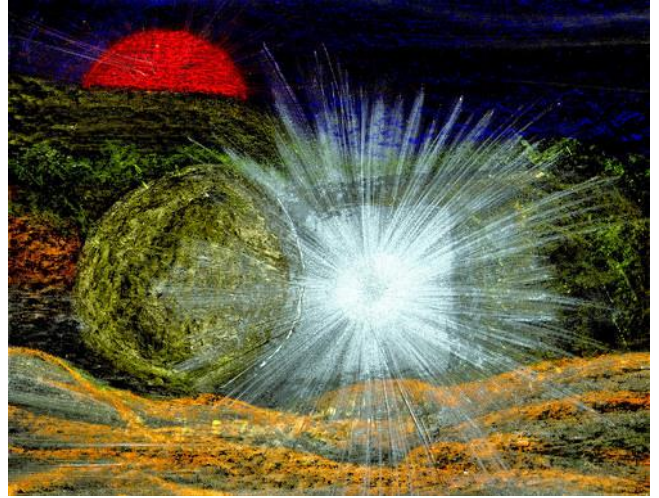


RESURRECTION OF THE LORD/ EASTER SUNDAY

SUNRISE SERVICE
APRIL 9, 2023 AT 7:00 AM



WELCOME

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Christ is risen!

People: Christ is risen indeed!

Pastor: Hope is dawning!

People: Hope is alive!

Pastor: Joy is alive!

People: Christ is alive!

Pastor: We are alive!

All: Glory to God in the highest!

HYMN: #240

ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA! GIVE THANKS!

“ALLELUIA NO. 1”

Refrain: Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name

1 Jesus is Lord of all the earth. He is the King of creation. (Refrain)

2 Spread the good news o'er all the earth: Jesus has died and has risen. (Refrain)

3 We have been crucified with Christ. Now we shall live forever. (Refrain)

4 Come let us praise the living God, joyfully sing to our Savior. (Refrain)

UNISON PRAYER OF ADORATION

God of Love, we proclaim this morning that Your power has a purpose.

We see it in the beauty of creation all around us and in our human creativity.

Your design decorates this world and we worship You.

We praise You for the great love revealed in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Joyfully we welcome this day - celebrating the resurrection and fullness of Your power.

Your great love is revealed - unable to be quenched by the bitter hatred of a cross.

We proclaim that You are stronger than the powers of darkness and sin.

Because of this great love, we honor and adore You. Praising the name of Christ our Lord together. Amen.

CALL TO CONFESSION

CONFESSION OF SIN

Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave you shattered the darkest powers of the cosmos. We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that so often lead to sin and death. We overlook the poor and the hungry. We pass by those who mourn. We ignore the cries of the oppressed and are indifferent to calls for peace. We care little for the weak and abuse the earth you made. Forgive us, God of mercy. Help us to trust in your power to change our lives and make us new, that we may know the joy of life abundant given in Jesus Christ our risen Lord. Amen.

(Silence for personal prayer and reflection)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

RESPONSIVE PSALM

PSALM 118:19-24

Pastor: Open to us the gates of righteousness, that we may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD.

People: This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it.

Pastor: We thank You that You have answered us and have become our salvation.

People: The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

Pastor: This is the LORD's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

All: This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

SCRIPTURE READING WITH REFLECTIONS

JOHN 20:1-18

THE WORD OF THE LORD! THANKS BE TO GOD!

HYMN

IN CHRIST ALONE

BY KEITH GETTY

In Christ alone my hope is found; He is my light, my strength, my song
This cornerstone, this solid ground; Firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love, what depths of peace; When fears are stilled, when strivings cease
My comforter, my all in all; Here in the love of Christ I stand

In Christ alone who took on flesh; Fullness of God in helpless babe
This gift of love and righteousness; Scorned by the ones He came to save
Till on that cross as Jesus died; The wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on Him was laid; Here in the death of Christ I live

There in the ground His body lay; Light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious day; Up from the grave He rose again
And as He stands in victory; Sin's curse has lost its grip on me
For I am His and He is mine; Bought with the precious blood of Christ

No guilt in life, no fear in death; This is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath; Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell, no scheme of man; Can ever pluck me from His hand
Till He returns or calls me home; Here in the power of Christ I'll stand

EASTER PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (ECUMENICAL VERSION)

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name,
Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are Yours now and forever. Amen.

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BENEDICTION

Please join in reading or singing those parts of the service printed in **bold**.

Join us for a light breakfast at First Presbyterian Church at 10:30 AM
followed by a traditional Easter service at 11:00 AM.