FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

April 7, 2024



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April 7, 2024 Second Sunday of Easter

GATHERING AT THE GATE

PRELUDE

"I can only imagine"

Bart Millard

*SONG

"Rise Up in Us" (Choir First, then Congregation)
Rise up in us and we will rise
From death into a newfound life:
From bondage freed, from harm released,
From illness healed, as one in peace.
When all is lost our hearts are warmed,
Our hope restored, our lives transformed.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Gloria Cynowa

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Look! A sliver of light across the horizon—

All: the miracle of a new day.

One: See! The stone is rolled away, and the angel calls

All: from within.

One: Feel! The freedom of our souls and the wonder of

All: the Messiah's gift of new life.

One: Hear! The hallelujahs as we declare to the world,

All: "He has risen!"

*THE PEACE

The peace of Christ, the Dawn of the New Day, be with you now!

And also with you

*SONG

"Christ is Risen! Shout Hosanna!"

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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Jeanette Armstrong

CALL TO CONFESSION & PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O Christ, you rose from the depths of suffering, from death itself, to breathe peace upon your disciples. Still, O Lord, we cannot trust your promise of peace. Still, O Lord, we do not follow in the way of your love. Forgive us when we fail to be people of resurrection. Forgive us

when we fail to recognize your grace. Show us your hands and your feet once more, and teach us to be your body in the world.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Rev. Kathy Nealand

*GRATEFUL RESPONSE "Halle, Halle, Hal

ROCLAIMING RELEASE 🎢

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Second Scripture Lesson Isaiah 25:6-9 page 652

John 1:6-8, 19-28 page 91, 92

SERMON "The Way to Resurrection" Rev. Kathy Nealand

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Adaoted from the Confession of 1967, 9.26) Life in Christ is life eternal. The resurrection of Jesus is the sign that God will consummate the work of creation and reconciliation beyond death and bring to fulfillment the new life begun in Christ.

RESPONDING TO RELEASE

THE GIVING OF OUR TIME, TALENTS, AND TREASURE

OFFERING MUSIC "At an old Trysting-place" Opus 51 Edward MacDowell

*OFFERING RESPONSE

Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father Son and Holy Ghost. Amen

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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 sins as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen



Invitation to the Table

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

All: And, with you.

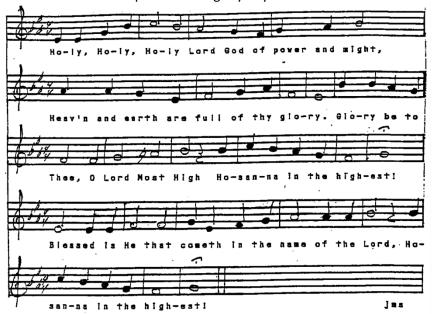
Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

ACCLAMATION OF PRAISE

Pastor: Therefore, we join our voices with all the saints and angels and the whole creation to proclaim the glory of your name.



MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

Pastor: Therefore, we proclaim our faith as signed and sealed in this

sacrament:

ALL: Christ has died! Christ has risen! Christ will come again!

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Thank you, O God, for giving us communion with our risen and glorious Lord. Now send us out to be a sign of the new life that has come into the world; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

UNLOCKING RELEASE 🔑

*CLOSING SONG

"Just as I am, Without One Plea"

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*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Toccata in E minor"

Johann Pachelbel

* - Stand if you are able

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