

Thank You To Our Participants In Worship Today

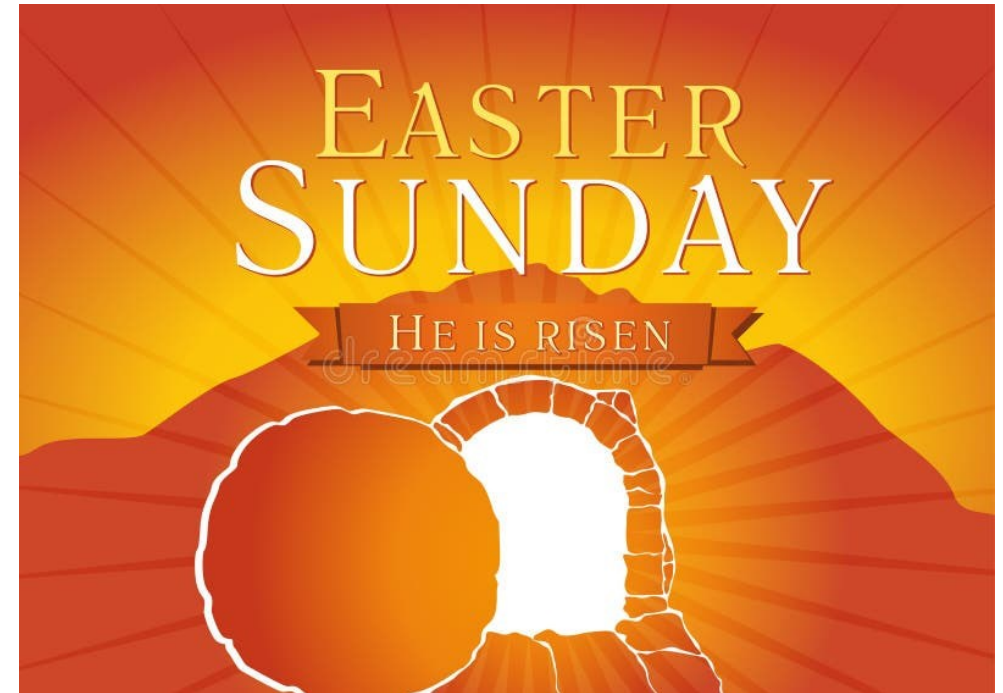
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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE

April 20, 2025 7:00 AM

Building Relationships; Sharing God's Love



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PRELUDE *Blessed Assurance* Arr. Franklin Ritter

GREETING

In the nighttime of our sin, the grace of God rises like the dawn.

In the coldness of our hearts, hope rises like the sun.

Into all that is cold and shadowed in our lives, the light of God shines.

From the sleep of sin and the dust of our death

O God of grace, shine your light upon us!

Come to us, and renew us, O God of life!

May the light of Christ, rising in glory,
dispel the darkness of our hearts and minds.

Thanks be to God for the light of Christ. Alleluia!

This is the Passover of Christ, the victory of love
over sin and death, evil and violence.

Thanks be to God for the life of Christ. Alleluia!

OLD TESTAMENT READING

From Exodus 14: 10 – 15: 21 pp.108-111

PRAYER

God of life, from all that oppresses, set us free.

From the wounds that paralyze us and the sorrows that will not heal,

God of Life, set us free!

From the tyranny of our fear, from the grip of envy and shame,

God of Life, set us free!

From the power of sin, and all that keeps us from you,

God of Life, set us free!

From the lure of evil and violence, from all our hurtful ways,

God of Life, set us free!

from our slavery to the darkness, into your gracious light,

God of Life, set us free, and grant us your grace! Amen.

BLESSING

God of Love, you have raised Jesus from death to life!

Lead us always into newness of life.

Light of Christ, rising in glory,

be the light of our hearts!

