

First Presbyterian Church



512 Third Street SW

Rochester, Minnesota 55902

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Service for the Lord's Day

8:30 & 11:00 A.M.

March 31, 2024

Easter Sunday ~ Resurrection of our Lord

Welcome to worship

* * * *As a courtesy to others, please silence cell phones.* * * *

Gathering

Prelude

Easter Fantasy on Ancient Hymns

Sondra K. Tucker

*incorporating NOËL NOUVELET, CHRIST IST ERSTANDEN
(and Cortège et Litanie, Op. 19 by Marcel Dupré)*

Easter Song

Anne Herring, EASTER HYMN

arr. Kevin McChesney

Jubilate Deo Ringers & Easter Brass

Greeting and Welcome

Please sign the *Opportunity for Friendship* register and pass it to the person next to you.

Opening Prayer

Call to Worship

(8:30 a.m.) Cindy Kunzman

(11:00 a.m.) Tom Steen

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

This is the day that the Lord has made;

let us rejoice and be glad in it. Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Choral Prelude to the Opening Hymn

Easter Fanfare

Paul Fetler

Christ the Lord is risen, alleluia.

◆ Hymn 232

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

EASTER HYMN

settings by John Ferguson, Gerald Near, & T. Tertius Noble

◆ Please rise as you are able, in body or in spirit.

Call to Reconciliation

Jesus' rising from the dead assures us that we, too, have been given new life. Let us repent of our sin before God and one another, certain of God's mercy.

Silent Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

All-knowing, all-powerful God, we confess that, even on this most holy day, we sometimes struggle to believe in the victory over death shown to us in the resurrection of Jesus Christ, our Lord. We confess our utter dependence on you not only for life but also for faith, hope and love. Without your astonishing appearance to our ancestors and your stunning presence throughout the ages, we would be lost. Forgive us and transform us, that in every way our work and prayer will make whole what is broken and bring peace on earth. Amen.

Words of Life

By the grace of God and the witness of our ancestors, the good news of Jesus' resurrection is our rock and our salvation.

The rejected cornerstone has become our strength and our song.

My brothers and sisters, hear this good news – We are forgiven. Amen.

◆ Gloria

Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo- ple on
earth. Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al- might-y God and
Fa- ther, we wor- ship You, we give You thanks, we
praise You for Your glo- ry. Lord Je- sus Christ, on- ly
Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,

You take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us;
 You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther:
 re-ceive our prayer. For You a-lone are the Ho-ly One,
 You a-lone are the Lord, You a-lone are the Most High,
 Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spi-rit, in the
 glo-ry of God the Fa-ther.

Time for Young Worshipers

Rev. Carol Shaffer

◆ **Passing of the Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Let us share a sign of the peace of Christ with one another!

Anthem (11:00 a.m.)

Now Glad of Heart

Now glad of heart be everyone!
 The fight is fought, the day is won,
 The Christ is set upon his throne,
 Alleluia, Alleluia, Christ the Lord is risen.

Who on the cross was crucified,
 Who rose again as at this tide,
 In glory to his Father's side,
 Alleluia, Alleluia, Christ the Lord is risen.

Then rise, all Christian folk, with me,
 and carol forth the One in Three,
 that was, and is, and is to be,
 Alleluia, Alleluia, Christ the Lord is risen.

Calvin and Cherub Choirs

The Word

Prayer for Illumination

*Living God, with joy we celebrate
the presence of your risen Word.*

**Enliven our hearts by your Holy Spirit
so that we may proclaim the good news.**

Reading from the Prophets

Isaiah 25:6-9

Anthem

Rise to Sing! The Light is Breaking

Eric Nelson

Rise to sing! The light is breaking, gleaming gift of day begun.
Hope now springs, like blossoms waking opening to the rising sun.
Those who sow in pain and sorrow with the dawn in joy shall reap.
God who governs each tomorrow wipes all tears from those who weep.

