

First Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day
Resurrection of the Lord/Easter

March 27, 2016

8:30 and 10:00 a.m.

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude "Trumpet Tune" Callahan
"Trumpet Tune" German

Call to Worship Psalm 118:22-23

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

This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

Jesus Christ is risen from the dead!

He is risen indeed!

* 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 lives and make us new,
that we may know the joy of abundant life,
given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord.***

* Silent Confession

* Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace

* Easter Response (240)

Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.

Words of Welcome

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Epistle Lesson: 1 Corinthians 15:19-26 (NT, p. 176)

A Time with Children

Anthem "Christ is Risen! Alleluia!" Gordon Young

Gospel Lesson: Luke 23:54-24:12 (NT, p. 88)

Sermon: "What the Women Could Not Do" Rev. Carter

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* Hymn 233 "The Day of Resurrection!"

* Affirmation of Faith

***This is the good news which we have received, in which we stand, and by which we
are saved, if we hold it fast:***

***that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures,
that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day,
and that he appeared first to the women,
then to Peter and to the Twelve,
and then to many faithful witnesses.***

***We believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God,
Jesus Christ is the first and the last, the beginning and the end.
He is our Lord and our God!***

A Minute for One Great Hour of Sharing

Offering

Offertory "The Trumpet Shall Sound" Handel

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer
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 the serving of bread and cup, we will sing hymns 517 and 240.

GO IN GOD'S NAME

- * Hymn 248 "Christ is Risen! Shout Hosanna!"
* Charge and Benediction
* Postlude "Now All the Vault of Heaven Resound" arr. Hobby

* All who are able shall stand.

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Pastor	William Carter
Director of Music	Frank Jones
Organist	Kay Ten Eyck
Liturgist	Chris Norton
Ushers	Wayne Griffiths, Bill Farrell (8:30) Laura Schillinger, Joe Waters (10:00)
Welcomers	Rob, Anne and Nick Deremer

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Easter

1 Corinthians 15:19-26

If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

Luke 23:54-24:12

It was the day of Preparation, and the sabbath was beginning. The women who had come with him from Galilee followed, and they saw the tomb and how his body was laid. Then they returned, and prepared spices and ointments. On the sabbath they rested according to the commandment.

But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was

still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again." Then they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.