Spirit of Resurrection, grant us your grace.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE *Rejoice, the Lord is King* James Mansfield



BAPTISMAL RENEWAL

When the sun rose upon the empty tomb,
 it brought a new day,
 Everything was changed:
 there was a new Creation.
 God of resurrection,
 by the light of Christ's rising,
 grant us a new day.
 By the mystery of your grace,
 raise us up to new life
 in the Spirit of Christ.
 All of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus
 were baptized into his death.
 Therefore, we have been buried with him
 by baptism into death,
 so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead
 by the glory of God,
 so we too might walk in newness of life.
 By God's great mercy,
 God has given us a new birth into a living hope
 through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,
 and into an inheritance
 that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading.
 Blessed be God!

PRAYER OF BLESSING

Beloved Mystery, you have raised Christ from the dead, and with Christ you have raised us into new lives. Give us faith to continually die with Christ—surrendering our lives to you— so that we might be raised with Christ. May the wonderful mystery of resurrection give light to our days, courage to our love, and hope to our hearts. We thank you for the gift of life, made always new. This is the day you are creating, and we rejoice in it! Alleluia!

PSALTER (Psalm 107: 1-2, 10-15)

O give thanks to the Holy One, for God is good.

God's steadfast love endures forever!

Let the redeemed of the Holy One say so,
 whom God has redeemed from trouble.

**We sat in darkness and in gloom, prisoners in
 misery and in irons,**

for we had rebelled against the words of God,
 and spurned the counsel of the Most High.

**Our hearts were bowed down with hard labor;
 we fell down, with no one to help.**

Then we cried to God in our trouble,
 and God saved us from our distress.

**God brought us out of darkness and gloom,
 and broke our bonds asunder.**

**Oh God, we thank you for your steadfast love,
 for your wonderful works to humankind.**

ACCLAMATION

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! ALLELUIA!

The stone has been rolled away!

**The stone the builders rejected has become
 the cornerstone.**

The tomb where they laid him is empty.

This is the work of God, wonderful in our eyes!

To the one whom everyone scorned, we give our praise!

The Gentle One is victorious,

the Innocent One over the powers of this world.

Christ, on your cross, our life and death have struggled.

But Love has overpowered death itself.

Christ, in your grave, our sins lay dead and defeated.

The Sun of our life has risen, and brought us into glory.

Christ, in your rising, we are brought to life.

Victorious Savior, have mercy on us all! Alleluia!

MEDITATION

The Living Among the Dead

~Rev. Dr. Phillip A. Hagen

HYMN #265

Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun

THE PRAYERS

On this most holy night, our Lord has acted. Raised with Christ,
let us boldly offer our prayers for the whole people of God.

A brief silence.

Let your holy church rejoice, for Christ has risen! We rejoice with the
newly baptized this night. Renew us all in our baptismal covenant
and put your Spirit within us. Risen Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

All creation bears your image and sings you praise. Preserve the works
of your hands—day and night, sea and land, plants and trees, birds,
and every living creature. Inspire in us a renewed care for the world
you have called very good. Risen Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

You shatter tyranny and oppression and liberate your people
from bondage. Rise up with might against tyrants and dictators.
Grant wisdom to world leaders, that your reign of justice and
freedom comes to all. Risen Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

You break the chains of death and bring us up from the grave.
Enter places of despair and breathe new life where hope wanes.
Reconcile fractured relationships. Rescue us from all that ensnares
us. Enliven our dry bones so we can live. Risen Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

You give your people a heart of flesh in place of a heart of stone.
Soften our hearts to the needs around us. Strengthen the ministries
of care of this congregation and turn us outward to love and serve
our neighbors. Risen Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Silence

We know that Christ is raised and dies no more. With thanksgiving,
we lift our voices with the saints of every time and place around God's
eternal throne. Risen Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Rejoicing in the victory of Christ's resurrection, we lift our prayers
and praise to you, almighty and eternal God; through Jesus Christ,
our risen Lord.

Amen.