



First Presbyterian Church of Edgewood Easter Worship Resurrection of the Lord Sunday – April 17, 2022

*all who are able, please stand

*Please take a serving of communion bread and cup upon arrival and bring to your seat.
You will be directed to partake of the elements during the sacrament.*

PRELUDE

THE WELCOME & SHARING OF CHURCH LIFE

TOLLING OF THE HOUR

SCRIPTURE

John 20:1-2a

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. ² So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him."

*CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

At the break of dawn, a bird sings. **The long night of darkness is over.**
The stone is rolled away. **The tomb is empty.**
The sun begins to shine. **The Son has risen!**
It's a morning of glory, **of love overcoming death,**
of women spreading Good News, **of men turning from despair.**
It's a morning of joy, **for Easter has come again.**
Love is stronger than death, **and we lift our voices in song.**

*HYMN #232

"Jesus Christ is Risen Today"

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| 1 Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!
our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!
suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia! | 3 But the pains which he endured, Alleluia!
our salvation have procured. Alleluia!
Now above the sky he's King, Alleluia!
where the angels ever sing. Alleluia! |
| 2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!
unto Christ, our heavenly King, Alleluia!
who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!
sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia! | 4 Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!
praise eternal as God's love. Alleluia!
Praise our God, ye heavenly host, Alleluia!
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia! |

CANDLE RITUAL

PROCLAMATION, RE-LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES, & PRAYER

RESPONSE

"Celtic Alleluia"



PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

God of new life, forgive us when we would rather mourn the old.

God of resurrection, forgive us when all we can see is death.

God of forgiveness, forgive us when we are certain that we are alone.

Forgive us, God of mercy; make us aware of the breadth of your love and the depth of your grace, that we might respond with lives of joyful faithfulness. Amen.

(silent confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*RESPONSE #582

"Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines"

1 Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

2 World without end, without end. Amen. (3x)
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

He is risen! **He is risen, indeed!**

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you: **and also with you.**

(For the safety of all, please share the peace with a smile or wave from your seat.)

GATHERING SONG

"Because He Lives"

refrain only

Because he lives, I can face tomorrow. Because he lives, all fear is gone.

Because I know he holds the future and life is worth a living just because He lives!

SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 65:17-25

¹⁷ For I am about to create new heavens and a new earth; the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind. ¹⁸ But be glad and rejoice forever in what I am creating; for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy, and its people as a delight. ¹⁹ I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and delight in my people; no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it, or the cry of distress. ²⁰ No more shall there be in it an infant that lives but a few days, or an old person who does not live out a lifetime; for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth, and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed. ²¹ They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit. ²² They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat; for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be, and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands.

²³ They shall not labor in vain, or bear children for calamity; for they shall be offspring blessed by the LORD—and their descendants as well. ²⁴ Before they call I will answer, while they are yet speaking I will hear. ²⁵ The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, the lion shall eat straw like the ox; but the serpent—its food shall be dust! They shall not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, says the LORD.

ANTHEM

“On That Great, Great Mornin’”

Mary McDonald

SCRIPTURE

Luke 24:1-12

But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. ² They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, ³ but when they went in, they did not find the body. ⁴ While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. ⁵ 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. ⁶ Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, ⁷ that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again.” ⁸ Then they remembered his words, ⁹ and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. ¹⁰ Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. ¹¹ But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. ¹² 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.

SERMON

“The Resurrection Life”

Rev. Michael P. Rucker

***HYMN #233**

“The Day of Resurrection”

1 The day of resurrection!
Earth, tell it out abroad,
the Passover of gladness,
the Passover of God.
From death to life eternal,
from sin’s dominion free,
our Christ has brought us over
with hymns of victory.

2 Let hearts be purged of evil
that we may see aright
the Lord in rays eternal
of resurrection light,

and listening to his accents,
may hear, so calm and plain,
his own “All hail!” and hearing,
may raise the victor strain.

3 Now let the heavens be joyful;
let earth its song begin;
the round world keep high triumph
and all that is therein.
Let all things seen and unseen
their notes of gladness blend,
for Christ the Lord has risen,
our joy that has no end.

SHARING OF THIS WEEK’S PRAYER REQUESTS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & PASTORAL PRAYER

RESPONSE #527

“Eat This Bread”

Eat this bread; drink this cup; come to me and never be hungry.
Eat this bread; drink this cup; trust in me and you will not thirst.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

The table of bread and wine is now to be made ready.

It is the table of companionship with Jesus and with all those who love him.

It is the table of sharing with the poor of the world, with whom Jesus identified himself.

It is the table of communion with the earth, in which Christ became incarnate.

So, come to this table, you who have much faith and you who would like to have more;
you who have been to this sacrament often, and you who have not been for a long time;
you who have tried to follow Jesus, and you who have failed. Come.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise, Eternal God,
creator and ruler of the universe. At your word the earth was made and spun on its course
among the planets. Your hand formed us from the dust of the earth and set us among all your
creatures to love and serve you.

