

COMMUNITY OF FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Sunday, April 16, 2017 Worship 11:00am

Easter Sunday

+ All who are able may stand

Regular type, one speaks; bold type, everyone speaks.

Preparing Ourselves

The Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Gospel Message Matthew 28:1-10

Anthem Hallelujah He Is Risen

+Call to Worship

L: Christ is risen! Alleluia!

P: Alleluia! He is risen indeed!

L: Let us sing praises to God for God is good!

P: In the risen Lord, God's steadfast love endures forever.

+Prayer of the Day

Good and Holy Lord, today marks not the end of our story but the beginning, for Jesus Christ, who was taunted, humiliated, and tortured to death, has overcome death to live again. In his rising grant to us the ability to rise as well into: *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 from 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.*

Opening Hymn

Christ the Lord is Risen Today!

#113

Call to Reconciliation

In our humanness we are imperfect; through the risen Christ we become whole. Let us confess our brokenness and seek reconciliation and unity with God, Christ and Spirit:

Prayer of Confession

Let us pray: **Good and Gracious God, you came to live among us and show us your way—a way of love, peace, justice and kindness. But we continue to betray you by putting our own interests first and ignoring the cries of the outcast and unloved. Yet, with the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, we have new life as well; a new life that gives us the chance to live in your way. Forgive us and allow us to experience the joy of life with the risen Christ; and lead us to share that joy with our community and the world. (moment of silence.)**

Assurance of Forgiveness

L: Friends, know today that you are of God, and by God's grace you are forgiven.
P: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Thanks be to God. Amen.

Response *Gloria Patri* #579

Passing of the Peace

Hymn *Christ is Risen (Christo Vive)* #109

Hearing God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

Alleluia! Our Christ is risen. Let us hear with joy the words that proclaim him to be alive and with us today and ever more. Amen.

First Reading Colossians 3:1-4

Anthem Before The Throne of God Above

Second Reading Acts 10:34-43

Meditation

Rev. Sharon Carter

Responding With Thanks and Praise

Symbolic Action *Candles are available to light in honor of the light Christ brings to the world. White ribbons are also available to attach to the cross and to take with you in remembrance of our new life in Christ.*

The Service of Giving

Prayer of Dedication

Musical Offering

+Response of Praise (“Doxology”)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God all creatures here below.

Praise God above the heavenly host; praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen

Celebration of the Lord’s Supper

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

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

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

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

It is truly right... who forever sing to the glory of your name:

Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord of Hosts (repeat)

The whole earth is full of his glory (repeat twice)

Holy is the Lord.

Great is the Mystery of Faith:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again

Breaking of the Bread

Communion of the People

Prayer After Communion

Going Forth to Love and Serve

+Sending Hymn

Christ is Alive!

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+The Charge

+The Benediction

+ The Postlude