

First Presbyterian Church
Service for the Lord's Day
Resurrection of the Lord / Easter Sunday

April 5, 2015

8:30 and 10:00 a.m.

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude "Now the Green Blade Rises" arr. Burkhardt
"The Rejoicing" Callahan

Call to Worship

Jesus Christ is risen from the dead.

He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

This is the day the Lord has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

* Processional Hymn 232 "Jesus Christ is Risen Today"
Ushers will collect prayer request cards from the center aisle.

* Call to Confession

* 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,
and pass by those who mourn;**

**we are deaf to the cries of the oppressed,
and indifferent to calls for peace.**

Forgive us, God of mercy.

**Help us to trust your power to change our lives and make us new,
that we may know the joy of life abundant
given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord.**

* Silent Confession

* Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace

* Easter Response 587 "Alleluia!"

Welcome and Concerns of the Church

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 25:6-9 (OT, p. 652)

A Time with Children

Anthem "Christ the Lord is Risen Today"
Traditional; arr. K. Christopher
(10:00) Our young children are invited to attend "Joyful Noise" in room 103.
Children will be escorted to and from the program.

Gospel Lesson: Mark 16:1-8 (NT, p. 54)

Sermon: "He is Going Ahead of You"

Rev. Carter

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* Hymn 246 "Christ Is Alive!"

* Affirmation of Faith: Apostles' Creed (Hymnal, p. 35)

Offering

Offertory "Now all the Vault of Heaven Resound" arr. Hobby
Joyful Noise! participants will return to the sanctuary.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer (Hymnal, p. 8)

The Words of Institution

Communion of the People

*Please hold the bread until all are served, so that we might share it as a sign
of our unity in Christ. As a sign of individual devotion and commitment, you
may drink the cup as you are served. During communion, we will join in two
Easter hymns – 240 and 254.*

* Prayer after Communion

GO IN GOD'S NAME

- * Hymn 248 "Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!"
- * Charge and Benediction
- * Postlude "Toccata"

Widor

* All who are able shall stand.

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Pastor	William Carter
Director of Educational Ministries	Tina Ide
Director of Music	Susan Kelly
Director of Bells	Richard Cochrane
Organist	Kay Ten Eyck
Liturgist	Andy Kepler
"Joyful Noise!" leaders (10:00)	Briar Woodley, Tina Ide
Welcomer	Betsy Ellis
Ushers	Anne Deremer, Tori Yankow



We are a Stephen Ministry congregation.

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Isaiah 25:6-9

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. And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; 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.

It will be said on that day, Lo, 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.

Mark 16:1-8

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. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. 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. 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." 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.