

HE IS RISEN

CELEBRATE THE RESURRECTION

Easter Sunday
April 1, 2018

Prelude *"Improvisation on Jesus Christ is Risen Today"* by Nick Johns-Cooper

Fanfare and Processional *"Up from the Grave Fanfare"* by TJ Shirley

TJ Shirley, Ross Mielke – Trumpets

Maggie Shirley – French Horn

Dan Reagan – Trombone

John Hibbard - Tuba

Gathering as the Children of God Elder Rita Sheffey

One: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

All: *Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!*

One: We have not seen the risen Christ,

All: *but we see him in the lives of those transformed by grace.*

One: We have not seen Jesus face-to-face,

All: *but we have seen him in the faces of everyone whose love encourages us.*

One: We have not touched the wounds from the cross,

All: *but we have been called to bring healing to the scarred of the world.*

† **Opening Hymn No. 123** *"Jesus Christ is Risen Today"*

Easter Litany Elizabeth Small

One: On that first Easter morning, as the sun was dawning, Jesus rose triumphantly from the dead. The earth shook as the angel rolled the stone away.

All: *No grave could hold his body down. He is risen. He is risen indeed!*

One: As Mary Magdalene and the other Mary looked on in fear, the risen Lord revealed himself to them, and they departed with great joy.

All: *Rejoice! And again I say rejoice! For Christ Jesus has broken the curse of death and destroyed the power that it once had over us.*

A litany is a form of prayer consisting of a series of petitions alternating between a leader and the congregation. Litanies have been used in Christian worship.

One: Although we live in a world filled with moral decay and violence, we, like Christ, can be resurrected.

All: Give glory to the Lord, who humbled himself, even unto death on a cross. Give glory to the exalted Christ!

One: The same power that raised Jesus from the dead is now given to those who believe in him.

All: Let us receive this spiritual power and use it wisely for the freedom of all God's people!

One: Let us make a joyful noise unto the Lord. For there is none like him who can break the chain of oppression, evil, and the grave. He is risen and is seated at the right hand of God.

All: "Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!"

One: Who is worthy? Christ is worthy. Because he lives, I can face tomorrow. Because he lives, all fear is gone. Because I know he holds the future and life is worth the living just because he lives.

All: Who is worthy? "The Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, so that he can open the scroll and its seven seals."

One: Who is worthy? The One seated on the throne who is the Lamb. To him be all blessings and honor and glory and might!

All: He is worthy! The Risen Christ! The Resurrected One! Praise him! Praise his Holy Name!

† **Response** (refrain)

"Thine is the Glory"

(hymn no. 122)

Thine is the glory, Risen, conquering Son; Endless is the victory, Thou o'er death hast won.

Prayer for Illumination

Ricardo Green

Anthem/Special Music

"Angels Rolled de Stone Away"

by Jester Hairston

*'Twas on dat Easter Sunday morning, dat angels rolled de stone away
Sister Mary she came runnin' Just about the break of day.
She was bringing news from de heaven dat de angels rolled de stone away...
Said the angel she is not here, he is risen as he said
Why seek ye the living way down here among the dead...
Jesus said, "Touch me not Mary, but go on ahead of me
Go and tell all my disciples to meet me in Galilee..."
Brother Thomas he came runnin' and his eyes were open wide.
Jesus said "Man if you doubt me, come put your hand right in my side..."
'Twas on dat Easter Sunday morning, dat de angels rolled de stone away.*

Time with the Children

Rev. Susan Haynes

See children's options on back of bulletin

Scripture Lesson (pg 51 NT)

Mark 16:1-8

Rev. Haynes

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Untranslatable Joy

Rev. Haynes

† **Affirmation of Faith**

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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.

† **Passing of the Peace**

Rev. Haynes

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

Please exchange greetings of peace and welcome with your neighbor.

† **Hymn No. 111**

"Good Christians, All Rejoice and Sing!"

Church Family Life

Rev. Haynes

Please take this time to pass the attendance notebooks located at the end of the pew row. If you are a visitor, we invite you to visit our information center located in the Narthex.

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Rev. Haynes

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.

Moved by the Spirit

One Great Hour of Sharing

Elizabeth Small

Offering

Offertory

"This Joyful Eastertide"

by Donald Busarow

† Response

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.*

The Doxology

† Prayer of Thanksgiving

Rev. Green

† Closing Hymn

"Hallelujah Chorus"

by G. F. Handel

† Benediction

Rev. Haynes

† Congregational Response

"Amen"

(hymn no. 588)

† Postlude

"Toccata" from Symphony No. 5

by Charles-Marie Widor

A condensed vocal score is provided as an insert in this morning's bulletin. If you would like a complete vocal score in order to sing a specific vocal part, one can be found on the large table in the narthex.

† Those who are able, please stand

Worship Enrichment. Worship Enrichment is led by Carrie Southard at the 11:00 service after the children's time. Children, K - 5th grade, are invited to join Carrie in the chapel for worship enrichment activities. The children will return to their parents during the Hymn following the "Passing of the Peace." Children 4 years and younger who opt to attend 11:00 worship until the children's time, will depart for childcare to Room 120 for the remainder of the service.



MVPC Mission Statement

Blessed to Be a Blessing

We are a Presbyterian church filled with love and energy – an inclusive congregation committed to spiritual growth through *worship, study, fellowship, and service.*

- As **children of God**, we seek to *praise* God in worship and in all that we say and do
- As **disciples of Jesus Christ**, we *listen* to scripture, tradition, one another, and the world in order to understand God's will for us as individuals and as a community
- As **members of a family of faith**, we strive to *love* one another unconditionally, sharing our joys and standing beside one another in our struggles
- **Moved by the Spirit**, we *serve* our gracious God by taking that with which we have been blessed and turning it into blessings for others.



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