

WESTMINSTER  PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

Service for the Lord's Day

The Resurrection of Our Lord
April 4, 2021 9:15 a.m.

GATHERING

(Silence during the Prelude is requested in preparation for worship.)

PRELUDE

Easter Fanfare

Gerald Bales

The Trumpet Shall Sound

G.F. Handel/arr. Hopson

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!
(GELOBT SEI GOTT)

Michael Burkhardt

Fantasy on "O Sons and Daughters"

Walter Pelz

Toccata on GAUDEAMUS PARITER

James Biery

Worthy is the Lamb

G.F. Handel/arr. Hopson

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Let us worship God!

(Those who are able may stand.)

Early in the morning light,

the women went to the tomb of Jesus.

The tomb was empty, the stone rolled away,

for God's love is stronger than death itself.

Let us join our voices with Mary Magdalene:

"We have seen the Lord.!"

Easter people, Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed!

***PRAYER OF ADORATION**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

**Glory to you, O God:
on this day you won victory over death,
raising Jesus from the grave and giving us eternal life.**

**Glory to you, O Christ:
for us and for our salvation you overcame death
and opened the gate to everlasting life.**

**Glory to you, O Holy Spirit:
you lead us into the truth.
Glory to you, O Blessed Trinity, now and forever. Amen.**

***HYMN 232**

EASTER HYMN

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

CALL TO CONFESSION

The proof of God's amazing love is this:
While we were sinners, Christ died for us.
Because we have faith in him,
we dare to approach God with confidence. *(Romans 5:8; Hebrews 4:16)*

In faith and penitence,
let us confess our sin before God and one another.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**O God, you raised Christ from the tomb
and shattered the powers of sin and evil.
Raise us from the tombs of our sin, O Lord,
and bring us to new life in you.
You bring us good news of Easter joy.
Forgive us when we cannot hear it.
You send us out to share your love.
Forgive us when we cannot carry it.
You cast a vision for peace and justice.
Forgive us when we cannot imagine it.
Forgive us when we stand in its way.
For you are the God of the empty tomb,
the one who makes all thing new.**

(Silent confession)

232 Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

1 Je - sus Christ is risen to - day,
 2 Hymns of praise then let us sing,
 3 But the pains which he en - dured, Al - le - lu - ia!
 4 Sing we to our God a - bove,

our tri - um - phant ho - ly day,
 un - to Christ, our heav - en - ly King, Al - le - lu - ia!
 our sal - va - tion have pro - cured.
 praise e - ter - nal as God's love.

who did once up - on the cross,
 who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Now a - bove the sky he's King,
 Praise our God, ye heav - en - ly host,

suf - fer to re - deem our loss.
 sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!
 where the an - gels ev - er sing.
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

Kyrie (*Sung responsively by the choir and congregation*) Hal H. Hopson

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**
Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

(The liturgist pours water, which reminds us of our baptism.)

Believe the Good News: **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!**

***The Peace**

Since God in Christ has forgiven us, let us also forgive one another.
The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

(Please exchange the peace with the words, "The peace of Christ be with you.")

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

Hear the Word of God! **Our ears are open.**

Psalm 118

Jacob Handl

This is the day the Lord hath made,
we will all rejoice, be glad in it. Alleluia.

John 20:1-18

20 Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. ² So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." ³ Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. ⁴ The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵ He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. ⁶ Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, ⁷ and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. ⁸ Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; ⁹ for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. ¹⁰ Then the disciples returned to their homes.

¹¹ But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; ¹² and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. ¹³ They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken

away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.”¹⁴ When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus.¹⁵ Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?” Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.”¹⁶ Jesus said to her, “Mary!” She turned and said to him in Hebrew, “Rabbouni!” (which means Teacher).¹⁷ Jesus said to her, “Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’”¹⁸ Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, “I have seen the Lord”; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

SERMON

“They Have Nothing On You”

Donovan Drake

(A moment for meditation)

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

In life and in death we belong to God.

**Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God,**

**and the communion of the Holy Spirit,
we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel,
whom alone we worship and serve.**

We trust in Jesus Christ,

fully human, fully God.

Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:

**preaching good news to the poor
and release to the captives,**

teaching by word and deed

and blessing the children,

healing the sick

and binding up the brokenhearted,

eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners,

and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.

Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition,

Jesus was crucified,

suffering the depths of human pain

and giving his life for the sins of the world.

God raised this Jesus from the dead,

vindicating his sinless life,

breaking the power of sin and evil,

delivering us from death to life eternal.

(From A Brief Statement of Faith)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

THANKSGIVING

OFFERING

Magdalen Cease from Sobs and Sighs

Peter Hurford

Magdalen, cease from sobs and sighs;
Wipe the teardrops from off thine eyes:
Simon the leper's feast is o'er;
Christ today needs thy nard no more.
Now thousand times may'st thou rejoice;
Now thousand times uplift thy voice. Alleluia.

Magdalen, bind up on thee now
Garland of gladness o'er thy brow:
Banish'd afar is grief and pain:
Welcome is sunshine after rain.
For Jesu Christ the world hath freed,
Triumphing over Death indeed. Alleluia.

*DOXOLOGY

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

**We give you thanks, great God,
for the hope we have in Jesus,
who died, but is risen, and rules over all.
We praise you for his presence with us.
Because he lives, we look for eternal life,
knowing that nothing past, present, or yet to come,
can separate us from your great love
made known in Jesus Christ our Lord.**

***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.**

SENDING

***HYMN 238 (see p.8)** Thine Is the Glory JUDAS MACCABEUS

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE Chorale Fantasy on “Christ the Lord Has Risen” Flor Peeters

**(Those who are able may stand.)*

*The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God
by an appreciative member of the congregation
with love and thanksgiving for the members of the Flower Guild,
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with beautiful floral arrangements: Heidi Anderson, Drake Calton,
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Barbara Cannon Wall, and Dena Williamson.*

SERVICE NOTES

WORSHIP LEADER: Liturgist: Guy D. Griffith, Associate Pastor for Adult Education and Spiritual Nurture.

MUSICIANS: Ally Hard, Kacie Dunham, Susan Kelly, Jennifer Barnes, Hannah Sims, Colby White, Garrett Doo, Alec Koukol, singers. Pat Kunkee, Joel Treybig, trumpet; Leslie Norton, French horn; David Loucky, trombone; Gil Long, tuba; Sam Bacco, timpani. John W. Semingson, Director of Music Ministries; Polly Brecht, Organist.

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1 Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-quer-ing Son; end - less is
 2 Lo! Je - sus meets us, ris - en from the tomb; lov - ing - ly
 3 No more we doubt thee, glo - rious Prince of life! Life is naught

the vic-tory thou o'er death hast won. An - gels in bright rai-ment
 he greets us, scat-ters fear and gloom. Let the church with glad-ness
 with-out thee; aid us in our strife. Make us more than con-querors

rolled the stone a - way, kept the fold - ed grave-clothes
 hymns of tri-umph sing, for the Lord now liv - eth;
 through thy death-less love; bring us safe through Jor - dan

Refrain

where thy bod - y lay.
 death hath lost its sting. Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-quer-ing
 to thy home a - bove.

Son; end - less is the vic - tory thou o'er death hast won.