Lovely shine the courts of heaven; morning stars now brightly burn,
Christ arises like the leaven festal bread for hearts that yearn.

Death is swallowed up in victory. Where is now your sting, O grave?
Earth, awake to radiant mystery: Christ shall come again to save!

Hail the dawn of new creation! Gone are suffering, grief, and sighs.
Glorious now the consummation. Music soars to fill the skies.

Organs piping, church bells ringing, on this day all earth shall ring.
In the grace of God's good timing, with the saints, we rise to sing!

Rise to sing! The light is breaking, arise, rise to sing!

Text: Mary Louise Bringle

Chancel Choir & Easter Brass

Reading from the Gospels

John 20:1-18

*This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.*

Gospel Acclamation (GTG 485)

ENGELBERG



We know that Christ is raised and dies no more. Em-braced by



death he broke its fear - ful hold, and our de -



spair he turned to blaz-ing joy. Al - le - lu - ia!

Our Response

◆ **A Festival of Resurrection**

I believe in the resurrection.

I believe that Jesus died on the cross, his hands and feet held to the wood by metal spikes. I believe that his body was pierced by the soldier's spear, and even the sun was darkened as all creation grieved the death of God's eternal Son.

I believe in the resurrection.

I believe that Jesus' body was placed in a borrowed tomb, where it lay for three days.

I believe that the power of God brought life to his dead body and rolled the stone away from the entrance so all might see that Jesus was no longer there.

I believe in the resurrection. I believe that the unbelievable story of the women was true, just as the angel had announced: "He is not here; he has risen, just as he said."

◆ **Hymn 239**

Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing!

GELOBT SEI GOTT

(Stanzas 1 & 2)

settings by John Ferguson & Wayne Wold

I believe in the resurrection.

I believe that there is no force in the universe that could stop, hinder, contain, or successfully oppose the risen Savior, my Lord, Jesus Christ.

No nails are long enough to hold him to any cross unless he wills it to be so.

No tomb can be sealed so tightly – by Pilate, or Herod, or Caesar himself.

Were there an army of a thousand guarding the tomb, it would make no difference.

Jesus said he would lay down his life and take it up again. And he did.

I believe in the resurrection.

I believe that Jesus appeared to eleven discouraged, defeated, demoralized disciples in a room where the doors were locked and all hope was lost.

I believe that when he showed them his nail-pierced and his spear-pierced side, they fell at his feet and cried out, "My Lord and my God."

I believe that in the days that followed, hundreds saw him alive. All their doubt was removed; their fear was gone.

What could the world do to them?

Jesus was alive!

◆ **Hymn 239**

Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing!

GELOBT SEI GOTT

(Stanzas 3 & 4)

*I believe in the resurrection. I believe that Jesus lives today –
as powerfully and perfectly alive as he was two thousand years ago,
and for all time past and yet to come.*

**I believe he empowers his followers to follow in his footsteps,
fight forces of evil, and find their peace and joy and eternal
hope in him.**

I believe in the resurrection.

**I believe that Jesus calls women, men and children to join
him in changing the world, one heart and one life at a time,
starting with their own.**

We believe all this,

because we believe in the resurrection!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Amen

◆ **Hymn 236**

The Strife is O'er

VICTORY

settings by Gerre Hancock & Gerald Near

Prayers of the People

*God, in your mercy ...
... hear our prayer.*

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.**

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

“Hallelujah,” from Messiah

G.F. Handel

The congregation is invited to join the choir in song.

◆ **Offertory Response (GTG 10)**

LASST UNS ERFREUEN
setting by David N. Johnson

May God for·ev·er be our peace; may hymns of glo·ry nev·er cease:
Al·le·lu·ia, al·le·lu·ia! Let all the faith·ful peo·ple come;
sing praise to God, the Three·in·One: Al·le·lu·ia, al·le·lu·ia!
Al·le·lu·ia, al·le·lu·ia, al·le·lu·ia!

