



First Presbyterian

CHURCH OF EASTON



A Service for the Worship of God

April 7, 2024

The Second Sunday of Easter

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

MISSION STATEMENT

First Presbyterian Church of Easton strives to be a vital and energetic congregation by increasing our devotion to God, our fellowship with one another, and our outreach to all, so that we may be a witness to Jesus Christ in our community and world.

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

GATHERING MUSIC

TOWER BELLS

PRELUDE

Of the Father's Love Begotten (Hymn 309)

Held

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASSING OF THE PEACE

WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 133

How very good and pleasant it is;

when kindred live together in unity.

It is like the precious oil on the head;

running down upon the face.

And running down the beard of Aaron.

Running down over the collar of his robes.

It is like the dew of Hermon;

which falls on the mountain of Zion.

For there the Lord ordained the Lord's blessing;

life forevermore.

Come, let us worship God.

*HYMN 288 (V.1-3)

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O Lord, we sing this morning of your goodness, of your wisdom and of your ever-presence in our lives. Oh, but we confess that now that our Easter celebration is history and routine control our lives, we allow ourselves to forget that Easter is only the beginning and not the end of our journey as disciples of Christ. We pretend not to hear Christ call out to us "as the Father has sent me, so I send you." Our lives are too cluttered, too busy, too complicated to respond to that call.

Lord, send your Spirit to help us realign our lives in keeping with your will for each of us so we may be truly worthy of your love, mercy, and grace. In Jesus' name we pray.

Silent prayer

Amen.

AFFIRMATION OF PARDON

God's mercy is without limits; God's love for us is beyond knowing; and God's forgiveness for our humanness is everlasting. Believe that we are truly worthy in the eyes of God. Hallelujah. Amen.

*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

A TIME WITH CHILDREN

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Acts 4:32-35

John 20:19-31

SERMON

United: In Purpose, Mission and Values

Rev. Larry Van Hise

SOLO

This Joyful Eastertide

words: Rev. G. R. Woodward
arr. Arthur Somervell
Elizabeth Campbell, soprano

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

Humbled by God's generosity, let us offer our gifts to God and God's ministries through Christ's church.

*Please leave your offering in the boxes at the front and rear of the sanctuary
or make your gifts online or via mail.*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Gracious God, our offering seems all too small in relationship to the blessings from your heart and the grace that is provided to us through the love and sacrifice of Jesus Christ. Yet we make these offerings in your name and dedicate them toward furthering your Kingdom here on earth. Amen.

**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.**

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

THE PRAYER OF GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PRAYER

With fresh eyes and renewed hope, we join our voices with those around the world and with your heavenly chorus of all the saints to sing:

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.

PRAYER

...Great is the mystery of faith:

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

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

The elements will be served to you at your seat; please hold them and all will partake together.

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.

WE GO IN GOD'S NAME

*HYMN 439 (V. 1-4)

In Christ There Is No East or West

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Come Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain (Hymn 114)

Henkelmann

Worship Leaders

Rev. Larry Van Hise

Gloria Snyder, Organist

Elizabeth Campbell, Chancel Choir Director

Pat Koefoed, Liturgist

Chris Gulotta and Ruthann Arras, Communion Servers

Ruthann Arras, Wanda Joshua and Jim Middendorf, Coffee Hour Hosts

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