

Celebration of the Resurrection

April 21, 2019

11:00 a.m.

Entering God's Presence

**Queen of Sheba
Sonata in G, Rondo**

G. F. Handel
C.P.E. Bach

*Expressing Our Joy

Reece H. Smith

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.)

*Choral Introit to Hymn

An Easter Celebration

Craig Courtney

*Hymn 123

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

(Afterwards, children ages 5 and younger may leave the sanctuary for a period of supervised activity.)

Welcome and Ritual of Friendship

The Rev. Vance E. Polley

*Hymn 118

The Day of Resurrection

LANCASHIRE

Instrumental

Glass Idol

Michael Hope

I Kings 19:9b-13 (NRSV) [You will find the text on page 311 in the pew Bible.]

Anthem

Glorious, Risen Christ

Lloyd Larson

John 20:11-18 (NRSV) [You will find the text on page 108 in the pew Bible.]

Sermon

Discerning Our Hearts' Desire

The Rev. Vance E. Polley

*Affirming Our Faith and **Gloria Patri**

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!

The Bringing of our Tithes and Gifts

Offertory

Ode to Joy

Beethoven, arr. Howard Vance

(During the offertory please sign the fellowship pad as it is passed and return it to the center aisle in order that we may get to know one another.)

*At the Presentation **Doxology** (No. 592)

*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 371

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 Tacy Edwards (flute) and Christopher Teves (guitar) to our Easter celebration.

Recent Prayer Concerns (*Names are listed for a month*): Patricia White (friend of Connor Kern), Fred Mintz (Lou Mintz's brother), Ken Long (Brady Long's father), Maxine Ammons (Gary Hawkins' sister), Bob Roeder (Nancy Waller's cousin), Myra Strock (Brady Long's aunt), Melissa Mitchell (friend of Shirley Law), Dorothy Rhyne, Bobbie Miller, Peggy Wolford, Elizabeth Probst, Dennis DeLoof (friend of Pam Kane), Nancy Heide (friend of Ted McKnight), Shauna and Lauren Nelson, Rose Bixler (Cyndi Stein's mother), Linda Scott (Shirley Joyner's friend), Frank Godfrey.

Continuing Prayer Concerns (*Names are listed for 3 months*): Eddie Waldrop and Kerry Hardy (Shirley Joyner's friends), Betty Imsande, Lou Bovie, Nelson Durand, Nancy Butler, JoAnne Penington.

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. Whether it's a loved one undergoing surgery or someone about whom you are concerned, you may request immediate prayers on their behalf. Information transmitted via the Prayer Chain is strictly confidential. 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) 388-4172 or Patsy Hindman at (843) 906-8653.



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