

Memorial

Presbyterian

Church

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

2nd Sunday of Easter April 3, 2016

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Christ Jesus, risen Savior, breathe on us with your Spirit and fill us with your peace. Enter into our doubt and fear and touch us with your grace. Bless us with the faith to proclaim that you are our Lord and God, risen from the dead.

Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE Hyfrydol Ralph Vaughan Williams

BRINGING THE LIGHT

*CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 150

Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed!

Alleluia! Celebrate God in this sacred space!

Celebrate God in all places under heaven!

Give praise for God's mighty deeds!

Give praise for God's resurrecting power!

Praise God with a fanfare of trumpets.

Praise God with the harp and the cello!

Praise God with tambourines and dancing!

Praise God with flutes and guitars!

Praise God with cymbals and drums!

Let everything with life and breath praise God!

*SONG OF PRAISE Christ Has Risen While Earth Slumbers

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*CALL TO CONFESSION

*ADMITTING OUR BROKENNESS

God of everlasting life, we confess that we continue in the ways of death. You offer us your forgiveness, yet we refuse to forgive others. You show us signs of resurrection, yet still we fail to believe. Forgive us, God of grace. Fill us with your Holy Spirit and send us out in mission to proclaim your reconciling love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

*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.

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 5:27-32 Page No. 889

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

John 20:19-31 Page No. 883

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE Proof Tracy L. Evans

*SONG OF PRAISE Here, O Our Lord, We See You 517

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe that God's
life-giving Word and Spirit
has conquered the powers
of sin and death,
and therefore also
of irreconciliation and hatred,
bitterness and enmity,
that God's life-giving Word and Spirit
will enable the church to live
in a new obedience
which can open new possibilities of life

for society and the world.

Adapted from the Confession of Belhar

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

The Lord's Prayer Hymnal, p. 35

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY Lord of Glory Charles Ore

*DOXOLOGY Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow 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.

Therefore we praise you, joining the song of the universal church and the heavenly choir...

...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.

Remembering your goodness and grace, we offer ourselves to you with gratitude as we share this joyful feast.

...Great is the mystery of faith:

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

Make us to be your holy kingdom, your royal priesthood, worshiping and serving you with praise and thanksgiving as we wait for the glorious coming of Christ, the Alpha and Omega.

Through the Lord Jesus Christ, in the unity of the Spirit, we bless you, God of glory, now and forever.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

COMMUNION MUSIC Word of God Speak

Vince Leseney

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*TAKING LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

*BLESSING AND CHARGE

CHORAL BENEDICTION Peace of God Be with You

*POSTLUDE Christ has Arisen Gloria!

*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 10: Acts 9:1-6 (7-20); Psalms 30; Revelation 5:11-14; John 21:1-19.

The **Urban Mission** 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 ushers.

Ushers for today's service are Jessica and Will Farris.

Communion servers for today's service are Julie Forthman, Ann Forsyth, Lucy Lanning and Loreen Upton .

Spaghetti Lunch! Plan to stay after worship and enjoy a spaghetti lunch on **April 24th**.

April 24th, Silent auction! The Auction is opened to everyone so bring a friend!

Proceeds to benefit youth camps & conferences. Items will be on display for bidding at 9:30am and will end after the spaghetti lunch.

Samuel McCann will be offering a Sunday School class on Africa, with emphasis on Cameroon. The 4-week class will begin next Sunday.

SUNDAY April 3

9:30 A.M. – Sunday School

10:30 A.M. – Fellowship and Refreshments

10:55 A.M. – Worship Service with Communion

WEDNESDAY April 6

3:15 P.M. – Kids' Club

5:00 P.M. - Children's Choir

6:30 P.M. - Chancel Choir

THURSDAY April 7

10:30 A.M. – Bible Study in Library

SUNDAY April 10

9:30 A.M. – Sunday School

10:30 A.M. – Fellowship and Refreshments

10:55 A.M. - Worship Service

5:00 P.M. – M. Y. Group