A CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP
The Resurrection of the Lord
EASTER DAY

April 9, 2023
8:30 and 11:00 am

*All who are able may stand.
Bold type spoken by the congregation

GATHERING... 

The Prelude
The Day of Resurrection
Lloyd Larson

The Presbyterian Brass Ensemble
Milton McNatt, Alex Romanov, Corey Koch, Trey Talmadge

The Welcome and Announcements

The Introit
This Joyful Eastertide

*The Call To Worship

Alleluia, Christ is risen!
The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!
Christ is risen!
He is risen indeed!
Christ is risen!
The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The Prayer of Adoration
Glory to you, O God: you have won victory over death, raising Jesus from the grave and giving us eternal life.
Glory to you, O Christ: for us and for our salvation you overcame death and opened the gate to everlasting life.
Glory to you, O Holy Spirit: you lead us into the truth.
Glory to you, Blessed Trinity: now and forevermore! Amen.

*The Hymn 232

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today
Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia! Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
Who did once, upon the cross, Alleluia! Suffer to redeem our loss, Alleluia!
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!
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!
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!

*The 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; we are deaf to the cries of the oppressed; we are indifferent to calls for peace; we do not care for your creation entrusted to us. Forgive us, God of mercy. Help us to change our ways, and make us new, so that we may know the joy of life abundant given to us in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord... silent prayer....Amen.

*Assurance of Pardon

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with all the saints.

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Alleluia! Amen.

*The Gloria Patri
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

*The Peace and Greeting

The peace of Christ be with you all. And also with you!

(please stand to greet one another in the name of Christ. For those worshipping at home, please share Christ’s peace with someone outside your home this week.)

HEARING THE WORD OF GOD . . .

The Prayer for Illumination

The Old Testament Lesson: Jeremiah 31:1-6

The Psalter Lesson: Psalm 118:1-2, 14-17, 23-24


The Anthem

Crown Him!

Alleluia! Crown Him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne;  
Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own!  
Awake, my soul, and sing of Him who died for thee,  
and hail Him as thy matchless King through all eternity. Alleluia!  
Crown Him the Lord of love; Behold His hands and side;  
Rich wounds, yet visible above, In beauty glorified;  
No angel in the sky can fully bear that sight,  
But downward bends his wondering eye at mysteries so bright. Alleluia!  
Crown Him the Lord of life! Who triumphed o’er the grave,  
Who rose victorious in the strife for those He came to save;  
His glories now we sing, Who died and rose on high,  
Who died eternal life to bring and lives that death may die. Alleluia!  
Crown Him the Lord of heaven, One with the Father known,  
One with the Spirit through Him given from yonder glorious throne.  
To Thee be endless praise, for Thou for us hast died; Be Thou,  
O Lord, through endless days adored and magnified! Alleluia!

A Moment with the Children

*The Hymn 240

Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks

REFRAIN Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord;  
alleluia, alleluia, give praise to his name.

Jesus is Lord of all the earth. He is the King of creation. REFRAIN

Spread the good news o’er all the earth: Jesus has died and has risen. REFRAIN

We have been crucified with Christ. Now we shall live forever. REFRAIN

Come let us praise the living God, joyfully sing to our Savior. REFRAIN

The Gospel Lesson: Matthew 28:1-10

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

The Sermon

When Death No Longer Determines Our Living

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD . . .

*The 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.
The Prayers of the People

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.

Tithes and Offerings Presented

*The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

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

GOING FORTH AND SERVE IN GOD’S NAME

*The Hymn 248

Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!

Christ is risen! Shout Hosanna! Celebrate this day of days!
Christ is risen! Hush in wonder: all creation is amazed.
In the desert all-surrounding, see, a spreading tree has grown.
Healing leaves of grace abounding bring a taste of love unknown.
Christ is risen! Raise your spirits from the caverns of despair.
Walk with gladness in the morning. See what love can do and dare.
Drink the wine of resurrection, not a servant, but a friend.
Jesus is our strong companion. Joy and peace shall never end.
Christ is risen! Earth and heaven nevermore shall be the same.
Break the bread of new creation where the world is still in pain.
Tell its grim, demonic chorus: “Christ is risen! Get you gone!”
God the First and Last is with us. Sing Hosanna everyone!

*The Charge and Benediction

*Hallelujah Chorus from Messiah

The flowers on the pulpit are given by Jeanette Rowe Cadwallender in Thanksgiving for the Resurrection and in memory of loved ones departed.

The flowers on the piano are given in memory of Elliott Myles McGhee by his grandparents, Jacqueline and Bill Nix and Gail and Chris McGhee.

Today’s Worship Leaders:

Preacher: Kim Clayton
Liturgists: Lewis Lowery, Brittany Harvey
Choir Masters: Mary Ann and Larry Casey
Organist: Amy Shirk

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