



First Presbyterian Church

Worship for the Lord's Day

Easter Sunday

March 31, 2024

10:45 a.m.

PRELUDE

“Toccata”

Dubois

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Please pass & sign the red friendship folders with attendance pads found on the pews.)

***CALL TO WORSHIP** *(written by Thom Shuman)*

Leader: This is the day

People: When tears are wiped away; shattered hearts are mended; fears are replaced with joy.

Leader: This is the day

People: The Lord rolls away the stone of fear; throws off death's clothes; goes ahead of us into God's future.

Leader: This is the day the Lord has made.

People: Death has no fear for us. Sin has lost its power over us. God opens the tombs of our hearts to fill us with life.

Leader: This is the day - Easter Day!

All: Christ is Risen! Hallelujah!

*Please stand if able.

En Español:

Líder: Este es el día:

Pueblo: Cuando las lágrimas sean enjugadas; los corazones destrozados son reparados; los miedos son reemplazados por alegría.

Líder: Este es el día que el Señor:

Pueblo: Quita la piedra del miedo; se quita la ropa de la muerte; va delante de nosotros hacia el futuro de Dios.

Líder: Este es el día que hizo el Señor:

Pueblo: La muerte no teme por nosotros; el pecado ha perdido su poder sobre nosotros; Dios abre las tumbas de nuestros corazones para llenarnos de vida.

Líder: Este es el día: ¡el día de Pascua!

Todos: ¡Cristo ha resucitado! ¡Aleluya!

***HYMN No. 232**

“Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”
with Brass and Timpani

UNISON 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 hungry and pass by those who mourn. We are deaf to the cries of the oppressed and indifferent to calls for peace. We despise the weak and abuse the earth you made. Forgive us, God of mercy. Help us to trust your power to change our lives and know the joy of abundant life given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord.

En Español: Dios todopoderoso, al resucitar a Jesús de la tumba, destrozaste el poder del pecado y de la muerte. Confesamos que seguimos cautivos de la duda y el miedo, atados por los caminos que conducen a la muerte. Pasamos por alto a los pobres y hambrientos y pasamos por alto a los que lloran; somos sordos a los gritos de los oprimidos e indiferentes a los llamados a la paz; Despreciamos a los débiles y abusamos de la tierra que tú hiciste. Perdónanos, Dios de misericordia. Ayúdanos a confiar en tu poder para cambiar nuestras vidas y conocer el gozo de la vida abundante dada en Jesucristo, el Señor resucitado.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS *(Isaiah 65:17-19)*

Hear the word of the Lord: I am about to create new heavens and a new earth. The former things shall not be remembered or come to mind. Be glad and rejoice forever in what I am creating. I will rejoice and delight in my people. No more shall the sound of weeping be heard.

En Español: Escuchen la palabra del Señor: Estoy a punto de crear nuevos cielos y una nueva tierra: las cosas anteriores no serán recordadas ni vendrán a la mente. Alégrate y regocíjate por siempre en lo que estoy creando; Me gozaré y me deleitaré en mi pueblo; no se oirá más sonido de llanto.

Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel.
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

THE PASSING OF PEACE

Leader: Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts. To this peace we are called as members of a single body. The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

(The congregation is invited to greet one another with words and signs of peace.)

***GLORIA PATRI** (Hymn No. 581)

BLESSING FOR THE CHILDREN

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine upon you, and give you peace, and give you peace, and give you peace forever.

Children are invited to grab their busy bags or visit the “Wiggle & Rock” area near the Gathering Place entrance at the front of the church. If your child needs a bag, visit Stephanie in the nursery and let her know.

ANTHEM

“True Light”

Hampton

Chancel Choir and Rachael Prensner, piano

*This little light of mine, I’m gonna let it shine.
Almighty God is light, He lives in us as True Light.*

*In the beginning, out of the darkness, God created True Light.
He lives in us as True Light.
Almighty God is light, He lives in us as True Light.*

*Don’t let the light that you’ve given me die
And don’t desert my mind.
But let the one, who serves You, praise You again and again*

*You are the one who judges right from wrong.
Your glory excites no envy,
But let the one who serves You, Praise You again and again.*

*This little light of mine, I’m gonna let it shine.
Everywhere I go, I want the world to know
God gave the world True Light*

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

UNISON PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Lord, you have been our dwelling place throughout all generations. From everlasting to everlasting you are God. Speak to us now as you have spoken to us throughout the ages. On this glorious Easter, reveal yourself and your will for our lives, that we might live as your Easter people. Amen.