◆ **Unison Prayer of Dedication**

Holy God, you shower us with gifts so abundant, we cannot measure them all. You give us life itself and the power to befriend our companions in this world. Bless these gifts for the sake of those in need, in the name of the Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Sending

◆ **Hymn 246**

Christ is Alive!

TRURO
settings by Hal Hopson & Walter Pelz

◆ **Benediction**

Postlude

Antiphon

David Conte

Brass Musicians:

Trumpet: *Ellis Workman, Bruce Bonnickson*

Horn: *Jim Potter*

Trombone: *Levi Lundak*

Tuba: *Mark Woeste*

Timpani: *Jeremy Braun*



We thank these members and friends
for contributing to the
Easter Flower fund.
Deacons will deliver the flowers to our
C.A.R.E. members after today's services.

Ken & MaryLynn Aalderks
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Margie Schaaf
Larry & Wendy Shannon
Tony & Judy Smithson
Sylvia Swede
Tom & Marilyn Theismann
Dee Tiedeman
Janine Yanisch

Stained Glass Window

What is happening around FPC ...
Week of March 31, 2024

Season of Easter

† **Sunday, March 31**

The Resurrection of our Lord—Sing Hallelujah!

Worship – 8:30 & 11am

Message: *An Unscheduled Stop*

Easter Brunch from 9:00 – 11:00 a.m.

Worship livestreamed at 11am

† **Monday, April 1**

The Church Office will be Closed

FPC@Community Food Response – 1-4pm

† **Tuesday, April 2**

Deacons meeting – 7pm

† **Wednesday, April 3**

Worship & Communion

at Charter House – 1:00 p.m.

FPC at Friendship Place – 4 & 7pm

NO WEDNESDAY DINNER this week

Adult Bible Study – 6:30 p.m.

† **Thursday, April 4**

Adult music rehearsals are cancelled

† **Saturday, April 6**

Memorial Service for Warren Fay – 12noon

† **Sunday, April 7**

Worship & Communion – 8:30 & 11am

Message: *Life After Easter*

Faith Formation and Fellowship Hour

Worship & Communion

livestreamed at 11am

Easter BRUNCH

MARCH 31, 2024



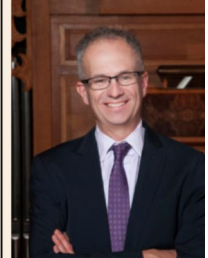
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Celebrate the Resurrection of Our Lord

Hymn Festival w Bruce Neswick



Send the People's Song through the roof this Easter season!



April 21, 2024 4 PM
Sunday



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- Margie Schaaf
- Larry & Wendy Shannon
- Tony & Judy Smithson
- Sylvia Swede
- Tom & Marilyn Theismann
- Dee Tiedeman
- Janine Yanisch



Church



Family

Birthdays...

Celebrating this week:

- ◇ George Bayrd, Kristina Wright-Peterson, Peter Thedens, Brad Kluck, Cameron Domnick, Payton Eckhoff, John Stender, Alexis McEvoy, & Benji Stender.

Anniversaries

- ♥ Walker & Ginger Kirby



FPC SITTER SERVICE
FRIDAY, APRIL 12, 2024
5:30 - 9:00 P.M.

Sitter Service is coming ...
Don't forget to get your child(ren)
signed up by April 9!

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Rev. Thomas J. (T.J.) Parlette, Senior Pastor
John E. Stender, Director of Music and Organist
Lee J. Afdahl, Director of Music Emeritus
Harry E. Coleman, Facility Manager
Emmanuel Bogani, Custodian
Paul Herr, Security

Cindy Kunzman, Office Manager
Sarah A. Stender, Assistant Director of Music
Janine M. Yanisch, First Players bands
Juliet Parlette, Communications Associate
Than Boutelle, Custodian/Sunday Host
Beth Herr, Sunday Host

Sunday worship in-person at 8:30am; and in-person and livestreamed on YouTube at 11am;
Office Hours: Monday through Thursday, 9am – 4pm

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