When we were unfaithful to you, you kept faith with us, your love remained steadfast.

**When we were slaves in Egypt, you broke the bonds of our oppression, brought us through
the sea to be our God. By a pillar of fire you led us through the desert to a land flowing with
milk and honey, and set before us the way of life.**

You spoke of love and justice in the prophets, and in the Word made flesh you lived among us,
manifesting your glory. He died that we might live, and is risen to raise us to new life.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with angels and archangels and with all the faithful of
every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might.

Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry, Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Bles - sed is he who comes in the Lord's name. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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You are holy, O God of majesty,

and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, **who you sent to save us.**

He came with healing in his touch, **and was wounded for our sins.**

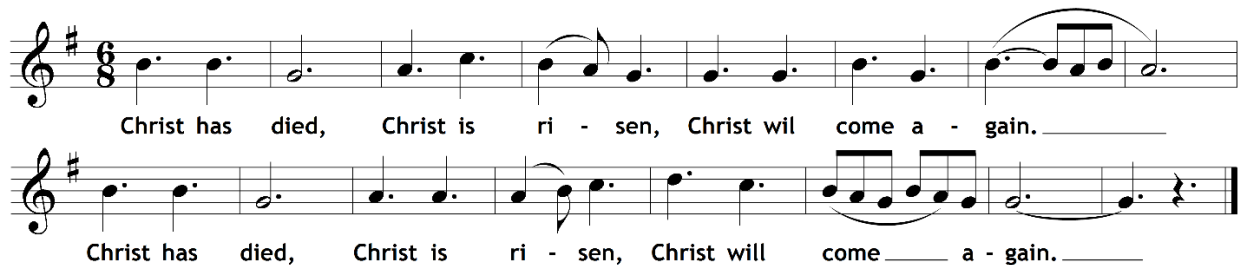
He came with mercy in his voice, **and was mocked as one despised.**

He came with peace in his heart, **and met with violence and death.**

By your power he broke free from the prison of the tomb,
and at his command the gates of hell were opened.

**The one who was dead now lives. The one who was humbled himself
is raised to rule over all creation, the Lamb upon the throne.
The one ascended on high is with us always, as he promised.**

Remembering all your mighty and merciful acts, we take this bread and this wine from the gifts
you have given us, and celebrate with joy the redemption won for us in Jesus Christ.
Accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving as a living and holy offering of ourselves,
that our lives may proclaim the One crucified and risen. Great is the mystery of faith:



Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these your gifts of bread and wine,
that the bread we break and the cup we bless
may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ.

**By your Spirit make us one with Christ that we may be one with all who share this feast,
united in ministry in every place. As this is Christ's body for us,
Send us out to be the body of Christ in the world.**

Nourished at this table, O God, may we know Christ's redemptive love and live a new life with him.
Help us who recognize our Lord in the breaking of the bread

to see and serve him at all times in the lives of those who are broken.

Give us who are fed at his hand,

grace to share our bread with the hungry and with the hungry of heart.

Keep us faithful in your service

**until Christ comes in final victory, and we shall feast with all your saints
in the joy of your eternal realm.**

Through Christ, all glory and honor are yours, almighty Father,
with the Holy Spirit in the holy church, now and forever.

Let us pray for God's rule on earth as Jesus taught us:

**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 & COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

The sacrament of the Lord's Supper is shared.

Please partake of the elements as directed from your seat.

CLOSING PRAYER

Gracious God, you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth.
You have fed us with the bread of life, and renewed us for your service.

Help us who have shared Christ's body and received his cup, to be his faithful disciples so that our daily living may be part of the life of your kingdom, and our love be your love reaching out into the life of the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



INVITATION TO RECEIVE OUR TITHES & OFFERINGS

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PRAYER OF DEDICATION (unison)

Lord God, you do love us with a tenacious and everlasting love. We can never earn such favor, deserve such mercy, or repay such grace. We give back to you with joy a portion of what you have entrusted to us. Take these resources as a sign of our gratitude, bless them and use them to spread the good news that Jesus Christ is risen and redemption has been won. Amen.

HYMN #238

"Thine is the Glory"

1 Thine is the glory,
risen, conquering Son;
endless is the victory
thou o'er death hast won.
Angels in bright raiment
rolled the stone away,
kept the folded grave-clothes
where thy body lay.

Refrain:

Thine is the glory,
risen, conquering Son;
endless is the victory
thou o'er death hast won.

2 Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;
lovingly he greets us,
scatters fear and gloom.
Let the church with gladness
hymns of triumph sing,
for the Lord now liveth;
death hath lost its sting. (Refrain)

3 No more we doubt thee,
glorious Prince of life!
Life is naught without thee;
aid us in our strife.
Make us more than conquerors
through thy deathless love;
bring us safe through Jordan
to thy home above. (Refrain)

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

We invite you to sit and enjoy the postlude Sunny has prepared for us. This also helps with the live-streamed recording to have clear audio for those joining us in worship online.

