

**SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY**

April 4, 2021

Easter Sunday

10:00 AM

**PRELUDE** *Majesty* Jack Heyford

**LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE & POURING THE BAPTISMAL WATERS**

*Worship is marked by lighting the Christ candle, a reminder that Christ is present among us. The pouring of the water reminds us that in baptism we are cleansed, delivered, raised, forgiven, reborn, anointed, restored, and strengthened for a life of faith.*

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS & PASSING THE PEACE**

**INTROIT** *What Wondrous Love Is This*

**CALL TO WORSHIP** Liturgist: Abraham Roos

Leader: He is risen!

**People:** He is risen indeed!

Leader: How many times can we say it?

**People:** Every hour of every day we should shout it so all can hear.

Leader: So shout it out! He is risen!

**People:** He is risen indeed!

**\*HYMN #232** *Jesus Christ is Risen Today* Easter Hymn

**PRAYER OF ADORATION (Unison)**

What can we say except, "Thank you God!" Thank you for the New Life you gave us in Jesus Christ. Thank you that even death does not defeat your love for us. Thank you that you live with us here and now. Thank you for the precious gift of life with you. All praise and honor be yours!

**CHORAL RESPONSE #582** *Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me*

*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. (sing this vs. 3x)  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.*

**NEW TESTAMENT READING** Acts 10:34-43

**PSALTER** Psalm 118

Psalter Response: "This is the day the Lord has made, Let us rejoice and be glad!"

**ANTHEM** *Canticle for Easter Day*

**GOSPEL READING** Mark 16:1-8

**SERMON** *The Everyday Miracle of Easter*

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (From: The Confession of 1967)

Life in Christ is life eternal. The resurrection of Jesus is God's sign that he will consummate God's work of creation and reconciliation beyond death and bring to fulfillment the new life begun in Christ.

**JOYS AND CONCERNS  
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE  
OFFERING**

Offertory *Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring* J.S. Bach

**SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

Invitation to the Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving and Lord's Prayer (debts)

One: At this Easter celebration, we offer our gifts of gratitude and praise to you... we join our voices with those of the Church on earth and in heaven, singing:

**All: 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.**

One: Lord God, we come to you as the women came to the tomb expecting to find death... we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**All: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

One: Lord Jesus Christ, risen from the grave and present with us now... Hear our voices as together we pray,...

**All: Our Father, who art in heaven...Amen.**

Words of Institution

Distribution of the Elements

Communion Hymn #238 *Thine is the Glory* Judas Maccabeus

Prayer

**\*HYMN #611** *Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee* Hymn To Joy

**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**\* BENEDICTION RESPONSE** (with brass)

**\*POSTLUDE**

*Hallelujah Chorus*

G. F. Handel

**Today's Prayers:** The family of Ron Schnitker, Ann Marie Montgomery, Bill Titus, Dale LaPointe, Marsha Foster, Mary Frances Moss, Jason Sybert, along with all those on the front line sacrificing so much for the rest of us, all teachers, all victims of abuse, racial inequalities, all those adversely affected by the Covid-19 and for our nation.

**We thank the following brass players for joining us and sharing their gifts of music.**

The Sextet members are:

Trumpet 1: **Brian Kuderik**

Trombone 1: **Maria Eley**

Trumpet 2: **Gerhard Hofer**

Trombone 2: **Michael Borjas**

Tuba: **Elliott Nickeson**

Horn: **Ronald Koch**



In 1620 Pastor John Robinson sent the Pilgrims off to America with a final sermon in which he talked about "more light." He believed that God wants us to be continually open to hearing new things from God's Word in the Bible. A "More Light"

Presbyterian church welcomes lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender persons to full participation in the life, ministry, and witness of the congregation. We work to expand the inclusiveness of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).

**Christ Welcomes All!**

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***The Everyday Miracle of Easter***

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It's time for the Presbyterian Women's Birthday Offering...one of two special offerings of Presbyterian Women. This year there are three major projects for large amounts!

