



First Presbyterian Church of
EDGEWOOD
The Community Church



Sunday Morning Worship at Eleven O'Clock Resurrection of the Lord – April 9, 2023

PRELUDE

WELCOME

One: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

** We invite you to rise in body or
in spirit where there are asterisks **

*We invite you to read all **bold**
words aloud with the community*

TOLLING OF THE HOUR

*CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Do not look for signs of life amidst the halls of cruelty—
the Way-Makers are walking around in the Garden of Life—
pulling weeds of despair, tending to the ways of thriving.

Christ is Living! Magdalene saw the stone rolled away herself!
Even in despair the Holy Spirit surprises us with a jolt of Hope!
Can you feel it? Wild possibility—brimming and unfurling?

Alleluia, the Ways of Life expand beyond systems of evil!
Resurrected Christ—inspire our compassion for the world.
We will shake off our grave clothes and dance towards New Life.

*We start services with a "Call
to Worship" to establish the
context for worship as an
encounter with the Holy One
who calls all things into being.*

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

O risen Christ, before sending her as the first witness to your resurrection glory,
you revealed to the grieving Mary
the breadth, the length, the height, and the depth
of your steadfast love with the simple message, "Do not be afraid."
Resurrect in us a bold love that overcomes fear and sends us to recount what you have done
through words of comfort, catalyzing witness, and love of neighbor,
to the glory of your holy name. **Amen.**

*HYMN #232

"Jesus Christ is Risen Today"

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!

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!

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!

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!

LENTEN CANDLE RITUAL

PROCLAMATION, RE-LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES, & PRAYER

RESPONSE

"Celtic Alleluia"



CALL TO CONFESSION & PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God is our rock and our fortress,
who protects us from danger and saves us from death.

In confidence and faith in God's mercy,
let us confess our misdeeds that we may receive grace:

**Gracious God, you give us new life,
but we choose the ways of death.
You breathe peace upon us, yet we pursue conflict.
You seek us out when we are afraid, yet we cling to our fears.**

**Forgive us for turning away from you.
Shine your light upon us and banish all shadows,
that we may live faithfully and joyfully for you.**

We turn from communal praise to corporate confession, not for shame nor in guilt, but to wrestle honestly with the impact we have on each other. We do so with the knowledge of God's grace for all people.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

In the resurrection of Jesus the Christ, God has given us a new birth into a living hope.
Rejoice in the good news: In the name of Jesus the Christ, we are forgiven.

Alleluia! Thanks be to God!

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

As Christ has forgiven us, let us forgive one another:
The peace of Christ be with you all. **And also with you.**

*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.

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Holy God, you are the way, the truth, and the life.

By the powers of your Holy Spirit speak your word to us, that we might know you more deeply and love you more faithfully; through Jesus our Savior. **Amen.**

We read Scripture when we gather because we dare to believe that God continues to speak to us through it.

FIRST READING

Acts 10:34-43

NRSVue

Then Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every people anyone who fears him and practices righteousness is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.

"We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

*The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.***

PSALM 118:1-2, 14-24

Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good;
God's mercy endures forever.

Let Israel now declare,

"God's mercy endures forever."

The LORD is my strength and my song,
and has become my salvation.

**Shouts of rejoicing and salvation
echo in the tents of the righteous:**

"The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!

The right hand of the LORD is exalted!

The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!"

I shall not die, but live,

and declare the works of the LORD.

The LORD indeed punished me sorely,

but did not hand me over to death.

Open for me the gates of righteousness;

I will enter them and give thanks to the LORD.

Coming to us from the worship of ancient Judaism, the psalms have been at the heart of Christian prayer and praise across the centuries. Throughout its history, the Reformed tradition has given a special place to singing the psalms in worship. The Psalm is not intended as a reading but a response to the first reading.

**“This is the gate of the LORD;
here the righteous may enter.”**

I give thanks to you, for you have answered me
and you have become my salvation.

**The stone that the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.**

By the LORD has this been done;
it is marvelous in our eyes.

**This is the day that the LORD has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

PSALM PRAYER

Holy and mighty God, your Son’s triumph over sin and death
has opened forever the gate of eternal life.

Save us, we pray, when we are in distress, pressed to the point of falling.

Let the joy of your salvation resound through your church and in our lives,
and let the whole creation reflect the brilliant light of Jesus Christ,
our risen Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

ANTHEM

“Glory, Hallelujah!”

Mark Burrows

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 28:1-10

NRSVue

After the Sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men.

But the angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here, for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, ‘He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.’ This is my message for you.”

So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, “Greetings!” And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers and sisters to go to Galilee; there they will see me.”

*The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.***

MESSAGE

Rev. Jason Dauer

***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.

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

The Confession of 1967 (9.08)

In Jesus of Nazareth true humanity was realized once for all.

**Jesus, a Palestinian Jew, lived among his own people
and shared their needs, temptations, joys, and sorrows.**

**He expressed the love of God in word and deed
and became a brother to all kinds of sinful people.**

But his complete obedience led him into conflict with his people.

His life and teaching judged their goodness, religious aspirations, and national hopes.

Many rejected him and demanded his death.

