Resurrection of the Lord/Easter Sunday
Sunrise Service

March 31, 2024 at 7:00 AM

PRELUDE   *RETURN TO THE HEART*   DAVID LANTZ
                                  JUDITH BROWN, PIANO

WELCOME

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP
   Christ is risen!
   Christ is risen indeed!
   Hope is dawning!
   Hope is alive!
   Joy is alive!
   Christ is alive!
   We are alive!
   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
> Open to us the gates of righteousness, that we may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD.
> **This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it.**
> We thank You that You have answered us and have become our salvation.
> **The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.**
> This is the LORD's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.
> **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   *LIFT HIGH THE CROSS*   "CRUCIFER"
Refrain: **Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim till all the world adore his sacred name.**

> Come, Christians, follow where our Savior trod, the Lamb victorious, Christ, the Son of God. *(refrain)*
> All newborn servants of the Crucified bear on their brow the seal of Christ who died. *(refrain)*
> O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree, your death has brought us life eternally. *(refrain)*
> So shall our song of triumph ever be: praise to the Crucified for victory. *(refrain)*

EASTER PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER - (Ecumenical Version)
(You are welcome to pray the Lord's Prayer with the version most familiar to you.)
> **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

POSTLUDE   *TRUMPET TUNE IN D MAJOR*   ENGLISH VOLUNTARY
JUDITH BROWN, PIANO

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

Join us for a traditional Easter service at First Presbyterian Church at 11:00 AM.