***HYMN** vs. 1 & 5 “I Know That My Redeemer Lives”

*I know that my Redeemer lives!
What comfort this sweet sentence gives!
He lives, He lives, who once was dead;
He lives, my everliving head!*

*He lives and grants me daily breath;
He lives, and I shall conquer death;
He lives, my mansion to prepare;
He lives to bring me safely there.*

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Isaiah 25:6-9

⁶ On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear. ⁷ And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the covering that is spread over all nations; ⁸ he will swallow up death forever. Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken. ⁹ It will be said on that day, “See, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the Lord for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

NEW TESTAMENT READING: Mark 16:1-8

¹ When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. ² And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. ³ They had been saying to one another, “Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?” ⁴ When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. ⁵ As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man dressed in a white robe sitting on the right side, and they were alarmed. ⁶ But he said to them, “Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. ⁷ But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you.” ⁸ So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them, and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

SERMON

“The Last Word”

Rev. Kyle Gott

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

***HYMN** No. 248

“Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!”

PRESENTATION OF OFFERINGS AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Stewardship remains a part of what we do about what we believe. Please mail your offering by check to the church, or send it electronically via the “Give Now” button at the top of our homepage. If you are attending services in person, you can place your offering in the red boxes or in the plate, as the ushers come down the center aisles.

OFFERTORY

“Redemption Love”
Nathan Gott, guitar and vocals

N. Gott

*My eyes have a faded view
Still love ain't stopping at all
Won't stop at all
Don't know how I'll make it through
Still love ain't stopping at all
Won't stop at all*

*So I give myself
Fumbling through Hell
Still, I don't know where you are in my heart
Oh I try myself
But I need your help
Oh God
What will you say?*

*(Response)
Oh love
I came to free
Oh I'm right
Here for a world that's been broken but saved through me
Through my redemption Love
Lean in to me
I'm always
Right in front and right behind you in everything
Through my redemption Love*

*I've been walking pushing through
With you I ain't stopping at all
Won't stop at all
Hear me calling out your name
Only for you I ain't stopping at all
Won't stop at all*

*So I give myself
Fumbling through Hell
Still, I don't know where you are in my heart*

*Oh I try myself
But I need your help
Oh God
What will you say?*

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Oh love
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Here for a world that's been broken but saved through me
Through my redemption Love
Lean in to me
I'm always
Right in front and right behind you in everything*

*Through my Redemption Love
Through my Redemptive love
Through my Redemption Love
Through my Redemption Love*

***DOXOLOGY** (Hymn No. 606)

*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.*

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

GREAT THANKSGIVING AND PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER IN UNISON

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.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

COMMUNION

CONCLUDING PRAYER

***HYMN No. 238**

“Thine Is the Glory”

(We invite anyone who wishes to join the Chancel Choir for the Hallelujah Chorus.

During the hymn, please make your way to the Choir Loft. Tenors and altos enter on the side with the timpani, and sopranos and basses enter the other side. Scores will be available in the loft)

CHORAL CELEBRATION “Hallelujah Chorus *from the Messiah*”
Hallelujah!

Handel

For the Lord God omnipotent reigneth.

The kingdom of this world, is become

The kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ.

And He shall reign forever and ever.

Hallelujah!

***BENEDICTION**

SCATTERING TO SERVE GOD.

Spanish Translation by Keishla Luciano.

Peace Pearl: *Glory to God in the highest, and on earth, peace, good will toward men.*

Next Sunday, **April 7, 2024** 2nd Sunday of Easter
8:30 a.m...Service for the Lord’s Day with Communion
9:40 a.m. Sunday School/Adult Education
10:45 a.m.....Service for the Lord’s Day

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