- The first is Golden Gate Ranch in Des Moines, Iowa...a Christian organization that provides for housing and restorative & transitional services for women who have been sexually exploited and their children. Housing is already in place and this grant is to provide an education center for programming, therapeutic services and vocations rehabilitation Requested amount is \$150,000.
- Memorial Drive Ministries in Stone Mountain, Georgia will be the second recipient. Seven churches, including the Presbytery of Greater Atlanta support these ministries which provide a place of welcome to diverse worshiping communities and services. This grant will replace a desperately needed roof to replace one that leaks where after-school activities take place. \$77,061
- A mission hospital in Malawi, Africa is the third recipient. This grant will provide funds for a women's health center .... area specifically for women's services adjacent to the existing hospital. \$129,145.

Please support this offering by making a check out to Presbyterian Women with "birthday offering" in the memo. Checks can be dropped off at the church or sent to treasurer Alyce Platz. Thanks for your generosity.

## **Jesus Christ Is Risen Today**

1. Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia! Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!  
Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia! Suffer to redeem our loss, Alleluia!
2. Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia! Unto Christ, our heavenly King,  
Alleluia! Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia! Sinners to redeem and  
save, Alleluia!
3. But the pains which he endured, Alleluia! Our salvation have procured,  
Alleluia! Now above the sky he's King, Alleluia! Where the angels ever sing.  
Alleluia!
4. Sing we to our God above, Alleluia! Praise eternal as God's love. Alleluia!  
Praise our God, ye heavenly host, Alleluia! Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.  
Alleluia!

## **Thine Is the Glory**

1. Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son; endless is the victory thou o'er  
death hast won. Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away, kept the  
folded grave-clothes where the body lay. Thine is the glory, risen, conquering  
Son; endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.
2. Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb; lovingly he greets us, scatters fear  
and gloom. Let the church with gladness hymns of triumph sing, for the Lord  
now liveth; death hath lost its sting. Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son;  
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.
3. No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life! Life is naught without thee;  
aid us in our strife. Make us more than conquerors through thy deathless  
love; bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above. Thine is the glory,  
risen, conquering Son; endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.

## **Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee**

1. Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love! Hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above. Melt the clouds of sins and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away. Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.
2. All thy works with joy surround thee; earth and heaven reflect thy rays; stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise. Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea, chanting bird and flowing fountain, calls us to rejoice in thee.
3. Thou are giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest. Wellspring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest! Thou our Father, Christ our Brother, all who live in love are thine; Teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.
4. Mortals, join the happy chorus which the mornings stars began. Love divine is reigning o'er us, joining all in heaven's plan. Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife. Joyful music leads us sunward in the triumph song of life.

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### Easter Lilies



In memory of Bob, Marilyn, and Steve Beattie from the Tom Beattie family.

In memory of our parents: Nancy & Bill Ainslie and Jeanne & Donald Dunn by Susan and Chris Dunn.

## **Week of April 4 thru April 11**

<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>7:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Sunrise Worship Service in our Courtyard</b>
	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Worship Service w/receiving of OGHs offering</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Mission Meeting via Zoom</b>
	<b>5:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Lectionary Bible Study via Zoom</b>
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>5:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Worship Meeting via Zoom</b>
	<b>6:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Choral Choir rehearsal</b>
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Worship Service via Facebook</b>
	<b>1:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Building raised beds in the Community Garden – Intergenerational Event</b>

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### **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION - Sunday Afternoon Gatherings**

The newly created **Youth Council** (The CE Committee, the Youth Advisors, and the Youth) have planned programs, activities, gatherings, and studies for young and old, some in-person (at a safe distance and masked) and some on-line. You are **ALL INVITED EVERY SUNDAY AFTERNOON AT 1 PM!**



**April 4- Easter Celebrations in your own homes.**

**April 11- Service Project- Building Garden Beds** – Join us as we gather together to build five raised beds for the community garden. We will gather at 1 p.m. on our Green Space with Corky Dunsmore & Dar Bevelhmer.



**April 18- Confirmation Class:** What Does it Mean to Show Christ's Love? In Fellowship Hall