

We welcome you to worship with us this morning! Out of consideration for the people around you, please ensure that your mobile devices are set to silent mode.

Regular Print: Leader **Bold: Congregation** **Asterisk: Please stand if able*

“The resurrection of Jesus Christ liberated many early Christians to serve their Master with great freedom, power, and joy. The same has been true for countless millions of Christians from the first century to our own day. Together we proclaim: “Christ is risen. He is risen indeed!”

Thomas C. Oden, “Did Jesus Christ Really Rise from the Dead?”

In This We Believe, ed. Akers, Armstrong, Woodbridge. (Grand Rapids, Zondervan, 2000), p. 159.

✝ WE GATHER AROUND GOD’S WORD ✝

Preservice Music (11:00) *French Creek Brass Quintet*

Welcome & Announcements

Introit (11:00) *Followers of the Lamb* Shaker song, arranged by Kevin Dill (2015)

Easter Litany

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

Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!

This is the good news we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved.

Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!

That Christ died for our sins, and was buried, and rose again on the third day.

Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!

He appeared to Peter, and to the twelve, and to many faithful witnesses.

Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!

At last he came to us, that we might come to believe and proclaim this good news to the world.

Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!

O God, you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may live with him in the joy of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

*Processional Hymn: #232 Jesus Christ is Risen Today EASTER HYMN

*Prayer of Confession:

Almighty God, you have overcome the power of death and the grave by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. We confess we have not trusted in Jesus’ redeeming power. We

have forgotten the glad tidings of his victory over death. We have not known the things that belong to our peace. Forgive us. Amen.

*Silent Prayer of Confession/Assurance of Pardon

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.” (1 Peter 1:3).

Friends, believe the good news of the gospels.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

✝ WE LISTEN AS THE SCRIPTURES ARE PROCLAIMED ✝

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 54:4-10 *Pew Bible p.837-838*

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message for Young Disciples *Vickie Fischer*

Choral Motet (11:00) *Alleluia* Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (Austria, 1756-1791)

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 28:1-15 *Pew Bible p. 41*

Sermon: RESURRECTION POWER! *Rev. Dr. Daniel Corll*

✝ WE RESPOND IN FAITH AND GRATITUDE ✝

*Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles’ Creed (Traditional)

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead,
and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. AMEN.

Offertory Interlude (11:00) *French Creek Brass Quintet*

*Hymn: #609 Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

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.



First Presbyterian Church

Easter Sunday

Sunday, March 31, 2024 • 8:30 & 11:00 AM

✠ WE GO OUT INTO THE WORLD ✠

*Closing Hymn: Alleluia! Let the Holy Anthem Rise CORVEDALE

Edward Caswall, 1841-1878, alt. Maurice Bevan, 1921-2006



1 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Let the ho - ly an - them rise
2 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Like the sun up - on the wave,
3 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Bless - ed Je - sus, make us rise



and the choirs of heav - en chant it in the tem - ple of the skies.
Christ has ris - en up in tri - umph from the dark - ness of the grave.
from the dust of our cor - rup - tion to the life that nev - er dies.



Let the moun - tains skip with glad - ness and the joy - ful val - ley ring
He, the splen - dor of the na - tions, he, the lamp of end - less day;
May we share with you in glo - ry when the days of time are past,

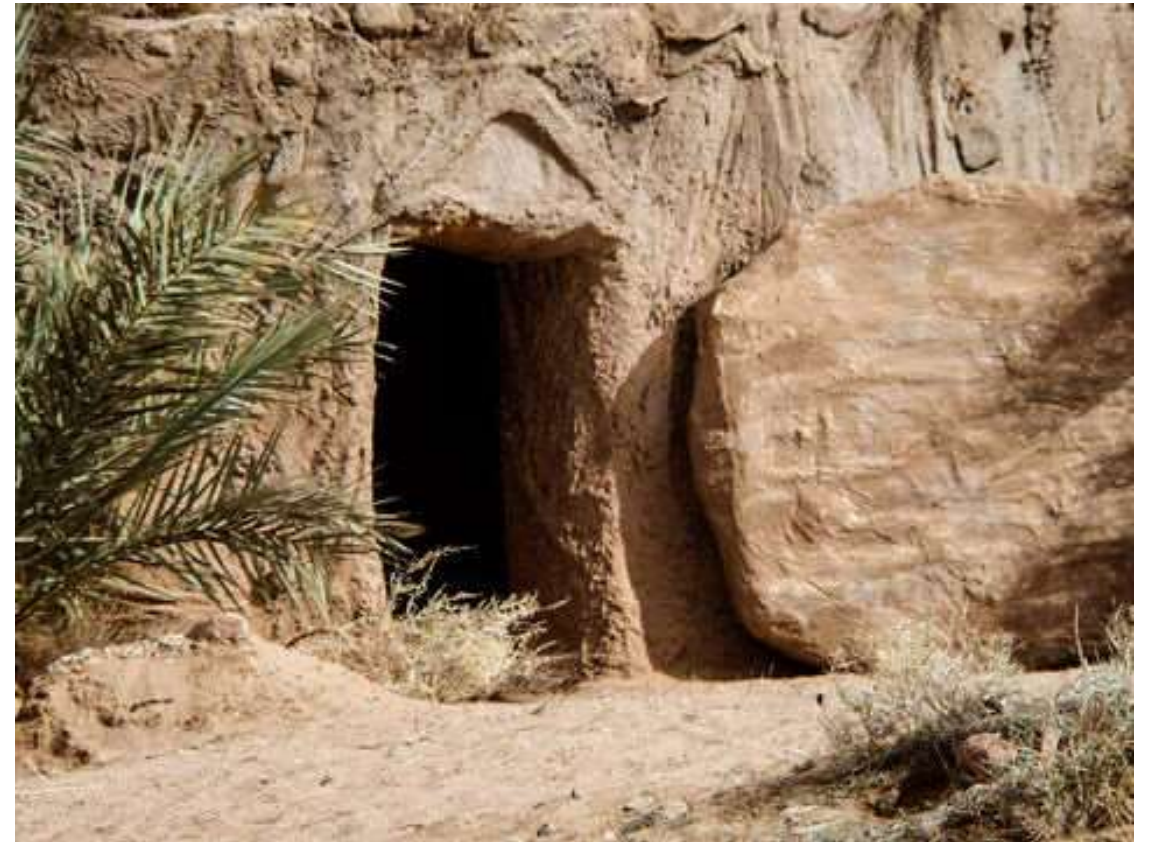


with ho - san - nas in the high - est to our Sav - ior and our King.
it is Christ, the Lord of glo - ry, who is ris - en up to - day.
and the dead shall be a - wak - ened by the trum - pet's migh - ty blast.

*Benediction

Postlude: (11:00)

French Creek Brass Quintet



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