

Memorial Presbyterian Church

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

2nd Sunday of Easter

April 24, 2022

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Alpha and Omega,
you who call us to repentance,
you who love us and save us from our sins—
give us the faith of our ancestors
who struggled with doubt
and endured trials
for the sake of your kingdom.
Breathe your Spirit on us
so that we can live out our calling
to share your peace with the whole world. Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

David Marvel, Organist

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Vince Leseney

God has been our strength and protection.

God has answered us and has become our salvation.

Praise God with drum and dance!

Praise God with strings and pipe!

Let us praise God, for God is good.

God's faithful love endures forever!

*SONG OF PRAISE

That Easter Day with Joy was Bright

Hymnal, No. 254

*CONFESSION AND PARDON

**O God, your love is boundless
and your grace exceeds our imaginations.
You keep finding ways to be among us,
even when the doors of our hearts are locked.
Graciously, you seek us out.**

**We cannot hide,
but we can confess that sin has us in its grip.**

**It has led us from your ways
and corrupted our best intentions,
tempting us to believe that you don't notice,
that you aren't even present.**

Correct our vision.

Cleanse our hearts.

**Create in us a place where we can welcome you
and receive the fullness
of what you have given us in Jesus Christ.**

(Time of silent reflection)

This is good news!

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

*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 Be to the Father

Hymnal, No. 581

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

Lucy Lanning

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 5:27-32

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The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSIVE PSALM

Psalms 118:14-29

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.

Save us, we beseech you, O Lord! O Lord, we beseech you, give us success!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. We bless you from the house of the Lord.

The Lord is God, and he has given us light. Bind the festal procession with branches, up to the horns of the altar.

You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God, I will extol you.

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

SCRIPTURE READING

John 20:19-31

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Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

Do You Believe This?

Tracy L. Evans

*SONG OF FAITH

We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight

Hymnal, No. 817

*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...O God of grace, **bless us with peace.**
The Lord's Prayer

Hymnal, p. 35

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Hymnal, No. 606

*DEDICATION PRAYER

FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*SENDING SONG Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Hymnal, No. 366

*BLESSING AND CHARGE

*POSTLUDE

*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 1: Acts 9:1-6 (7-20) and Psalm 30 or Isaiah 61:1-3 and Psalm 90:13-17; Revelations 5:11-14; John 21:1-19.

The Food & Shelter item of the month for **April is cereal**. 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.

254 That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright

1 That Eas - ter day with joy was bright; the sun shone
2 He bade them see his hands, his side, where yet the
3 From ev - ery weap - on death can wield, your own re -

out with fair - er light when, to their long - ing
glo - rious wounds a - bide, the to - kens true which
deemed for - ev - er shield; O Lord of all, with

eyes re - stored, the a - pos - tles saw their ris - en Lord.
made it plain their Lord in - deed was risen a - gain.
us a - bide in this our joy - ful Eas - ter - tide.

817 We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight

1 We walk by faith and not by sight; with
2 We may not touch your hands and side, nor
3 Help then, O Lord, our un - be - lief; and
4 And when our life of faith is done, in

gra - cious words draw near, O Christ, who spoke as
fol - low where you trod; but in your prom - ise
may our faith a - bound to call on you when
realms of clear - er light may we be - hold you

none e'er spoke: "My peace be with you here."
we re - joice and cry, "My Lord and God!"
you are near and seek where you are found.
as you are, with full and end - less sight.

366 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heaven, to
2 Breathe, O breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - ery
3 Come, Al - might - y, to de - liv - er; let us all thy
4 Fin - ish then thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less

earth come down, fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing; all thy
trou - bled breast; let us all in thee in - her - it; let us
life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -
let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -

faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion;
find the prom - ised rest. Take a - way the love of sin - ning;
more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing,
ly re - stored in thee: changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,

pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with
Al - pha and O - me - ga be; end of faith, as
serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee
till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our

thy sal - va - tion; en - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.
its be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.