

# Memorial Presbyterian Church

## SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter

April 27, 2025

Loving Jesus,  
in a broken and fearful world,  
you continue to reveal yourself to us each day,  
bringing your peace and the gift of the Holy Spirit.  
We seek to live a life worthy of these gifts,  
knowing that we can never repay you.  
You have been our steadfast companion.  
Guide us still, that we might follow you  
before any human authority  
and know the saving power of your love. Amen.

PRELUDE                      Sarabande for Easter Morning                      Herbert Howells

BRINGING THE LIGHT

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

God of peace, we enter this holy room knowing the gospel's cornerstones of grace and mercy are often rejected in our world.

**Yet we understand that rejection is not the end of the story.**

We know that those we have come to know as the builders and the rulers of the world do not have the final word.

**The Gospel of Grace is the Lord's doing.**

Despite powers and principalities, despite the clamoring of meanness and cruelty,

**this is the day that the Lord has made.**

Grace is the ground upon which we walk.

**Let us rejoice and be glad.**

\*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 for 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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

**PROCLAIMING THE WORD**

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING                      Samuel McCann

SCRIPTURE READING                      Page No. 900  
Acts 15:27-32  
The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSIVE PSALM                      Psalm 150

Praise the Lord!  
Praise God in his sanctuary;  
Praise him in his mighty firmament!  
**Praise him for his mighty deeds;**  
**Praise him according to his surpassing greatness!**  
Praise him with trumpet sound;  
Praise him with lute and harp!  
**Praise him with tambourine and dance;**  
**Praise him with strings and pipe!**  
Praise him with clanging cymbals;  
Praise him with loud clashing cymbals!  
**Let everything that breathes praise the Lord!**  
**Praise the Lord!**

ANTHEM                      The Morning Star Doth Shine

SCRIPTURE READING                      Page No. 883  
John 20:19-31  
The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE                      Wounds and Doubts                      Tracy L. Evans

\*SONG OF FAITH                      We Walk by Faith                      Hymnal, No. 817

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**We trust in Jesus Christ,**  
**fully human, fully God.**  
**Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:**  
**preaching good news to the poor**  
**and release to the captives,**  
**teaching by word and deed**  
**and blessing the children,**  
**healing the sick**

**and binding up the brokenhearted,  
eating with outcasts,  
forgiving sinners,  
and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.  
Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition,  
Jesus was crucified,  
suffering the depths of human pain  
and giving his life for the sins of the world.  
God raised this Jesus from the dead,  
vindicating his sinless life,  
breaking the power of sin and evil,  
delivering us from death to life eternal.**  
(from A Brief Statement of Faith)

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

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

LORD'S PRAYER

Hymnal, p. 35

*Please pray the Lord's Prayer  
in the language and wording most familiar to you.*

THE OFFERING

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

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD**

\*SENDING SONG          The Risen Christ          Hymnal, No. 257

\*BLESSING AND CHARGE

\*POSTLUDE          Postlude on This Joyful Eastertide          Jan Bender

\*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 4: Isaiah 43:16-21; Psalm 126; Philippians 3:4b-14; John 12:1-8.

The Food & Shelter items of the month for April are socks and deodorant. **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.

**Are you looking for a spiritual jumpstart?** You are invited to the weekly Wednesday Devotion, sponsored by the Task Force studying the creation of a new statewide Oklahoma Presbytery.

This is a weekly Zoom held on Wednesdays 9:30-10:00, each led by a different church leader from around the state. Join others from around the state in this.

Zoom link can be found on the Indian Nations Presbytery website at <http://www.okinp.org>

# 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 - jice and cry, "My Lord and God!"  
 you are near and seek where you are found.  
 as you are, with full - and end - less sight.

*Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.*

# The Risen Christ

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1 The ris - en Christ, who walks on wound - ed  
 2 The ris - en Christ, who stands with wound - ed  
 3 The ris - en Christ, who breaks with wound - ed  
 4 May we, Christ's bod - y, walk and serve and



feet from gar - den tomb through dark - ened cit - y  
 side, breathes out his Spir - it on them to a -  
 hand the bread for those who fail to un - der -  
 stand with the op - pressed in this and ev - ery



street, un - locks the door of grief, de - spair, and fear, and  
 bide whose faith still wa - vers, who dare not be - lieve; new  
 stand, re - veals him - self, de - spite their lin - gering tears, en -  
 land, till all are blessed and can a bless - ing be, re -



speaks a word of peace to all who hear.  
 grace, new strength, new pur - pose they re - ceive.  
 flames their hearts, then quick - ly dis - ap - pears.  
 stored in Christ to true hu - man - i - ty.