



First Presbyterian

CHURCH OF EASTON



A Service for the Worship of God

April 16, 2023

The Second Sunday of Easter

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

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

GATHERING MUSIC

TOWER BELLS

PRELUDE

Amazing Grace

arr. Waldrop
The Handbell Choir

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME

WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD

*CALL TO WORSHIP

from Philippians 2:5-11

We come together to celebrate Jesus Christ,
who, though He was in the form of God,
did not consider being equal with God something to exploit.
Instead, he emptied Himself completely,
not only taking on human form, but the form of a slave.
He humbled Himself, becoming obedient to the point of death,
even a humiliating death on a cross of wood.
This is our God –
who reveals the power of love over hate.
Who shows us the power of life over death.
This is the God we have come to worship!

*HYMN 417 (V. 1-4)

Christ is Made the Sure Foundation

Christ is made the sure foundation,
Christ the head and cornerstone,
Chosen of the Lord and precious,
Binding all the church in one;
Holy Zion's help forever,
And our confidence alone.

To this temple, where we call You,
Come, O Lord of Hosts, today;
With Your wonted loving-kindness
Hear Your people as they pray,
And Your fullest benediction
Shed within its walls away.

Here bestow on all Your servants
What they ask of You to gain,
What they gain from You forever
With the blessed to retain,
And hereafter in Your glory
Evermore with You to reign.

Laud and honor to the Father,
Laud and honor to the Son,
Laud and honor to the Spirit,
Ever three and ever one;
One in might and one in glory
While unending ages run.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord Jesus Christ, when we fail to make you Lord of our lives: forgive us. When we fear that humbling ourselves would be seen as weakness: forgive us. When we betray your love through our lack of love for you, others, and ourselves: forgive us. Lord Jesus Christ, fix your mind in us; remake us in your likeness; empty us of all that hinders us from following you. Help us to live as if we believe in the power of resurrection. This we pray in Jesus' name.

Silent prayer

Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear the good news: "Jesus emptied himself, taking the form of a servant and became obedient to the point of death – even death on a cross." Through Christ's faithfulness we are freed from whatever sin enslaves us.
Thanks be to God!

*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 READINGS

Philippians 2:2-11
John 2:18-23

SERMON

Rev. Stefanie Muntzel

ANTHEM

Believer's Prayer

text: John Parker

music: Joel Raney

Renew my mind that I may think of you.
Unloose my tongue to sing your praise.
Inspire my thoughts to write a song of joy!
Guide my feet to walk in your ways.

Tune my heart and I will lift my voice;
Plant my life and I will bloom for thee.
Bless my hands so I may bring a gift.
Illumine your Word that I may see!

Breathe through me; I will proclaim your love!
Fashion me, I will comply.
Take my life that I may live for you!
Live through me, live through me, Lord.
Live through me that I would die. Amen.

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

Beloved children of God, too often we see the world through a lens of scarcity. We look at all the things we do not have or wish for something bigger and better. And yet, our stories of faith tell us that the smallest things often become enormous when placed in God's hands. And so, you are invited to bring your "little" and watch how God can do great things to bless the entire community.

Please leave your offering in the box at the front of the sanctuary or make your gifts online or via mail.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Holy and righteous God, we offer our gifts with humble hearts, knowing the need in our world is great and our gifts alone will not be enough. But we offer our gifts in hope that you will bless them, multiply them, and use them to help fulfill your purpose revealed in Jesus Christ, Savior of us all. Amen.

*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.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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 371 (V. 1-4)

Lift High the Cross

Refrain:

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
Till all the world adore His sacred name.

Come, Christians, follow, where our Savior trod,
The Lamb victorious, Christ, the Son of God.

Refrain

Each newborn servant of the Crucified
Bears on the brow the seal of Christ who died.

Refrain

O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
Your death has brought us life eternally.

Refrain

So shall our song of triumph ever be:
Praise to the Crucified for victory.

Refrain

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Psalm 19

Marcello

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Worship Leaders

Rev. Stefanie Muntzel

Gloria Snyder, Organist

Elizabeth Campbell, Chancel Choir Director

The Chancel Choir

Linda Martin, Liturgist

Tech Support: Jacob Van Norman, Bill Bartlett, Rich Linnell, Pat Koefoed, Luke McGloughlin

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Philippians 2:1-11

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

John 2:18-23

The Jews then said to him, 'What sign can you show us for doing this?' Jesus answered them, 'Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.' The Jews then said, 'This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?' But he was speaking of the temple of his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

When he was in Jerusalem during the Passover festival, many believed in his name because they saw the signs that he was doing.