



First Presbyterian

CHURCH OF EASTON



A Service for the Worship of God
March 6, 2022
The First Sunday in Lent

**Indicates an invitation to rise in body and/or spirit as you are able.*

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

GATHERING MUSIC

TOWER BELLS

PRELUDE

God So Loved the World

Stainer

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD

CALL TO WORSHIP

Holy God, Creator of Life, you call us out of our dark places, offering us the light of new life.

You are the resurrection and the life.

Seeing nothing but hopelessness, you surprise us with the wonder of new life.

You are the resurrection and the life.

Stuck in no-longer-useful routines and mindsets, you set us free from self-imposed bonds, giving us the grace of new life.

You are the resurrection and the life.

Let us come to worship, in the name of Christ Jesus,

who is the resurrection and the life.

*HYMN No. 457, V.1-5

I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art

I greet Thee, who my sure Redeemer art,
My only trust and Savior of my heart,
Who pain didst undergo for my poor sake;
I pray Thee from our hearts all cares to take.

Thou art the King of mercy and of grace,
Reigning omnipotent in every place:
So come, O King, and our whole being sway;
Shine on us with the light of Thy pure day.

Thou art the life, by which alone we live,
And all our substance and our strength receive;
Sustain us by Thy faith and by Thy power,
And give us strength in every trying hour.

Thou hast the true and perfect gentleness,
No harshness hast Thou and no bitterness:
O grant to us the grace we find in Thee,
That we may dwell in perfect unity.

Our hope is in no other save in Thee;
Our faith is built upon Thy promise free;
Lord, give us peace, and make us calm and sure,
That in Thy strength we evermore endure.

WE PREPARE TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy One, we call to you in our grief, and you come. Yet we do not trust that you care for us and for the people we love. We do not believe that you want full and abundant life for us. Forgive us for our doubt and mistrust of you. Help us to embrace patience, perspective, and perseverance when we are faced with desperate and despairing times. In you is our hope, but we turn away from you when we need you the most. Forgive us for forgetting how precious and fragile all life is. Forgive us for holding too tightly to the gifts we have in our lives, instead of sharing so that all your beloved people may thrive and flourish. Forgive us our selfishness. Call us out of the darkness and into the light. Call us out of despair into hope. Call us out of injustice and war into peace and love. Help us to hear and listen to you, our hope and source of life.

Silent Prayer

Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

Gloria Patri

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen. Amen.**

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

John 11:1-3, 17-28, 32-44

SERMON

Rev. Stefanie Muntzel

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION

THE PRAYER OF GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We will lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PRAYER

It is truly right and our greatest joy to praise to you, O God... we sing your praise:

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, hosanna in the highest.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PRAYER

...Great is the mystery of faith:

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Jesus said: I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. Come now to Christ's table, know you are welcome here.

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

The bread and juice are distributed together and can be enjoyed immediately.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We thank you, O God, that through Word and Sacrament, you have given us your Son, who is the true bread from heaven and food of eternal life. So strengthen us in your service that our daily lives may show our thanks; offer your peace to our broken world; and lift up those who are burdened by grief, illness or injustice; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*HYMN No. 505, V. 1-2

Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread

Be known to us in breaking bread,
But do not then depart;
Savior, abide with us, and spread
Thy table in our heart.

There sup with us in love divine;
Thy body and Thy blood,
That living bread, that heavenly wine,
Be our immortal food.

DEDICATION OF OUR OFFERINGS

Let us give thanks to God at all times, for everything God has provided and in gratitude, offer to God a portion of what God has given to us. Please make your gifts in the plate in the back of the sanctuary, online or via mail.

*RESPONSE

Doxology

**Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

WE GO IN GOD'S NAME

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Forty Days and Forty Nights (Hymn 78)

arr. Callahan

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Worship Leaders

Rev. Stefanie Muntzel

Gloria Snyder, Organist

Elizabeth Campbell, Chancel Choir Director

Jacob Van Norman, Liturgist

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John 11:1-3, 17-28, 32-44

There was a man named Lazarus who was sick. He lived in the town of Bethany, where Mary and her sister Martha lived. (Mary is the same woman who put perfume on the Lord and wiped his feet with her hair.) Mary's brother was Lazarus, the man who was now sick. So Mary and Martha sent word to Jesus, "Lord, the one you love is sick."

Jesus arrived in Bethany and found that Lazarus had already been dead and in the tomb for four days. Bethany was about two miles from Jerusalem. Many Jews had come to see Martha and Mary. They came to comfort them about their brother Lazarus.

When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went out to greet him. But Mary stayed home. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But I know that even now God will give you anything you ask."

Jesus said, "Your brother will rise and be alive again." Martha answered, "I know that he will rise to live again at the time of the resurrection on the last day." Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection. I am life. Everyone who believes in me will have life, even if they die. And everyone who lives and believes in me will never really die. Martha, do you believe this?" Martha answered, "Yes, Lord. I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God. You are the one who was coming to the world."

After Martha said these things, she went back to her sister Mary. She talked to Mary alone and said, "The Teacher is here. He is asking for you." ...Mary went to the place where Jesus was. When she saw him, she bowed at his feet and said, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." When Jesus saw Mary crying and the people with her crying too, he was very upset and deeply troubled. He asked, "Where did you put him?"

They said, "Lord, come and see." Jesus wept. And the Jews said, "Look! He loved Lazarus very much!" But some of them said, "Jesus healed the eyes of the blind man. Why didn't he help Lazarus and stop him from dying?"

Again feeling very upset, Jesus came to the tomb. It was a cave with a large stone covering the entrance. He said, "Move the stone away." Martha said, "But, Lord, it has been four days since Lazarus died. There will be a bad smell." Martha was the sister of the dead man. Then Jesus said to her, "Remember what I told you? I said that if you believed, you would see God's divine greatness."

So they moved the stone away from the entrance. Then Jesus looked up and said, "Father, I thank you that you heard me. I know that you always hear me. But I said these things because of the people here around me. I want them to believe that you sent me." After Jesus said this he called in a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out. His hands and feet were wrapped with pieces of cloth. He had a handkerchief covering his face. Jesus said to the people, "Take off the cloth and let him go."