

Memorial Presbyterian Church

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Resurrection of the Lord

April 1, 2018



GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

*Living God, on the first day of the week
you brought to birth a new creation
through the glorious resurrection of Jesus Christ.
Fill us with the hope and joy of new beginnings,
so that we may share the good news
of your liberating, life-giving power with all the world;
through Christ our Savior, who is alive
and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
now and always. Amen.*

PRELUDE

Joyous Light of Glory
Paraphrase on "Jesus Christ is Risen Today"
Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain
Choral Prelude on "Easter Alleluia"

John Behnke
Edith Campbell
Wilbur Held
Alec Rowley

*CALL TO WORSHIP

*PRESENTATION OF SACRED SYMBOLS

Here is the cross, a sign of God's love.

**Jesus is our Savior and Lord,
who lived and died and rose again for us.**

Here is the candle, the light of Christ.

**Jesus is the light of the world,
showing us God's holy way.**

Here is the Bible, the book of faith.

**Jesus is the Word of God made flesh
who came to live among us.**

Here is the water, a sign of God's grace.

**Jesus gives us living water
so that we may never be thirsty.**

Here is the bread, the body of Christ.

**Jesus is the bread of heaven,
the food of everlasting life.**

Here is the cup, a sign of God's promise.

**Jesus is the vine and we are the branches,
growing together in faith, hope, and love.**

*SONG OF PRAISE

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

Hymnal, No. 232

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*ADMITTING OUR BROKENNESS

**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 overlook the poor and the hungry,
and pass by those who mourn;
we ignore the cries of the oppressed,
and are indifferent to calls for peace;
we despise the weak,
and abuse the earth you made.
Forgive us, God of mercy.
Help us to trust your power
to change our lives and make us new,
that we may know the joy of life abundant
given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord.**
(Time for silent reflection)

*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Friends, hear and believe the good news of the gospel:

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

Thanks be to God!

*THE PEACE

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

...who forever sing to the glory of your name:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

...Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

COMMUNION MUSIC Improvisation on the Resurrection

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*SENDING SONG O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing Hymnal, No. 235

*TAKING LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

*BLESSING AND CHARGE

CHORAL BENEDICTION Your Name We Bless, O Risen Lord!

*POSTLUDE Toccata from Symphony No. 5 Charles-Marie Widor

*Those who are able may stand.

We invite anyone who wishes to consider membership in this church to contact the pastor or a member of the session. You may also indicate interest in membership by checking the appropriate column in the ritual of friendship booklet. Membership in this church is a step made by profession of faith, reaffirmation of faith or transfer of church letter.

Lectionary Readings for April 8: Acts 4:32-35; Psalm 133: 1 John 1:1-2:2; John 20:19-31.

The **Food for Friends** item of the month for April is can openers. Please place your donations in the box by the church information table.

Hearing-assistance devices and **large print hymnals** are available from the head usher.

Ushers for today's service are Ross Robinson and Mike Cole.

Communion servers for today's service are Jessica Farris, Ross Robinson, Larry Upton, Ann Fayles.

Participating in the Presentation of Symbols are Lyne, Blessing and Mario Sama and Gysheilla and Abigail Jangha

Next weekend, our youth will be travelling to Canyon Camp in Hinton, OK for **Youthquake**, the statewide event for Presbyterian youth. Please keep them and their adult sponsors in your prayers!

Next Sunday, the Rev. Nancy Hendrix will be preaching while Tracy is at Youthquake. Nancy moved here from Louisiana, and has been visiting with us for several months. We look forward to hearing from her as she brings us God's word.

Spaghetti Luncheon fundraiser for Camps and Conferences! Plan to stay after worship and enjoy a spaghetti lunch on **April 29th**.

Kid's Club will continue in it's present format during the OK teachers' strike. If you would like to help, please contact Holly Van Auken.

SUNDAY **April 1**
9:30 A.M. – Easter Potluck & Egg hunt
10:55 A.M. – Easter Worship Service

WEDNESDAY **April 4**
3:15 P.M. – Kids' Club
5:00 P.M. – Children's Choir
6:30 P.M. – Chancel Choir

SUNDAY **April 8**
9:30 A.M. – Sunday School
10:30 A.M. – Fellowship and Refreshments
10:55 A.M. – Worship Service