Participants in this worship service:

The Rev. Michael P. Rucker, pastor | Elder Lisa Segedy, liturgist
Shaun Cloonan, minister of music | Sunny Sakai, pianist
The Sanctuary Choir | John Foster, videographer

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Welcome! Thanks be to God for allowing us to worship with you!

UPDATED IN-PERSON WORSHIP GUIDELINES (March 2022):

Due to the CDC's updated version of tracking COVID community levels, Allegheny County is now Low. As a result, the Worship Committee has begun to slowly relax some of our guidelines for in-person worship:

- **Masks are now optional for all in attendance.** We will continue to have a supply of disposable masks at the entrances to the church for those who wish to wear one during services.
- **Please continue to social distance in the marked pews.**
- The choir will continue to mask during their hour-long rehearsal, but may choose to remove the mask during the performance of the anthem in worship.
- Out of respect for those who choose or need to continue wearing masks, our practice of passing the peace and sharing communion from our seats, as well as collecting the offering at the entrance to the sanctuary will not change.

We will continue to monitor cases and transmission levels and will relax or strengthen this guidance as health and safety protocols dictate. Thanks to all for their cooperation in keeping our church family healthy and safe.

IN HONOR & MEMORIAM

*We are grateful for the Easter plants in the chancel today.
They are lovingly presented to honor the Risen Christ as follows:*

IN HONOR OF:

Our Loving Mother, Elaine Cloonan—by Shaun, Ryan and Kristi Cloonan

Our Pastoral Search and the PNC – by Shaun Cloonan

The Amazingly Gifted and Talented Sunny Sakai – by a Grateful Congregation

The Hardworking Staff, Session, & Music Ministry of FPCE – by Shaun Cloonan

Our Family and Friends – by the Legge-Stutz Families

My Grandparents, Connie and Tom, and My Parents, Katy and Scott Ochs – by Rylie Ochs

Our Grandchildren: Rylie, Tyler, Brandon Ochs – by Tom and Connie Ochs

IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

Catherine A. and Joseph E. Armstrong and Claire Fisher—by Cathy Fisher
Marjory Bates – by Amanda Rineer
Connie Black – by Tom and Connie Ochs
Tim Carr, Our Always Faithful Bass—by Shaun and the Choir
Helen Cloonan – by the Cloonan Family
Sandi Masten Cloonan – by the Cloonan Family
Sandi Masten Cloonan and Michael Schwartz – by Kay, Scott and Great Nephews and Niece
Robert Cunningham—by Nancy Cunningham and Christine Haas
My Nephew, Darrin-Miss Your Smile – by Carol Hartman Tessauro
Our Deacons: Tim, Helen, Ed and Sallie-Thank You For All You Did – by Mary Ann Hartman
My Parents, Eleanor and William Elliott—by Judy Elliott Mysels
How Grateful I Was To Have Such Loving Grandparents: Fabians & Hartmans – by Mary Ann Hartman
My Parents, I Miss You & Love You Always – by Carol Hartman Tessauro
My Loving Grandparents: Al & Lucille Hartman, Love You Always – by Jason Hartman
My Mom and Dad—I Was Blessed-I Love You & Miss You – by Mary Ann Hartman
Paul and Florence Kuhl—by Russ and Flo Raisig
Our Loved Ones – by the Legge-Stutz Families
Bob Lewis—by the Cloonan Family
Bradley Masten – by Kay, Scott, Brooke, Brendan, Colin, Alec and Cora
Brad Masten, Ed Masten, Sandi Cloonan Masten – by Barb and Jim Moyer
Anne Ryan McConnell—by Her Family
Charles B. McConnell—by His Family
Patricia (Polly) McConnell—by Her Family
Edward McCrady - by Brenda McCrady
Patti Mielke, Our Former "Choir Mom" - by Shaun and the Choir
Our Mom, Sallie Monk – by Lori Legge Stutz and Family
My Nana Sallie Monk – by the Stutz Family
"Salliemom", Sallie Monk—by "Shawhee"
Our Parents – by Barb and Jim Moyer
Former North Hills Music Co-Workers: Areta, Sue, Mike & Erin—by Shaun Cloonan
Our Parents – by Tom and Connie Ochs
My Parents – by Susan Pollick
Chuck and Edna Raisig—by Russ and Flo Raisig
Oleta Roland – by Amanda Rineer
Richard Roller—by Myrna Roller
Michael Schwartz – by Barb and Jim Moyer
Miss You Uncle Bobby Soderberg – by Jason Hartman
John C. Thompson, Jr., My Dear Husband – by Roberta Thompson
Mae and Bob Wilkinson—by the Cloonan Family
Our Cousin, Scott Wilson – by the Stutz Family
Lynne and Paul Yester—by the Cloonan Family



Believing we are called together by God's love through Jesus Christ, our mission as the First Presbyterian Church of Edgewood is to love God, to love each other, and to love our neighbors.

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