

Easter Sunday

March 31, 2024

9:00 a.m.

Welcome friends in Christ! We are glad you have come to worship today and to celebrate the love of God in Jesus Christ. We extend a warm greeting of Christian Fellowship to you.

*Congregation standing for those who are able

The Words of Welcome and Announcements

Our Approach to God

Prelude *Prelude in G Major, BMV 541* J.S. Bach

The Call to Worship

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

This is the good news – the grave is empty; Christ is risen from the dead.

This is the good news – the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness can never put it out.

Let us praise our risen Lord.

Blessed be the name of the Lord!

*The Hymn of Praise *Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!* 113

*The Call to Confession

Christ himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sin, we might live for righteousness. Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

*The Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered the power of sin and death. We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death. We overlook the poor and the hungry, and pass by those who mourn; we are deaf to the cries of the oppressed and indifferent to calls for peace; we despise the weak and abuse the earth you made. Forgive us. [Silent Confession.]

Merciful God, help us to trust your power to change our lives and make us new, that we may know the joy of the abundant life given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord. In his name we pray, Amen.

*The Assurance of Pardon

Jesus came into the world to save sinners. If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just, and will forgive us our sins. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! **Thanks be to God.**

*The Gloria Patri *Glory Be to the Father* 579
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.

The Anthem *A Resurrection Proclamation* Jon Paige
Chancel Choir

The Word of God

The Time with the Children

The Gospel Reading Mark 16:1-8 page 74 NT

The Sermon Pastor Ruth Estell

Our Response to Serve

*The Affirmation of Faith The Apostles' Creed(traditional) hymnal, page 14

*The Hymn *Christ Is Alive!* – verses 1,2,5 108

The Morning Prayers and the Lord's Prayer(using sins)

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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

The Offering of our Tithes and Gifts

The Offertory Anthem *Clap Your Hands, Sing for Joy!* D.E. Wagner

*The Doxology *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* 592
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*The Prayer of Dedication

*The Hymn *Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks* – verses 1 & 2 106

*The Charge and Benediction

*The Congregational Response *Go with Us, Lord* 535
Go with us, Lord, and guide the way through this and every coming day, that in your Spirit strong and true our lives may be our gift to You.

*Postlude *Toccata from Symphony V* Charles – Marie Widor

* Congregation Standing – for those who are able.

Liturgist : Connor Rousseau

Ushers: Ted Easlick, Lenny Fowler, Scott Peters

Greeters:

Fellowship Hour:

Musical Talents: Thomas Heidenreich, Director of Music Ministry and the Chancel Choir

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Seeking and Serving Christ. We are a Place for Growing Christians.

Prayer of Illumination

Living God, with joy we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ.
Enliven our hearts by your Holy Spirit
so that we may proclaim the good news of eternal and abundant life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

Mark 16:1-8 New International Version

16 When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices so that they might go to anoint Jesus' body. ²Very early on the first day of the week, just after sunrise, they were on their way to the tomb ³ and they asked each other, "Who will roll the stone away from the entrance of the tomb?"

⁴ But when they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had been rolled away. ⁵ As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man dressed in a white robe sitting on the right side, and they were alarmed.

⁶ "Don't be alarmed," he said. "You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid him. ⁷ But go, tell his disciples and Peter, 'He is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you.'"

⁸ Trembling and bewildered, the women went out and fled from the tomb. They said nothing to anyone, because they were afraid.



Easter Lilies

In Honor of

Adam & Sam Engel

In Memory of:

Alice & Reid Calcott Jr.
 Ellis & Ann Ivey
 Parents USA & Japan
 Jack & Lucy Specht
 Phil Herter
 Alice & Frank Briggs
 Scott Winchester & Jack Winchester
 Robert L. & John R. Main
 Rev. Kenneth Anderson
 Our Parents
 Our Parents and Siblings
 Bill Estell
 My parents and sister
 Pamela Gates
 Arlene Besner
 Family
 Marilyn & Steve Salak
 Robert & Marjorie Easlick
 My Parents, Dale & Dorothy Smith
 Our Parents and Brothers
 Ray Shepherd
 Ken Shepherd

Given By

Reid Calcott

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Reid Calcott
 Reid Calcott
 John & Taki LaDouce
 Fred & Genie Herter & Family
 Fred & Genie Herter & Family
 Beverly Briggs
 Alice Winchester
 Meredith Main
 Ruth Anderson
 Pete & Ginny Brucker
 Alan & Linda Poplewski
 Judy & Ruth Estell
 Cheryl Kelley
 Craig Gates
 The Engels
 Betty Miller
 Kathy Salak
 Ted & Deb Easlick
 Ted & Deb Easlick
 Jerry & JoAnn Hunt
 His Family
 His Family
 Mary & Larry Smith

Busy Hands and Hearts

Will meet at the church **Monday, April 1 @ 1:00 p.m.** You do not have to sew or knit to join in. If you or anyone you know has yarn to donate, please place it in the Busy Hands box in the gathering area's Mission corner. If you have any questions, please call Pam Moran @ 989-792-7388.



Rescue Mission Lunches



Saturday, **April 6**, please join us in the church kitchen to assemble bag lunches for the Saginaw Rescue Mission. This will be a recurring event on the **first Saturday of each month**. We will meet at 9:30 a.m. in the church kitchen (Please enter from parking lot through Fellowship Hall door) to visit and share in the work of making sandwiches and lunches for those struggling with hunger. We look forward to seeing you as we gather to help those in need.

To the members of Second Presbyterian Church;

On behalf of my wife Maryjo Mundell and myself, we wish to express our sincerest gratitude and deepest thanks to all the members and friends in the congregation. Especially for all the outpouring of love, support, the cards and mostly for the prayers for my wife's recovery during her ongoing battle with cancer. We truly wish to thank all in the congregation for all their prayers we do know that they are working.

Thank You,
 Jim and MaryJo Mundell