

EASTER WORSHIP

APRIL 9, 2023 | 8:30 & 10:30 AM | SANCTUARY

GATHERING

EASTER PROCLAMATION

In life and in death, in life beyond death,
Christ is risen from the grave.

Alleluia! He is risen indeed!

On the loose and beyond our control,
Christ is risen!

Alleluia! He is risen indeed!

Chris Currie and Sarah Chancellor-Watson

GREETING

One Great Hour of Sharing

VOLUNTARY

“Still, Still With Thee”

Gramman

Still, still with thee, when purple morning breaketh, when the bird waketh, and the shadows flee;
fairer than morning, lovelier than daylight, dawns the sweet consciousness, I am with thee.

Alone with thee, amid the mystic shadows, the solemn hush of nature newly born;
alone with thee in breathless adoration, in the calm dew and freshness of the morn.

Still, still with thee! As to each newborn morning afresh, and solemn splendor still is giv'n,
this blessed consciousness awaking, breathe each day nearness unto thee and heav'n.

So shall it be at last in that bright morning, when the soul waketh and life's shadows flee;
O in that hour, fairer than daylight dawning, shall rise the glorious thought, I am with thee.

Patti Adams, flute; The Chancel Choir

*CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Beth Poe (8:30) | Zach Christiansen (10:30)

The vacant cross and the empty tomb vindicate your claim that the love which suffers is the love which saves.

Your resurrected life does not resolve all our questions, but shows us a repaired, reconciled, and redeemed humanity.

Fill your people with joy and your church with celebration,

That the world may know that the crucified and risen Lord is not a dead hero we commemorate, but the living Lord we worship.

†*HYMN 232

“Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”

EASTER HYMN

Alex Mayon, trumpet; Sebastian Martinez, trumpet; Liam Hanna, horn; William Hess, trombone; James Atwood, timpani

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

You gather us in your presence, surrounded by beauty, surrounded by love, surrounded by the community Christ has brought into existence by the power of his resurrection. As we give thanks for your creation, your life, your death and resurrection, and your interest in us, we pray that you bring new life where we are worn and tired, new love where we have turned hard-hearted, forgiveness where we feel hurt and where we have wounded, and joy and freedom in your Spirit where we are prisoners of our own making.

By the power of the risen Christ, may God forgive us, Jesus bless us, and the Holy Spirit help us to grow in faith, hope, and love, until Christ's kingdom comes. Amen.

SILENT REFLECTION

KYRIE

Lord, have mercy upon us; Christ, have mercy upon us; Lord, have mercy upon us.

Blackmon

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING (response: **Thanks be to God.**)

Jeremiah 31:1-6

†MESSAGE FOR THE CHILDREN (10:30 service only)

Sarah Chancellor-Watson

SECOND READING (response: **Thanks be to God.**)

Matthew 28:1-10

SERMON

“Breaking Free”

Chris Currie

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: (responsive, from the Presbyterian Study Catechism)

What do you affirm when you say that ‘on the third day he rose again from the dead?’

Our Lord could not be held by the power of death. Having died on the cross, he appeared to his followers, and revealed himself to them as the Lord and Savior of the world.

What do you mean when you speak of the ‘resurrection of the body?’

Because Christ lives, we will live also. Death is not the end of human life. The whole person, body and soul, will be raised from death to eternal life with God.

What do you affirm when you confess your faith in Jesus Christ as ‘our Lord?’

That having been raised from the dead, Christ reigns with compassion and justice over all things in heaven and on earth, especially over those who confess him by faith. By loving and serving him above all else, I give glory and honor to God.

*GLORIA PATRI, Hymn 581

“Glory Be to the Father”

GLORIA PATRI

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER (Hymnal, p. 35)

(cont.)

