

Memorial Presbyterian Church

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Resurrection of the Lord

April 21, 2019

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

*Alleluia! We praise you, O God,
for the power of your saving love
revealed in the resurrection of our Lord.
As you have raised Jesus from the dead
give to us the gift of everlasting life,
that we may worship you forever;
through Christ, our risen Savior. Amen.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

BRINGING THE LIGHT

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed!

Come, see the tomb where he was laid.

Come, touch the stone that was rolled away.

Come, hear the story of our risen Lord.

Come, worship God!

*PRESENTATION OF THE 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

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!

Hymnal, No. 245

*CONFESSION AND PARDON

The Spirit of God helps us in our weakness,
interceding with sighs too deep for words.
Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

**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 of silent reflection)

In the name of Jesus Christ, we 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.

*SONG OF RESPONSE

Glory to God

Hymnal, No. 582

**Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.**

**World without end, without end. Amen.
World without end, without end. Amen.
World without end, without end. Amen.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.**

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

ANTHEM

Christ the Lord is Risen Today

Children's Choir and Handbells

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

Nicholas Lindley

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 10:34-43

Page No. 895

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSIVE PSALM

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever!

Let Israel say, "His steadfast love endures forever."

The Lord is my strength and my might; he has become my salvation.

There are glad songs of victory in the tents of the righteous: "The right hand of the Lord does valiantly;

the right hand of the Lord is exalted; the right hand of the Lord does valiantly."

I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the Lord.

The Lord has punished me severely, but he did not give me over to death.

Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord.

This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it.

I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.

The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

ANTHEM

Christ is risen

SCRIPTURE READING

John 20:1-18

Page No. 882

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

Out of the Darkness

Tracy L. Evans

*SONG OF FAITH

The Strife Is O'er

Hymnal, No. 236

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Life in Christ is life eternal.

**The resurrection of Jesus is the sign
that God will consummate the work
of creation and reconciliation beyond death
and bring to fulfillment
the new life begun in Christ.**

Adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.26

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

Response:... God of new life, **hear our prayer.**

The Lord's Prayer

Hymnal, p. 35

THE OFFERING
OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow Hymnal, No. 606

*DEDICATION PRAYER

SEALING THE WORD—CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

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.

... joining the song of the universal church and the heavenly choir:

Hymnal No. 552

**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.

...we offer ourselves to you with gratitude as we share this joyful feast.

Hymnal No. 553

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

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

...we bless you, God of glory, now and forever.

Hymnal No. 554

Amen. Amen. Amen.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE
COMMUNION MUSIC

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*SENDING SONG Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna! Hymnal, No. 248

*TAKING LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

*BLESSING AND CHARGE

CHORAL BENEDICTION

All Creatures of Our God and King

*POSTLUDE

Tocatta from Symphony No.5

Charles-Marie Widor

*Please rise in body or spirit.

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 May 13: Acts 1:15-17, 21-26; Psalm 1; 1 John 5:9-13; John 17:6-19.

The **Food and Shelter** item of the month for April is **pasta**. 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 Mike and Joan Cole.

Communion servers for today's service are Breanna Upton, Jessica Farris, Michael Yeager, Charlotte Lovett.

A **congregational meeting** will be held following worship on May 5. The purpose of the meeting is to elect two members to the Nominating Committee.

SUNDAY

April 21

9:30 A.M. – Easter Potluck & Egg hunt

10:55 A.M. – Easter Worship Service

TUESDAY

April 23

7:00 P.M. – Chancel Choir

WEDNESDAY

April 24

3:15 P.M. – Kids' Club

5:00 P.M. – Children's Choir

SUNDAY

April 28

9:30 A.M. – Sunday School

10:30 A.M. – Fellowship and Refreshments

10:55 A.M. – Worship Service

KNOWN JOYS & CONCERNS

Those who seek healing

Lola Carroll
Sandy Clarke
Jim Eckel
Laura Eckel
Doug Forsyth
Alice Lanning
Jayelle Martin
Joan Thraikill
Jona Thiessen
Karen Upton
Harry Wright
Darrell Hinson (Karen Upton's father)
Paul Gallagher (Karen Upton's biological father)
Carole Jo Evans (Tracy Evans' mother)

Those who Experienced Recent Loss

Betty Silman whose husband Bill Silman died on March 17.

Harry Wright whose daughter Tracy Garland died on March 30
Donna Vint, whose brother Gordon died February 2.

Seminary Student

Samuel McCann, Pittsburgh Theo. Seminary

We lift up in prayer the country of Cameroon and pray for the unrest our brothers and sisters are experiencing there.

Birthdays

April 23 – Flora Ngom

April 25 – David Lanning

April 28 – Becca Thraikill

Alison Baker

Anniversaries

April 21 – Steve & Angie Martin

As part of the **ecumenical prayer cycle**, we ask you to pray for a particular region of the world each week:
Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia

We are **thankful** for:

- the long history of Christianity in these lands
- Christians and Muslims who have witnessed to their faith during long years of repression and persecution
- positive developments these countries have undergone since the end of the Soviet era
- those who pursue peace and reconciliation in the face of old suspicions and animosities.

We **pray** for:

- greater respect for the human rights of all the peoples living in these countries
- just changes for those living in situations of poverty and discrimination
- the healing of past wrongs and distorted memories of what has occurred
- a prophetic witness of the churches in relation to new challenges
- the Georgian Orthodox Church, that it may rediscover a rich relationship with the family of churches worldwide.