

Memorial Presbyterian Church

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

2nd Sunday of Easter

April 12, 2026

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Holy God, we sing your praises.
You have brought us new life and freed us for love.
Shake us free of anything that inhibits us
from living fully as your new creation.
Help us to live into your resurrection
in relationships mended, wounds healed,
communities restored, and wrongs made right,
that we might reach for your hand
and to witness together,
"My Lord and my God!" Amen.

PRELUDE

Prelude in C Major

J. S. Bach

BRINGING THE LIGHT

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**The whole creation rejoices;
the birds sing from every tree.**

Alleluia! Christ is in our midst!

**Babies babble with sounds of joy;
words cannot express our overflowing hearts.**

Alleluia! Christ is our light forever!

**Breathing peace on us in these moments;
surrounding us with grace and hope.**

*SONG OF PRAISE

Christ the Lord is Risen Today!

Hymnal, No. 245

*CONFESSION AND PARDON

**Eternal God,
your Word teaches us that whether we live or whether we die,
we are yours.**

Forgive us for forgetting your gracious promise of life.

We live in fear, thinking death has the final say.

We follow our own ways

rather than your life-giving path in Jesus Christ.

Help us put our trust in you,

our God who has the power of life over death.

We believe, Lord; help our unbelief.

In the name of Jesus Christ,

risen from the dead never to die again,

we pray. Amen.

(Time for silent reflection)

The scriptures teach: "If you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved."

We confess that Jesus is Lord and we believe and celebrate the good news that God raised him from the dead.

Trust in this promise: In Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Thanks be to God! **Alleluia!**

*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 (x3)
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

SCRIPTURE READING

Page No. 983

I Peter 1:3-9

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSIVE PSALM

Psalms 16

Protect me, O God, for in you I take refuge.

I say to the Lord, "You are my Lord;

I have no good apart from you."

As for the holy ones in the land, they are the noble ones
in whom is all my delight.

**Those who choose another god multiply their sorrows;
their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out
or take their names upon my lips.**

The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup;
you hold my lot.

**The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places;
I have a goodly heritage.**

I bless the Lord, who gives me counsel;
in the night also my heart instructs me.

**I keep the Lord always before me;
because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.**

Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices;
my body also rests secure.

**For you do not give me up to Sheol
or let your faithful one see the Pit.**

You show me the path of life.

**In your presence there is fullness of joy;
in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.**

ANTHEM Christ the Lord is Risen Today Johnson Wesley

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

MESSAGE Alleluia! Now What? 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/PRAVERS OF THE PEOPLE

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. 609

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures high and low.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise God, in Jesus fully known:
Creator, Word, and Spirit one.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*SENDING SONG Christ is Alive! Hymnal, No. 246

*BLESSING AND CHARGE

*POSTLUDE Allegro George F. Handel

*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. Membership in this church is a step made by profession of faith, reaffirmation of faith or transfer of church letter.

Lectionary Readings for April 19: Acts 2:14a, 36-41; Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19; 1 Peter 1:17-23; Luke 24:13-35

The Food & Shelter items for April are applesauce and pudding. **Please place your donations in the box by the church information table.**