THE OFFERING

Offertory "Christ Is Now Arisen" Scott
Now the song is begun, for the battle is done, and the victory won. Now the foe is scattered: death's dark prison shattered.
Sing of joy, joy, joy; and today raise the lay, Christ is now arisen!
They that followed in pain shall now follow to reign, and the crown shall obtain; they were soar assaulted. They shall be exalted.
For the foe nevermore can approach to the shore, when the conflict is o'er; there is joy supernal; there is peace eternal.
Sing of life, life, life; earth and skies, bid it rise, Christ is now arisen!
Then be brave, then be true, ye despised and ye few; for the crown is for you: Christ, who went before you, spreads his buckler o'er you.
Sing of strength, strength, strength; earth and skies, bid it rise, Christ is now arisen!
Lo, the vict'ry is won, and the foe is scattered, death's dark prison shattered! Hallelujah!
The Chancel Choir and Brass
*Doxology, Hymn 606 "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" OLD HUNDRETH
*Prayer of Dedication

SENDING

*HYMN 246 "Christ Is Alive!" TRURO
*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION
*CHORAL RESPONSE "An Irish Blessing" Blackmon
*VOLUNTARY

*Please stand as you are able | †Latecomers seated
Large print bulletins are available. Please see an usher.

IN TODAY'S WORSHIP

TODAY'S ACOLYTES for the 10:30 service are Clementine DiSalvo and Liam Kennedy.

TODAY'S USHERS for the 8:30 service are Miriam Hollar, Michael O'Keefe, Thomas Schulingkamp, Wesley Simon, Dave White, and Laurie Young; and for the 10:30 service are Laurie Young (captain), Nancy Jane and Charlie Carson, Noah Hardie, Louise Schaefer, and Richard Seelman.

THE FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. William Bloomfield. In 1930, Mrs. Bloomfield, with a single gift, fully funded the construction of our Sanctuary.

THE MUSIC OF OUR PALM SUNDAY, HOLY WEEK, AND EASTER SERVICES is dedicated to the glory of God and is made possible by gifts from Cathy and Durward Dunn; Betty and John Hope; Mr. and Mrs. John Randall Knott; Sydney and Ken Lawder; Jack Little, Kristen Little, and Jim Little in memory of Libby and Bill Pence and Anne Pence Little; and Nell and George Wilson.

SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:30-10:15 AM | RESUMING NEXT WEEK | DETAILS AT [SCAPC.ORG/SUNDAY-SCHOOL](https://scapc.org/sunday-school)

ADULT CLASSES NEXT WEEK:

New! "Jesus of the East: Reclaiming the Gospel for the Wounded" | book by Phuc Luu | led by Miriam Hollar

April 16-May 14 | Land Building, Lakeside Room and Zoom

This class will give us an opportunity to explore Christianity and justice from the Eastern Christianity perspective. The author examines his experiences as a Vietnamese immigrant, as well as others who live between pain and hope. Phuc Luu powerfully presents a Christian foresight of holistic healing communities for the traumatized, the unanswerably suffering, and the brokenhearted from sin, sickness, racism, impoverishment, and war.

"God, Improv, & The Art of Living": Book by MaryAnn McKibben Dana | January 8-April 30 | 2nd floor conference room

This book blends personal stories, pop culture and Scripture into a smart, funny down-to-earth guide to the art of living.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today's special offering is for ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING, an effort that has provided Presbyterians a way to share God's love with our neighbors in need around the world for over 70 years. The three programs supported by this offering - Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People - all work in different ways to provide people with safety, sustenance, and hope.

After a three-year hiatus, USHER FEST is back! Usher Fest is SCAPC's thank-you to our outstanding ushers and church staff. We are also recruiting new ushers and invite anyone interested to join us and learn what it's all about. Festivities will be held at the home of Holly and Geoff Snodgrass, 1454 Joseph St. on May 6 beginning at 6:00 p.m.. Attire is Jazz Fest casual. RSVP to Geoff at gpsnodgrass@gmail.com.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT OUT activities, including the pastor-led study, dinner, and YAF PINTS will not meet this week and will resume on April 19 with Trivia Night! Details and upcoming programs can be found at scapc.org/wno.

OUR SYMPATHY is extended to the family and friends of Suzette Prechter who passed away on Saturday, April 1. A service will be held on Tuesday, April 11 at 2:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary with visitation at 1:00 p.m. in the Bloomfield Room.

Please note that the CHURCH OFFICE will be closed tomorrow.

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