**In giving himself freely for them he took upon himself the judgment
under which all people stand convicted.**

God raised him from the dead, vindicating him as Messiah and Lord.

The victim of sin became victor, and won the victory over sin and death for all people.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

One: Lord, have mercy.

All: **Christ, have mercy.**

RESPONDING WITH THANKSGIVING / EUCHARIST

OFFERING OF OUR LIVES, GIFTS, AND GOODS

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

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.

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offerings by electronic
transfer may use this
QR code or go to
fpcedgewood.org/donate*



INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

GREAT THANKSGIVING & LORD'S PRAYER

Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed!

Open your hearts to the One who is Love.

We open our hearts to you, O God.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

In every time and every age, O God...

... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

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.

Blest is the one who comes in the Lord's name. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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Blessed are you, O God, creator of all things...

...Remembering our Lord's self-giving love, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died, Christ is ri - sen, Christ will come a - gain.

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Blessed are you, O Spirit, giver of life...

...we praise you, God of all that is, now and forever. Praying, in the languages closest to our hearts, the prayer Jesus taught:

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.

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

All are welcome at Christ's table.

All who come to the table are offered the bread and cup, regardless of their age, understanding, or baptismal status. The opportunity to eat and drink with Christ is not a right bestowed upon the worthy, but a privilege given to the undeserving who come in faith, repentance, and love.

Gluten-Free wafers are available by asking.

Please come down the center aisle to receive the elements and partake, then deposit your cup in the basket at the end of the first pew as you return to your seat.

The many-faceted meaning of this sacrament is seen in the names given to it. The title Lord's Supper recalls Jesus' institution of the sacrament with his disciples. Eucharist (thanksgiving) reminds us that we receive all of the benefits of God's grace with joy. Holy Communion reminds us that in this sacrament we are made one with Christ and with each other. The Breaking of the Bread describes the sacramental action by which Christ is known to his disciples.

COMMUNION ANTHEM

"Come, Share the Lord"

Bryan Jeffery Leech

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Here at this table, we celebrate resurrection as you feed us with bread and wine.
And as much as we might prefer to stay here in this protected place,
you send us back to our work—

**only it is no longer the same work
because we know you are with us and in us,
shaping and transforming us
to be your witnesses in the world.**

**Nourished in body, mind, and spirit,
may all that we say and do
give you glory. Amen.**

SENDING INTO THE WORLD

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)

BLESSING & CHARGE

POSTLUDE

Please be seated as we partake in a time of contemplation.

When the music ends, we invite you to join us in the Gathering Place for coffee hour!

SERVICE IN THE WORLD

*Christian worship and service does not end at the conclusion of the Morning Service;
we go forth to love and serve the Lord in daily living.*

In so doing, we seek to fulfill our chief end: to glorify and enjoy God forever.

Participants in this worship service:

The Rev. Jason Dauer, pastor | **Deacon Sue Pollick**, 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!

IF YOU ARE VISITING WITH US TODAY: first, welcome! Please fill out a blue visitor's card found in the pew rack. If you are interested in being on our email or newsletter mailing lists, provide that information so we can keep in touch. Please place this card in the offering plate either during or after the service.

BOOK CLUB continues to meet each Tuesday at 10:00AM at the Apossos home, three blocks from the church, 361 Maple Avenue. They are starting *Falling Upward: A Spirituality for the Two Halves of Life* by Fr. Richard Rohr. Drop by for conversation and coffee.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT ZOOM BIBLE STUDY is led by Elder Tim Hoffman discussing what the Bible says about itself, Jesus, devil, angels, heaven, prophecy, and more! Zoom link is available on the website and in the weekly email updates. No password is needed, just the link. Tim will let you in from the waiting room as you join. Come and join the discussion on Wednesday nights at 7:30PM online! Questions? Shoot an email to Tim Hoffman at HoffmanTL@gmail.com.

PER CAPITA REMINDER - Our 2023 per capita donation is \$35.70. This is the amount of support, per member, that our Congregation remits to the Presbytery. This allows us to support the mission of Jesus Christ around the world. Thank you!

COFFEE WITH THE PASTOR. Jason is at Biddle's Escape every Wednesday, 8 AM – 12 PM. Drop by to catch up, share ideas, ask questions, or talk about the latest movie!

WILKINSBURG COMMUNITY MINISTRY has several opportunities to volunteer for various projects in the area, including their weekly mobile pantry distribution. Visit <https://app.involvemint.io/projects> to find out more information or scan the QR code to the right.



