures we will find our rest, near the waters of peace. (Refrain)
4. Every one who asks will receive, those who seek, they shall find.
You will not leave us as orphans, you will come to us again. (Refrain)

Affirmation of Faith: Apostles' Creed

**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 sins;
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Offering

Offertory

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

GO IN GOD'S NAME

Hymn 233

"The Day of Resurrection!"

- 1 The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad,
the Passover of gladness, the Passover of God.
From death to life eternal, from sin's dominion free,
our Christ has brought us over with hymns of victory.
- 2 Let hearts be purged of evil that we may see aright
the Lord in rays eternal of resurrection light,
and listening to his accents, may hear, so calm and plain,
his own "All hail!" and hearing, may raise the victor strain.
- 3 Now let the heavens be joyful; let earth its song begin;
the round world keep high triumph and all that is therein.
Let all things seen and unseen their notes of gladness blend,
for Christ the Lord has risen, our joy that has no end.

Charge and Benediction

Postlude

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