

EASTER SUNDAY

Resurrection of the Lord

March 24, 2008

PRELUDE

Lift Up Your Heads

Paxton

*CALL TO WORSHIP

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

(the following based on Psalm 118:1-2,14-24)

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever!

His steadfast love endures forever.

The Lord is my strength and my might; he has become my salvation.

There are glad songs of victory in the tents of the righteous.

I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the Lord.

The Lord has punished me severely, but he did not give me over to death.

Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD.

This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it.

I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.

The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes!

This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN

"The Day of Resurrection"

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CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord, you are our strength and our might; you have become our salvation. Alleluia! We praise you, living God, we who were dead have been raised with Christ, and we seek the things that are above, where Christ is. We do so imperfectly, Lord – bearing wounds of our own, hindered by doubt and fear, unsure where to look for you, still tempted to sin. The prophets testify that everyone who believes in you receives forgiveness of sins through your name. This day we rejoice in the pardon and hope you give to us. Dry our tears, O God. Speak to us a word that reveals your

presence. Open to us the gates of righteousness that we may enter through them, giving thanks and praise to you.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*GLORIA PATRI

ANTHEM

Resurrection Medley

Pethel

THE WORD

READING OF THE GOSPEL

Matthew 28:1-10

This is the Gospel of our Risen Lord
Praise be to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

SERMON

Reverend Georgia N. King

* HYMN

"Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"

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*AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We are not alone - we live in God's world.

***We believe in God: who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make us new,
who works in us and others by the Spirit.***

We trust in God.

***We are called to be the Church,
to celebrate God's presence,
to live with respect in creation,***

to love and serve others,

to seek justice and resist evil,

to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,

our Judge and our Hope.

In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us.

We are not alone. Thanks be to God.

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

THE EUCHARIST

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERATORY

Go To Dark Gethsemane

Barnett

*THE DOXOLOGY

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

PRAYER OF GREAT THANKSGIVING

The peace of the Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Loving and Compassionate God, . . . evermore praising thee, saying:

Holy, holy, holy, Lord,

God of power and might,

Heaven and earth are full of your glory,

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord,

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

Eternal God, we trust in you. . . and his coming again in triumph we await.

Come Lord Jesus, come.

We remember, worthy is your Lamb, the Lamb that was slain, to receive all power and wealth, wisdom and might, honor and glory and praise . . . proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

Loving God, . . . who taught us to pray together:

Our Father...

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

All who are baptized in the name of our Risen Lord Jesus Christ are invited to God's table.

(Please hold the elements until all have been served that we might partake as one.)

COMMUNION HYMN

(During the serving of communion we will sing the hymn as follows)

***Alleluia, alleluia. Give thanks to the risen Christ,
Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to God's name.***

***Jesus is Lord of all the earth, first born of all creation.
Alleluia, alleluia. Give thanks to the risen Christ,
Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to God's name.***

***Spread the good news o'er all the earth: Jesus has died and is risen.
Alleluia, alleluia. Give thanks to the risen Christ,
Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to God's name.***

***We have been crucified with Christ, now we shall live for ever.
Alleluia, alleluia. Give thanks to the risen Christ,
Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to God's name.***

***Come let us praise the living Christ, joyfully sing to our savior.
Alleluia, alleluia. Give thanks to the risen Christ,
Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to God's name.***

AND EASTER AFFIRMATION

There was darkness over the earth before creation;

There is darkness in the womb before birth;

The seed grows in darkness before it meets the light;

There is darkness in the tomb before resurrection.

But now Christ is risen!

The dawn has come

A new creation has commenced

The world is born anew.

Christ is Risen.

HE IS RISEN INDEED!

Thanks be to God!

ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA! AMEN!

* HYMN

"Lift High the Cross"

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BLESSING and BENEDICTION

CLOSING RESPONSE

I Will Call Upon The Lord

I will call upon the Lord, I will call upon the Lord, who is worthy to be praised, who is worthy to be praised. So shall I be saved from my enemies, So shall I be saved from my enemies. I will call upon the Lord, I will call upon the Lord. The Lord liveth, and blessed be the Rock; and let the God of my salvation be exalted. The Lord liveth, and blessed be the Rock; and let the God of my salvation be exalted.

CHORAL RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

Glory to Our Risen Lord

Blake

Announcements

Welcome to all who worship with us this morning. Visitors and members are asked to please sign the Ritual of Friendship pad. Thank you for worshipping with us!

Wednesday, March 26th, Choir practice will begin at 7:00.

Flowers have been placed in the Sanctuary this morning by Julia Kasch in honor of Steve Kasch.

Helping Hands contribution for April is Pork and Beans or canned fruit.

The Reverend Georgia N. King, Pastor, Organist-Choir Director- Mrs. Pat Petty

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sun. April 6 9:15 a.m. Adult Sunday School Class – Fellowship Hall
10:30 a.m. Morning Worship

OFFICE HOURS

Dara Garlington, Secretary Monday to Friday. 9:00-12:00

The office will be closed March 24th the Easter Holiday.

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