

MORNING WORSHIP

April 20, 2025

Half past Ten O' Clock

Easter Sunday

*When the organ begins, please prepare for worship through silent prayer and meditation.
Following the service, greet one another with joy and affection!*

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

TIME OF MEDITATION AND REFLECTION

+WELCOME AND NOTICES

PRELUDE

Look, Ye Saints, the Sight is Glorious
Rebecca Ray and Vasily Gorkovoy, violin;
Courtney Guthrie, viola; Matthew Lavin, cello

Wesley Peters

THE RESURRECTION NARRATIVE

Luke 24:1-12

On the first day of the week, at early dawn, they went to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over to the hands of sinners and be crucified and on the third day rise again." Then they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

CHORAL INTROIT

"Since by Man Came Death"
Chancel Choir, Quartet, and Gay Pappin, Organist

from *Messiah*, G.H. Händel

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The stone is rolled away. The tomb is empty.
He is not here, for Christ is risen.

People: Christ is risen, Alleluia!

Leader: Let all creation be amazed.

People: Christ is risen, Alleluia!

Leader: Let us sing to God above.

People: Christ is risen, Alleluia!

Leader: Alleluia!

People: Alleluia!

+*HYMN 232

"Jesus Christ is Risen Today"

EASTER HYMN

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Holy God, forgive us for being afraid. We are full of fear— afraid of the unknown, of what we can't control, of what is strange to us. Almighty God, an empty tomb is unnerving. Fear stops us in our tracks, hinders our action, and justifies our meanness, greed, isolation, and doubt. Mostly, fear prevents us from doing what You have called us to do. Give us courage to go and share the Good News; in raising Jesus from the grave, You shattered the power of sin and death. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Romans 8:37-39

Leader: Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel!

People: **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!**

*SUNG RESPONSE HYMN 611

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

HYMN TO JOY

**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 sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.**

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

A MESSAGE FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

Immediately following the Message for Young Disciples, children age four through second grade are invited to Children's Chapel.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Isaiah 25:6-10, pew Bible pg. 639

SERMON

"Let Us Be Glad and Rejoice!"

Lori Archer Raible

SPECIAL MUSIC

Easter Morn

Andrew Lamb

Rebecca Ray and Vasily Gorkovoy, violin;
Courtney Guthrie, viola; Matthew Lavin, cello

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Unison)

A Brief Statement of Faith

In life and death, we belong to God.

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God.

Jesus was crucified,

suffering the depths of human pain,

and giving His life for the sins of the world.

God raised this Jesus from the dead,

vindicating His sinless life,

breaking the power of sin and evil,

delivering us from death to life eternal.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP AND CALL TO OFFERING

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERING

Text to Give

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OFFERTORY ANTHEM

"Lord of the Dance"

arr. Larry Fleming

*DOXOLOGY (Hymn 606)

OLD HUNDREDTH

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (Unison)

Living God, on the first day of the week You brought to birth a new creation through the glorious resurrection of Jesus Christ. Fill us with the hope and joy of new beginnings, so we may share the good news of Your liberating, life-giving power with all the world; through Christ our Savior, who is alive and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, now and always. Alleluia! Amen.

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN 238

"Thine is the Glory"

JUDAS MACCABEUS

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE (please be seated)

Christ the Lord is Risen Today
Rebecca Ray and Vasily Gorkovoy, violin;
Courtney Guthrie, viola; Matthew Lavin, cello

arr. Paul Thompson

*Those who are able please stand.

+Ushers may seat late worshipers

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SELWYN AVENUE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH WARMLY WELCOMES ALL WHO VISIT

Selwyn Avenue is glad you are with us this morning. We welcome all visitors, celebrating God's creativity in human diversity. We'd like to stay in touch with you! Please take a moment to fill out a pew card and place it in the offering plate. Please ask an usher if you need help locating the nursery, restrooms, changing tables, or large print hymnals.

Membership is by one of three paths: 1) profession of faith in Jesus Christ (for those who have never been part of a Christian church); 2) re-affirmation of faith (for those who formerly were part of a congregation but have not been involved in recent times - for example, you were baptized and/or confirmed but moved and never engaged with a new congregation); or 3) transfer of membership from another congregation (your membership is with another church). New members and prospective members are invited to participate in Orientation Classes, which are scheduled several times a year, and are a wonderful way to meet others and learn about our church and all the opportunities here. We always stand ready to be in communication with you about your particular situation. The contact information for all staff members is in the bulletin each week.

WORSHIP BAGS FOR 4 YRS. - 5TH GRADE Age-appropriate activities for readers and non-readers to encourage their participation in following along in worship are available in the narthex. Please return the bag to the basket after worship.

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