

Celebration of the Resurrection

April 9, 2023

9:00 a.m.

Entering God's Presence

**Duet from Cantata 78
Sound the Trumpet**

J. S. Bach
Henry Purcell

*Expressing Our Joy

Leader: A joyous mystery brings us together.

People: We come to hear the good news, again.

Leader: Listen friends, the tomb that was sealed is now open.

People: Broken is the grip of all that would box life in.

Leader: The grave that was occupied is now empty.

People: The One who was dead is alive.

Leader: Christ is risen.

People: The Lord is risen indeed!

Leader: Alleluia!

People: Alleluia, Amen! (Please remain standing.)

*Introit: *Trumpet Duet Fanfare*

Joy

Eddie Lewis

*Hymn 232

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

EASTER HYMN

Invitation to Self-Examination and Confession of our Need for God's Forgiveness (unison)

Dazzling God, we are blinded to your majesty. We have taken for granted the amazing wonder of life, without seeing you as the source of all things. Jesus, our Redeemer, we thank you that our fears and sorrows are no barrier to your love. Whenever we have retreated behind closed doors, you have sought us out to comfort and strengthen us. Though we have not felt the breath of your presence like the disciples, yet we have felt you close to us. Each time a fresh peace dispels anxiety, each time we feel the impulse to serve another in love, we have signs of your closeness to us. In a love stronger than death, you have claimed us and given us a new beginning and a holy work to do.

Time of Silence and Personal Confession

Reassurance of God's Forgiveness

Flowering the Cross ~ Children are invited to come forward with flowers

Welcome and Life in the Community

The Rev. Vance E. Polley

*Hymn 238

Thine Is the Glory

JUDAS MACCABEUS

Luke 19:41-44 (NRSV) [You will find the text on page 78 in the pew Bible.]

Anthem

My Redeemer Lives! Alleluia!

arr. Lloyd Larson

Luke 24:36-49 (NRSV) [You will find the text on page 85 in the pew Bible.]

Sermon

A Strange Place for Peace

Reece Humphreys

*Affirming Our Faith and **Gloria Patri** (No. 581)

Equal with God: **Jesus is Lord.**

(Progressively louder)

Emptied himself: **Jesus is Lord.**

God raised him up: **Jesus is Lord.**

Came as a servant: **Jesus is Lord.**

Gave him the name: **Jesus is Lord.**

Found as a man: **Jesus is Lord.**

Higher than all: **Jesus is Lord.**

Humbly obeyed: **Jesus is Lord.**

Every knee bow: **Jesus is Lord.**

Went to his death: **Jesus is Lord.**

All tongues confess: **'Jesus is Lord!'**

Death on a cross: **Jesus is Lord.**

Amen! Alleluia!

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(In the *Offering*, we dedicate our lives and a portion of the resources God has entrusted to us. Your gifts may be dedicated online, by mail, or in-person.)

Offertory

Campra Rigaudon (trumpets)

Drummond Wolff

*At the Presentation **Doxology** (No. 606)

*Prayer of Dedication 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.

*Hymn 826

Lift High the Cross

CRUCIFER

(During the singing of the hymn, members of the congregation are encouraged to come forward and join the choir in singing the *Hallelujah Chorus*.)

*Benediction and Choral Benediction

Hallelujah, Messiah

G. F. Handel

*Going Out into the World

*All those who are able, please stand.

We welcome Ian James Rutledge (trumpet) and Nathan Freeman (trumpet) to our Easter Celebration.

Our condolences go out to Neal Alexander, Jane McDavid, and their family on the passing of Carolyn Alexander on April 2nd. A Memorial Service is scheduled for Tuesday, April 11th at 11:00 a.m. with a reception following in the Fellowship Hall.

Recent Prayer Concerns (*Names are listed for a month*): Bob Bohn, The Goforth Family, Brenda Green, Clark Kramer (friend of Ross & Julie Heaton), Jimmy Bates, Carla Tyner & donor recipient, Cyndi Stein, Shirley Joyner, Richard Dorn Jr., Betty Crestnut Hughes.

Continuing Prayer Concerns (*Names are listed for 3 months*): Robert Brown, Caroline Bunch (niece of Betty Milner), Alice Petzold, Mary Nell Boyt, Scott Hood (friend of Cal McRae), Dean Schmelter, Harper Uyttenhove (niece of Pam & Tim Kane), Bill Schupp, John Nelson, Kimberly (daughter of Marty & Don Belk), Tracy Lambros (friend of Mary Ann and Jack Heidenreich), Gerry Hiers (Jimmy Hiers' mother), Leesa Phipps, Patrick McDougal, John Myatt, Frank Godfrey, Peggy Wolford, Nancy Butler, Lou Bovie.

If you'd like to add someone to either prayer list, please let the church know at sunrisepresbyterian3222@gmail.com or [843.883.3888](tel:843.883.3888). 1) indicate if the person should be placed on the **Recent OR Continuing** prayer list and 2) the **individual's mailing address** so that they may receive postcards with expressions of care and concern from the congregation.

Sunrise has an active Prayer Chain from which you may request **immediate** prayers for yourself and others. Information transmitted via the Prayer Chain is strictly confidential. Whether it's a loved one undergoing surgery or someone about whom you are concerned, you may request immediate prayers on their behalf. There are two chains that are linked together, a daytime chain and an evening chain. When prayers are requested, the person at the top of the chain calls the next person who in turn calls the next person and so on. If there is no answer, you leave a message and then move on to call the next person on the chain. If you have a prayer request or if you would like to participate in this important ministry by serving on either the day or the evening chain, please contact Betty Jane Dillon at (843) 971-8408 or Patsy Hindman at (843) 906-8653.



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