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Order of Worship, First Presbyterian Church

Sunday, April 4, 2021

Resurrection of the Lord

Announcements

Prelude

“Crown Him with Many Crowns”

arr. Pethel

For Prayer and Reflection:

God, we praise you for the miracle of Easter. As we worship today in celebration of Jesus’ resurrection, may we encounter divine love, hope, and joy. May we experience our new life in Christ NOW. Amen.

Call to Worship

Special Music

“Lift High the Name of Jesus”

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Responsive Prayer

God of Resurrection, we come on this most holy of mornings,
thankful and awed by your powerful grace that saved us.

This morning we want to follow the women to the tomb.

We want to hear the surprising words, “He is not here!”;

to be filled with beautiful peace and a reason to hope.

We want to kneel before Christ with joy and thankfulness

for the resurrection that opened for us the way to eternal life both now and forevermore.

Let our celebration today

raise us up and renew our lives.

By the power of Spirit within us,

fill us to bursting with good tidings of great joy which shall be for all people.

Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed!

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He is risen indeed!

Hallelujah!

Grant all of this, we pray, through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,

who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

****Hymn of Praise #288***

“Christ the Lord is Risen Today” vv. 1-3

Easter Hymn

Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!

All creation, join to say Alleluia!

Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!

Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!

Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!

Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!

Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia!

Christ hath opened paradise. Alleluia!

Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!

Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!

Once he died our souls to save, Alleluia!

Where thy victory, O grave? Alleluia!

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, Creator of the heavens and earth, we confess that we do not always live into the message of hope and salvation, the promise of eternal life. Forgive us for our selfish ways; for when we fail to act justly, to love mercy and to walk humbly as you have called us to do. Call us into the path of Christ, who humbled himself and gave himself up for us on the cross, so that death might be no more and so that all can share in the joy of salvation and eternal life.

Silent Confession (Here let each worshiper offer silent, personal prayers of confession)

Declaration of Forgiveness

****Gloria Patri*** (#734)

“Glory Be to the Father”

Greatorrex

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

Children’s Message

Prayer for Illumination

First Scripture Reading

Isaiah 12:2-6

Second Scripture Reading

Matthew 27:62-28:10

Sermon

“A Morning Beyond Belief”

****Hymn of Response***

“Star of the Morning”

Patillo

Refrain: All of creation sings, Star of the Morning,

Praise to the Risen King, Star of the Morning.

I lift my hands to Thee, Star of the Morning,

You gave Your life for me, Star of the Morning.

When they nailed You to a tree

They thought they had won

A mighty victory,

But not even death could hold You down

Cause on that third day

You rose from the ground. (Refrain)

One day soon we'll look up high
And the angels of God
Will light up the sky
And what a day that will be
When Jesus my Lord
Comes for you and me. (Refrain)

****Affirmation of Faith***

“The 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.

Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People and 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.

****Sending Hymn #298***

“The Day of Resurrection”

Lancashire

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.

Our hearts be pure from 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.

Now let the heavens be joyful! Let earth its song begin!
The world resound in 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.

****Benediction***

****Postlude***

“I Know that My Redeemer Lives”

arr. Cox

**Those who are able, please stand*

Leaders in worship:

Preacher: Rev. Stephanie Ells
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Special Music: The Eby family, Jill Klinebriel, Linda Longfield
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“Jesus I Never Knew” Daily Scripture Readings:

Day 1	John 14:1-14; 15:18-27
Day 2	Mark 15:42-16:20
Day 3	John 20:1-31
Day 4	Luke 23:50-24:49
Day 5	John 21:1-25

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