CHURCH ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

AH=Apessos Home, B=Basement Band Room, BE=Biddle's Escape, C=Choir Room, CE=CE Office, GP=Gathering Place, L=Lounge, MS=ESO Music Suite, O=Office, PS=Pastor's Study, S=Sanctuary, Sc=Scout Room, SL=Side Lawn, SR=Social Room

Today, Sunday, April 9

12:00PM Fellowship (GP)

Monday, April 10

6:30PM Scouts (Sc/SR)

7:00PM Vocal Confluence (S)

Tuesday, April 11

10:00AM Book Club (AH)

7:00PM Edgewood Symphony (S)
Session Meeting (L)

Wednesday, April 12

8:00AM Coffee with the Pastor (BE)

7:30PM Zoom Bible Study

Thursday, April 13

2:00PM Writing Class (L)

3:45PM Flute Lesson (CE)

7:00PM Milepost6 (B)
SAA (L)
ESO Board Meeting (MS)

Friday, April 14

4:15PM Flute Lesson (CE)

8:30PM AA (SR)

Saturday, April 15

8:30PM AA (SR)

Next Sunday, April 16

9:30AM Worship Ensemble Rehearsal (S)

11:00AM Emerging Worship (S), Youth Sunday School (GP)

12:00PM Fellowship (GP), Deacon Meeting (L)

How can you become involved?

As we reimagine the ministries at FPCE, consider if you have a heart for:

- Encouraging our younger members
- Learning more about God & faith
- Praising God through music
- Serving senior citizens
- Working in publicity/advertising

...please contact a member of our FPCE Family listed below for more details on how to become involved!

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**LOVE GOD
EACH OTHER
OUR NEIGHBORS**

IN HONOR & MEMORIAM

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

IN HONOR OF:

*John and Dylan – by Chris and Rhonda Apossos
Rhonda Apossos and the Tuesday Book Group – by Marcia Haley
BSA Edgewood Pack 23 – by Liz and Kurt Held
Our Loving Mother, Elaine Cloonan—by Shaun, Ryan, and Kristi Cloonan
Exceptional Folks Here at FPCE: Pastor Jason, Judy, Rob, Shaun, Sunny,
and the Entire Congregation – by Marcia Haley
My FPCE Family – by Sunny Sakai
Our New Pastor, Jason – by Sunny Sakai
Lisa's Parents: Tom and Betty Joyce – by Jim and Lisa Segedy
Our Children: Dave, Rob and Lindsay – by Jim and Lisa Segedy
Abigail and Spencer Lehrian – by Angel and Matt Lehrian
Miss Lorraine, Youth Sunday School – by Rhonda Apossos
Our Grandchildren: Rylie, Tyler, Brandon Ochs – by Tom and Connie Ochs
The Hardworking Staff & Session of FPCE – by Shaun Cloonan
The Amazingly Gifted and Talented Sunny Sakai – by a Grateful Congregation
The Sanctuary Choir & Worship Ensemble – by Shaun Cloonan*

IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

*Catherine A. and Joseph E. Armstrong and Claire Fisher—by Cathy Fisher
Our Two Wonderful Mothers: Madeline Balsbaugh and Aletha Haley – by Marcia Haley
Those Who Have Died from Gun Fire – by Beth Battaline
Connie Black – by Tom and Connie Ochs
Dear Loved Ones: Bob Buckbee Jr., Barbara Buckbee, Marty Buckbee,
Martha Dale, Anne Gumberg – by Marcia Haley
Tim Carr – by Sarah Carr
Tim Carr, Our Always Faithful Bass—by Shaun and the Choir
Helen "Grandma Cloonan" – by the Cloonan Family
Sandi Masten Cloonan – by the Cloonan Family
Sandi Cloonan – by Barb and Jim Moyer
Loved Ones – by Martha and Bill Crean
Robert Cunningham—by Nancy Cunningham and Christine Haas
Helen and Chuck Dauer – by Jason Dauer and David Falk
My Parents, Eleanor and William Elliott—by Judy Elliott Mysels
Irene and David Falk – by Jason Dauer and David Falk
Pamela Frazier – by Jason Dauer and David Falk
Jim Haley, simply the best – by Marcia Haley
Debbie and Ed Hetzer – by the Lehrian Family
Paul and Florence Kuhl—by Russ and Flo Raisig
Harold Lehrian – by the Lehrian Family*

IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

Bob Lewis—by the Cloonan Family

Bradley Masten, Sandi Masten Cloonan and Michael Schwartz – by Kay, Scott and Masten Family

Patti Mielke, Our Former "Choir Mom" - by Shaun and the Choir

"Salliemom", Sallie Monk—by "Shawhee"

Sallie Monk, Tuesday Book Group – by Rhonda Apossos

Jim Moore, Beloved Husband and Father – by Amy and J.D. Moore

Grandparents: Louise and Jim Moore and Bud and Betty Lawson – by Amy and J.D. Moore

Liz, Bob, Joyce and David – by Amy and J.D. Moore

Marilyn and Wesley Neely – by Jason Dauer and David Falk

Former North Hills Music Co-Workers: Areta, Sue, Mike & Erin—by Shaun Cloonan

Our Parents – by Tom and Connie Ochs

Chuck and Edna Raisig and Family—by Russ and Flo Raisig

Richard Roller—by Myrna Roller

Michael Schwartz – by Barb and Jim Moyer

Jim's Parents: Jim and Esther – by Jim and Lisa Segedy

John C. Thompson, Jr., – by Roberta Thompson

Mae and Bob Wilkinson—by the Cloonan Family

Lynne and Paul Yester—by the Cloonan Family

Darryl Zewe – by the Lehrian Family

He is not here
HE IS RISEN

MATTHEW 28:6

EASTER SUNDAY



*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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