

EASTER

SUNDAY MORNING

April 16, 2017

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PUBLIC WORSHIP *of* GOD



Second
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

WELCOME TO SECOND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*May our worship open our hearts to God's love, our eyes to God's beauty,
our minds to God's truth, and our will to God's service.*

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

*As you enter the Sanctuary, please prepare your heart for worship
and silence your mobile devices.*

We are delighted that you have joined us for worship on Easter Sunday.

Easter Sunday means everything to a follower of Jesus since “the bodily resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead is the crowning proof of Christianity. If the resurrection did not take place, then Christianity is a false religion. If it did take place, then Christ is God and the Christian faith is absolute truth.” – *Henry Morris*

Let us prepare our hearts for worship by reflecting on the following prayer of preparation:

O God of my Exodus,
great was the joy of Israel's sons when Egypt died upon the shore,
far greater the joy when my Redeemer's foe lay crushed in the dust.
Jesus strides forth as the Victor,
Conqueror of death, hell, and all opposing might.
You burst the bands of death,
trampled the powers of darkness down, and live forever.
You, my gracious Redeemer, apprehended for payment of my debt,
came forth from the prison house of the grave,
free and triumphant over sin, Satan and death.
In You I died, in You I rose, in Your life I live, in Your victory I triumph,
in Your ascension I shall be glorified for Your Name's sake. Amen.

THE JOYFUL PRAISE OF A RISEN SAVIOR

BRASS AND ORGAN PRELUDE: “Crown Him with Many Crowns” . . . Lloyd Larson

THE EASTER GREETING Ronald G. Sadlow

Christ is risen.

He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

CHORAL FANFARE: “Hear, O People of God” John Ferguson

Listen. The One who bore God's heart, the One who spoke God's peace,
The One in whom God agonized is now the Risen Lord.
Death was no prison for Him. Jesus is raised and among us.
All that you see and hear comes from the One who was freed.
Listen! Hear, O people of God, that Jesus Christ is Lord. Alleluia!

*The Chancel Choir · Steve Hancock, Director
The Second Ringers Handbell Choir · Terri Theil, Director*

♠PROCESSIONAL HYMN: No. 277 “Christ the Lord Is Risen Today” . . . EASTER HYMN

♠PSALTER LESSON: Psalm 16 Dan G. Burns

Preserve me, O God, for in you I take refuge.
I say to the Lord, “You are my Lord;
I have no good apart from you.”

**As for the saints in the land, they are the excellent ones,
in whom is all my delight.**

The sorrows of those who run after another god shall multiply;
their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out
or take their names on my lips.

**The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup;
you hold my lot.**

The lines have fallen for me in pleasant places;
indeed, I have a beautiful inheritance.

**I bless the Lord who gives me counsel;
in the night also my heart instructs me.**

I have set the Lord always before me;
because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.

**Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices;
my flesh also dwells secure.**

For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol,
or let your holy one see corruption.

**You make known to me the path of life;
in your presence there is fullness of joy;
at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.**

✠CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE MACCABEUS

**Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son;
Endless is the victory Thou o'er death hast won!
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
Kept the folded grave-clothes where Thy body lay.
Thine be the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son;
Endless is the victory Thou o'er death hast won!**

✠PRAYER OF ADORATION Michael C. Davis

THE DIVINE PARDON OF A RISEN SAVIOR

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: Westminster Larger Catechism, Q.52 . . . David A. Bowen

Why did Christ rise and what are the benefits we receive?

**Christ rose again from the dead
the third day by His own power;
whereby He declared Himself to be the Son of God,
to have satisfied divine justice,
to have vanquished death,
and Him that had the power of it,
and to be Lord of the living and the dead:
All which He did for our justification,
progress in grace, support against enemies,
and to assure us of our own resurrection from the dead
at the last day.**

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION Joshua D. Yates

**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 waste Your gifts, wander from Your ways, and forget Your love.
We overlook our neighbor and are often absorbed with ourselves.
Forgive us, Father of mercies.
Help us to trust Your power to transform us and make us new
so that we may know the joy of abundant life
given in Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.**

INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF DIVINE PARDON.....Romans 4:25

*He was delivered over to death for our sins
and was raised to life for our justification.*

✦HYMN OF ASSURANCE: No. 286 "Worship Christ, the Risen King!" .REGENT SQUARE

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS.....Michael G. Stokke

OFFERTORY ANTHEM:

"Hallelujah Chorus" from *Mount of Olives* Ludwig van Beethoven

Hallelujah! unto God's Almighty Son.
Praise the Lord, ye bright angelic choirs,
In holy songs of joy.
Man, proclaim His grace and glory!
Hallelujah! unto God's Almighty Son.
Praise the Lord in holy songs of joy.

✦CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE DIADEMATA

**Crown him the Lord of life, who triumphed o'er the grave
And rose victorious in the strife for those He came to save;
His glories now we sing who died and rose on high,
Who died eternal life to bring and lives that death may die.**

✦PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION Timothy M. Johnson

✦GREETINGS T. Barton Kimbro

THE PREVAILING PEACE OF A RISEN SAVIOR

A WORD TO THE CHILDREN (8:00, 9:30)..... L. Brett Wynne

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND THE LORD'S PRAYERRichard G. Cain

**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.**

GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 24:36-48.....Gerry A. Peak
(page 885 in the pew Bible)

All flesh is grass, and all its beauty is like the flower of the field;
**The grass withers, the flower fades,
but the Word of our God will stand forever. Amen.** *(Isaiah 40:6b, 8)*

SERMON *Peace to You!* D. Todd Erickson

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

HYMN OF THE CROSS: "The Power of the Cross" OH TO SEE THE DAWN

Oh, to see the dawn of the darkest day;
Christ on the road to Calvary. Tried by sinful men,
Torn and beaten, then nailed to a cross of wood.
This, the pow'r of the cross: Christ became sin for us.
Took the blame, bore the wrath – we stand forgiven at the cross.

Oh, to see the pain written on Your face,
Bearing the awesome weight of sin. Ev'ry bitter thought,
Ev'ry evil deed crowning Your bloodstained brow.

✦ **This, the pow'r of the cross: Christ became sin for us.
Took the blame, bore the wrath; we stand forgiven at the cross.**

Now the daylight flees; now the ground beneath
Quakes as its Maker bows His head. Curtain torn in two,
Dead are raised to life, "Finished!" the vic'try cry.

**This, the pow'r of the cross: Christ became sin for us.
Took the blame, bore the wrath; we stand forgiven at the cross.**

This the pow'r of the cross: Christ was slain for us.

**Oh, to see my name written in the wounds,
For through Your suffering I am free. Death is crushed to death;
Life is mine to live, won through Your selfless love.**

**This, the pow'r of the cross: Son of God – slain for us.
What a love! What a cost! We stand forgiven at the cross.
What a love! What a cost! We stand forgiven at the cross.**

Christy Young, soloist; Daniel Pollorena, piano

✦BENEDICTION

✦BENEDICTION RESPONSE: "Hallelujah Chorus" from *Messiah* G. F. Handel

Hallelujah! for the Lord God Omnipotent reigneth.
The kingdom of this world is become
The kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ;
And He shall reign for ever and ever.
King of kings, and Lord of lords. Hallelujah!

ORGAN POSTLUDE: "Toccatà" from *Symphony No. 5* C. M. Widor

Samuel Metzger, Organist

✦Indicates congregation standing

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Today, the paraments have been changed from the red of Holy Week to the white of Eastertide. On the pulpit fall is embroidered a Latin cross in gold thread. Upon the cross bloom three white lilies with green leaves, signifying both purity and the Trinity.

The Bible markers bear the Greek letters Chi and Rho, the first two letters of the Greek word for Christ. The Easter banner is also white and features the same gold cross with lilies; it bears the words "Alleluia" and "Christ is risen."

The procession is led by the processional cross. The custom of processional crosses can be traced back to the sixth century A.D. and reminds us of the sacrifice of our Savior, His redeeming love, and the promise of salvation. This cross bears at its junction the letters IHS, the first letters in the Greek name for Jesus.