

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE  
April 5, 2026 7:00 a.m.  
Building Relationships; Sharing God's Love**



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**PRELUDE**

*He is Risen*

arr. Rebecca Parkinson

**GREETING AND INTRODUCTION**

Grace and peace to you from Jesus Christ our Lord.  
My brothers and sisters in Christ:  
On this most holy morning  
in which Jesus Christ passed over from death to life,  
we gather as the Church to watch and pray.  
This is the Passover of Christ,  
in which we share in Christ's victory over death.

**OPENING PRAYER**

God of life,  
through Jesus Christ  
you have bestowed upon the world the light of life.  
Sanctify this new fire,  
and grant that our hearts and minds may also be kindled  
with holy desire to shine forth with the brightness of Christ's rising,  
that we may attain to the feast of everlasting light;  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**LIGHTING OF THE PASCHAL CANDLE**

The light of Christ rises in glory,  
overcoming the darkness of sin and death.  
**Christ is our light!**

**HYMN #254**

*That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright*

**HYMN #245**

*Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!*

**SENDING FORTH**

**DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING**

We are sent forth in the power of Christ's resurrection. Alleluia!  
The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,  
and the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit,  
be with you all. Amen.

**POSTLUDE**

*Lift Up Your Heads*

by David Paxton



*Thank You To Our Participants In Worship Today*

Usher ~ Karen Narus

**EPISTLE LESSON:** Romans 6:3–11

**GOSPEL LESSON:** Matthew 28:1-10

**Holy Week with Thomas Merton**

**SERMON**            The Power of the Cross            Rev. Dr. Phillip A. Hagen

**HYMN #664**                            *Morning Has Broken*

## **COMMUNION**

### **Opening Proclamation**

Christ is risen!

**He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

### **Invitation to the Table**

On this Resurrection morning, we gather at this table to celebrate the victory of life over death, light over darkness, and love over fear. The tomb is empty; Christ is here.

### **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

We praise you, Creator God, that you have brought life out of death. As the sun rises, we celebrate your risen Son, who feed us with his own life. Pour out your Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and cup, that they may be for us the body of blood of Christ, uniting us as one in his resurrection.

### **The Institution and Sharing**

On the night he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, gave thanks, broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

### **Communion Prayer**

Lord of Life, you have delivered us from the power of the enemy. Grant that we may die daily to sin, and live with you in the joy of your risen life, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## **EASTER PROCLAMATION**

"Rejoice, heavenly powers! Sing, choirs of angels!  
Exult, all creation around God's throne!  
Jesus Christ, our King, is risen!  
Sound the trumpet of salvation!

Rejoice, O earth, in shining splendor,  
radiant in the brightness of your King!  
Christ has conquered! Glory fills you!  
Darkness vanishes forever!

This is the morning when Christians everywhere,  
washed clean of sin and freed from all defilement,  
are restored to grace and grow together in holiness.  
This is the morning when Jesus Christ  
broke the chains of death  
and rose triumphant from the grave."

## **THE SERVICE OF THE WORD**

### **INTRODUCTION**

Let us hear the record of God's saving deeds in history,  
and pray that each of us may receive the fullness of this grace.

### **THE CREATION**

With a word, God creates order out of the primeval, watery chaos.  
God's good creation reaches its pinnacle in humankind,  
the bearer of God's image.

**OLD TESTAMENT LESSON:** Genesis 1:1 –2:4a

*Silence*

**Almighty God, you wonderfully created, yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature. Grant that we may share the divine life of the One who shared our humanity, Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

## **THE COVENANT BETWEEN GOD AND THE EARTH**

God causes the earth, overcome by sin, to be drowned in a watery deluge.  
Yet in Noah and his family, God saves a remnant  
and binds all together in a covenant with the sign of a rainbow.

Almighty God of heaven and earth, you set in the clouds a rainbow  
to be a sign of your covenant with every living creature.

Grant that we may be faithful stewards  
of the dominion you have entrusted to us on earth,  
according to your grace given to us through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

Gracious God of all believers, through Abraham's trust in your promise  
you made known your faithful love to countless numbers.

By the grace of Christ's sacrifice,  
fulfill in your Church and in all creation  
the joy of your promise and new covenant. Amen.

## **ISRAEL'S DELIVERANCE AT THE RED SEA**

The ruler who kept God's people in slavery  
pursues them to the Red Sea as they try to escape.

Despite a hopeless situation, God rescues God's people,  
leading them on dry land through the parted sea  
and closing the waters on their former masters.

Miriam then sings a song about God's marvelous deliverance.

God our Savior, as once you delivered by the power of your mighty arm  
your chosen Israel through the waters of the sea,  
so now deliver your Church and all the peoples of the earth  
from bondage and oppression, to rejoice and serve you in freedom;  
Through Jesus Christ our Deliverer. Amen.

## **SALVATION OFFERED FREELY TO ALL**

The prophet Isaiah issues an invitation of abundant life  
to the hungry and thirsty.

Creator of all things,  
you freely offer water to the thirsty and food to the hungry.  
Refresh us by the water of baptism  
and feed us with the bread and wine of your table,  
that your Word may bear fruit in our lives,  
and bring us all to your heavenly banquet;  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **A NEW HEART AND A NEW SPIRIT**

God of holiness and light, in the mystery of dying and rising with Christ  
you have established a new covenant of reconciliation.

Cleanse our hearts and give a new spirit to all your people,  
that your saving grace may be made known to the whole world;  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **NEW LIFE FOR GOD'S PEOPLE**

The prophet Ezekiel sees a vision:

God will take the dry bones of God's people,  
reconnect them, breathe into them, and restore them to life.

Eternal God, you raised from the dead our Lord Jesus  
and by your Holy Spirit, brought to life your Church.

Breathe upon us again with your spirit and give new life to your people;  
Through the same Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.

## **BURIED AND RAISED WITH CHRIST IN BAPTISM**

The apostle Paul reminds us that in Christ we have already died,  
drowned in baptism.

Yet we who have died are raised to newness of life.