

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Prelude “Were You There?”

[As the Prelude begins, please observe silence to prepare for worship]

The Gospel *Mark 16:1-8*

Visual Liturgy “Breathe”

*Call to Worship

Leader: This is the day:

People: when tears are wiped away; shattered hearts are mended; fears are replaced with joy.

Leader: This is the day the Lord:

People: rolls away the stone of fear; throws off death's clothes; goes ahead of us into God's future.

Leader: This is the day the Lord has made:

People: death has no fear for us; sin has lost its power over us; God opens the tombs of our hearts to fill us with life.

Leader: This is the day - Easter Day!

People: Christ is Risen! Hallelujah!

*Hymn of Praise #232 “Jesus Christ is Risen Today”

Easter Hymn

Fellowship Moments

Sharing Our Joy with Friends Near and Far

[Appearing in the video: Kem Gomo, Salem Presbytery Staff, Lisa Moran, Rev. John Johnson, Rev. Bill Hamilton, Melissa Burris, Andy Moye, Rev. Mary McNeal, Elana Levy, Garth Payne, Rev. Chris Tuttle and Family]

Leader: Christ is risen!

People: He is risen indeed!

Anthem “Our God Rises”

by Nick Robertson and Allie Lapointe

Litany of Adoration

a poem by e.e. cummings

I thank You God for most this amazing
day: **for the leaping greenly spirits of trees
and a blue true dream of sky; and for everything
which is natural which is infinite which is yes**

(I who have died am alive again today,
and this is the sun’s birthday; **this is the birth
day of life and of love and wings:** and of the gay
great happening illimitably earth)

**how should tasting touching hearing seeing
breathing** any—lifted from the no
of all nothing—**human merely being
doubt unimaginaire You?**

[silent prayer]

(now the ears of my ears awake **and
now the eyes of my eyes are opened**)

Prayer Response #250 “In the Bulb There Is a Flower” v. 3

Promise

**In our end is our beginning; in our time, infinity;
In our doubt there is believing; in our life, eternity.
In our death, a resurrection; at the least, a victory,
Unrevealed, until its season something God alone can see.**

THE WORD

The Word Spoken

In the beginning was the Word

And the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

The Word with the Children “The Empty Tomb” *from the Spark Story Bible*

Anthem “The Risen Lamb”

by Nancy Gordan and Marty Parks

Gospel *Mark 16:1-8*

Pew Bible, NT, Page 54

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Word Declared: “Terror and Amazement”

Rev. Karen Ware Jackson

*Affirmation of Faith

**God, our Creator, gives us new life;
Christ, our Redeemer, prepares a Table for us;
Holy Spirit, our Joy, calls us to service.**

This is the good news:

the tomb is empty, sin is powerless, death is defeated forever.

Christ is risen! **He is risen indeed!**

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*Hymn of Response #246 “Christ is Alive!”

Truro

Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper

Let us pray. 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.

It is indeed right, for you made us, and before us, you make the world we inhabit, and before the world, you made your eternal home in which, through Christ, we have a place. And grateful as we are for the world we know and the universe beyond our ken, we particularly praise you, whom eternity cannot contain, for coming to earth and entering time in Jesus. For his life which informs our living, for his compassion which changes our hearts, for his clear speaking which contradicts our harmless generalities, for his disturbing presence, his innocent suffering, his fearless dying, his rising to life breathing forgiveness, we praise you and worship him. Here too our gratitude rises for the promise of the Holy Spirit, who even yet, even now, confronts us with your claims and attracts us to your goodness.

Therefore we gladly join our voices to the song of the church on earth and in heaven:

**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.**

Setting our wisdom, our will, our words aside, emptying our hearts and bringing nothing in our hands, we yearn for the healing, the holding, the accepting, the forgiving which Christ alone can offer.

Prayers of the People and 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.**

Merciful God, send now, in kindness, your Holy Spirit to settle upon this bread and this wine and fill them with the fullness of Jesus. And let that same Spirit rest upon us, converting us from the patterns of this passing world, until we conform to the shape of him whose food we now share.

Words of Institution

*Communion Music #442 “Just as I Am, without One Plea”

Woodworth

Prayer After the Meal

In gratitude, in deep gratitude for this moment, this meal, these people, we give ourselves to you. Take us out to live as changed people because we have shared the Living Bread, and cannot remain the same. Ask much of us, expect much from us, enable much by us, encourage many through us. So Lord, may we live to your glory, both as inhabitants of earth and citizens of the commonwealth of heaven. Amen.

Presentation of Gifts, Tithes, and Offerings

Offertory “There is Power in Jesus’ Name”

by Pepper Choplin

*Doxology #606 “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

Old Hundredth

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below;

Praise God above, ye heavenly host:

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn # 251 “Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia” v. 1- 4

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FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

[Upon the completion of the Sending, you are invited to proceed outside to the cross for the Flowering of the Cross, the Closing Hymn, and the Benediction]

Sending –

Leader: This is the day! Go and share what God has done!

People: We will go to tell the good news to all!

Leader: This is the day! Go and show that Jesus is alive and among us!

People: We will go to live the good news in our world!

Leader: This is the day! Go to join the Spirit in rolling away the stones of fear!

People: We will go to be the good news to everyone we meet!

***Closing Hymn #223** “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross” v. 1 and 4 *Hamburg*

When I survey the wondrous cross
On which the Prince of glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss,
And pour contempt on all my pride.

Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were a present far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all.

***Benediction**

** Please rise in body or spirit*

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INFORMATION AND PRAYER LISTS

Adult Sunday School meets at 9:30 a.m. each Sunday in the Parlor. Beginning April 12th, we will conduct a series of studies on “What Our Neighbors Believe” to learn about other Christian denominations. Please come join in the engaging discussion!

April Elders of the Month: Betty Rissmiller and Bonnie Maready

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The **Church Office** will be closed tomorrow, Monday, April 6th for the Easter Monday holiday.
- **Bread and Wine with Jesus** will next meet on Monday, April 6th at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Tim and Laura Maher (4208 Shoal Creek Drive). The assignment is to practice the prayer types of chapter 3.

FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH PRAYER LIST:

Please be in touch with the office regarding any additions or corrections to the Prayer List. You may call (336.292.5150) or e-mail (faithpresgsonc@gmail.com).

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Grab a newsletter! You can pick up a current copy of the newsletter on the table in the narthex and can see previous copies on our website.

Join us for our monthly brunch! Every month on the **4th Sunday**, we head down to the fellowship hall after worship for yummy food and good conversation.

Pastoral Team

Rev. Karen Ware Jackson, Pastor
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WELCOME TO FAITH PRESBYTERIAN



Terror and Amazement

We embrace inter-generational worship and welcome the giggles, questions, tears, and even shouts that enliven our oh-so-orderly service. We do have a **professionally staffed nursery** available for babies and toddlers, but we encourage our youngest members to learn with and from us throughout the worship service.

There is a **family worship space** available for children and adults at the front of the sanctuary. **Are you curious about all the fun the kids are having up front?** Feel free to join our young people in their interactive worship activities! These experiences are great for active learners of all ages, and our children and their parents appreciate your engagement and support.

We want to be a true family of faith and that means celebrating the gifts, questions, and talents of each of our members from young in age to young at heart!

April 5th, 2015
11:00 A.M.

Service for the Lord’s Day
Easter

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