

Trinity Presbyterian Church
April 9, 2023 A.D.
RESURRECTION OF THE LORD, JESUS CHRIST

Rev. Dr. Murray Joseph Thompson - Pastor

Gathering Music
Welcome & Announcements
Prelude

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

P: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

L: May his grace and peace be with you.

P: May he fill our hearts with joy.

The Morning Anthem

***PRAYER OF ADORATION**

ALL: On this Easter day we gather as a community of faith, O God, to sing our alleluias. Christ is risen, bringing a deadening world to new life. As we celebrate this good news with joy and gladness, clothe us with the splendor of your compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Above all, make us bearers of your love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. We pray in the name of the one who makes all things new. Amen.

***Hymn - #123 "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"**

CALL TO CONFESSION

In spite of God's love for us and the gift of love to us, we often act in destructive and hateful ways. We close our hearts to God and disobey God's law. Together, let us confess our sin.

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered the power of sin and death. We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death. We overlook the poor and the hungry and pass by those who mourn; we are deaf to the cries of the oppressed and indifferent to the calls for peace; we despise the weak and abuse the earth you made. Forgive us, God of mercy. Help us to trust your power to change our lives and make us new, that we may know the joy of life abundant given in Jesus Christ the risen Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON - (Pastor)

God hears the confession of our hearts and lips. Through Jesus Christ we are forgiven all our sins, and by the Holy Spirit we are empowered for new life. Believe the good news. Amen.

Our Response *What a Friend We have in Jesus

What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear! What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer! O what peace we often forfeit, O what needless pain we bear, all because

Children's Moment

Reception of New Member - Grayson McKinley

The Morning Scripture Lesson: **1 Corinthians 15:1-11**

The Resurrection of Christ

15 Now, brothers and sisters, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, which you received and on which you have taken your stand. ² By this gospel you are saved, if you hold firmly to the word I preached to you. Otherwise, you have believed in vain.

³ For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance^[a]: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, ⁴ that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, ⁵ and that he appeared to Cephas,^[b] and then to the Twelve. ⁶ After that, he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers and sisters at the same time, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep. ⁷ Then

he appeared to James, then to all the apostles, ⁸ and last of all he appeared to me also, as to one abnormally born.

⁹ For I am the least of the apostles and do not even deserve to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰ But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace to me was not without effect. No, I worked harder than all of them—yet not I, but the grace of God that was with me. ¹¹ Whether, then, it is I or they, this is what we preach, and this is what you believed.

Mark 16:1-8 Jesus Has Risen

16 When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices so that they might go to anoint Jesus' body. ² Very early on the first day of the week, just after sunrise, they were on their way to the tomb ³ and they asked each other, "Who will roll the stone away from the entrance of the tomb?"

⁴ But when they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had been rolled away. ⁵ As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man dressed in a white robe sitting on the right side, and they were alarmed.

⁶ "Don't be alarmed," he said. "You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid him. ⁷ But go, tell his disciples and Peter, 'He is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you.'"

⁸ Trembling and bewildered, the women went out and fled from the tomb. They said nothing to anyone, because they were afraid.^[a]

Sermon: **"And so It Begins . . ."**

*Hymn - **#113 "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today"**

The Invitation to Communion (Elements to be served Plated)

Presentation of Tithes & Offerings

Offertory

*Doxology (Hymn #592)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow, Praise him all creatures here below. Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

*Sending forth and Benediction

*Choral response

God be with You Till We Meet Again

God be with you till we meet again, by his counsels guide, uphold you, with His sheep securely fold you, God be with you till we meet again. Till we meet, till we meet, till we meet at Jesus' feet; till we meet, till we meet, God be with you till we meet again.

*Hymn - #302 "*I Danced in the Morning*"

Postlude

Liturgist: Ella Fleschut

Sololist: Jessica Starcher

Head Deacons: Michele Steele & Chuck Borland

Rev. Dr. Murray Joseph Thompson

Music Director: Pamela Carroll

The flowers today are dedicated to the glory of God in honor of Ella Fleschut's 18th birthday April 8th.



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