

Easter Sunday

April 20, 20259:00 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
Please sign the Friendship pads and pass them back to the center aisle.

Our Approach to God

PreludeFantasy on ‘Easter Hymn’Harris

The Call to Worship
Alleluia! Christ is risen!
The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!
Hear the good news – the grave is empty. God raised Jesus from the dead.
Alleluia! Christ is risen!
Hear the good news – the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.
Praise be to God!
Hear the good news – Christ won the victory over sin and death. He did this for us and for our salvation. Alleluia! Christ is risen!
The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

*The Hymn of PraiseUp From the Grave He Arosesee insert

*The Call to Confession
We have all sinned, but we can have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. He took our sins upon himself on the cross. But the grave could not keep him! Everyone who believes in Jesus Christ can receive the forgiveness of sins. With this assurance, let us confess our sins to God.

*The Prayer of Confession
Loving God, in the bright light of Easter morning, our sin is exposed. When the risks of discipleship are high and we are nowhere to be found, forgive us. When we have given up all hope, failing to remember your promises and power, forgive us. When we

wash our hands of responsibility, forgive us. When skepticism or hard hearts keep us from believing your truth, forgive us. When fear or prejudice keep us from witnessing to your truth, forgive us. For all the sins that creep into our lives, forgive us. [Silent confession.] Merciful God, we praise you that the story does not end with our sin. In the bright light of Easter morning, your grace is revealed. We thank you and worship you. In Jesus’ name, Amen.

*The Assurance of Pardon
Because of God’s great love for us, even though we were dead in our sins, we have been made alive with Christ. It is by grace that we are saved! In Christ, our sins are forgiven. **Thanks be to God!**

*The ResponseAlleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks106
Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.
Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to His name.

The AnthemResurrection VictoryLarson

The Word of God

The Time with the Children

The Gospel ReadingLuke 24:1-12page 1506

The New Testament ReadingActs 10:34-43page 1567

The SermonI now realize...Pastor Ruth Estell

Our Response to Serve

*The HymnJesus Christ Is Risen Today123

Profession of FaithBrady Mulvaney and Piper Sova

*The Affirmation of FaithThe Apostles’ Creed(traditional)hymnal, page 14

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 *Christians, Shout for Joy and Gladness* Bullard

*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 *Celebrate With Joy and Singing* 107

*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* Widor

* Congregation Standing – for those who are able.

Liturgist : Brady Mulvaney and Piper Sova

Ushers:

Greeter: Diane Kemerer

Fellowship Hour: Christian Education Committee

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

**Please join us immediately following worship in the gathering area to
congratulate Brady & Piper.**

*****No 2nd @ Second today*****

******Session meeting Tuesday April 22 @ 7:00 p.m.******

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

Announcements and Upcoming Events

Book Group will meet **NEXT Sunday, April 27 @ 1:00 p.m.** to discuss **The Remember Box** by **Patricia Sprinkle** and to enjoy some fellowship and treats. No need to sign up, just show up!



Our April mission focus is the Presbyterian Giving Catalog. We're aiming in a slightly different direction this year, focusing on water, which is a critical & scarce commodity in many parts of the world! The catalog gives many options, from garden wells to jerry cans for hauling water, on pp 10, 11 & 15. Our goal in mind is the \$1,500 garden well. But there are many smaller options along the way. This congregation has been wonderfully generous the past two years with our livestock efforts. We hope you'll feel similar about the life-saving gift of water.



We will receive the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering **Today**. Millions of Christians join together in sharing God's love with our neighbors-in-need around the world providing relief from natural disasters, food for the hungry, and support for the poor and oppressed. There are special offering envelopes in the pews, however if you just mark One Great Hour of Sharing on your check or donation, that will also work.

*****If you ordered Easter flowers, feel free to take them home after the service.*****

Easter Flowers

In Honor or Memory of:

Alice & Reid Calcott Jr.
Ellis & Ann Ivey
Parents of Ruth Estell
Parents of USA & Japan
Jack & Lucy Specht
Phil Herter
Rev. Kenneth Anderson
Dawn Jones
Marilyn Spear
Paula H. Spear
Keith Spear
Our Parents
Helen & Keith Gross
Bob & Iris Poplewski
Siblings – Sally, David, and Linda
Bill Estell
William, Charlotte, and Lynne Nickle
Fred & Arlene Besner
Clarence Kipp
Jeff & Doris Steele
Family
Marilyn & Steve Salak
Robert & Marjorie Easlick
Dale & Dorothy Smith
Our Parents and siblings who have passed
Ray Shepherd
Ronald & Annette Peters
Frank & Viola Fessler
Willard Rose
The Kemerer's and Clendenin's
Mary Jo Mundell
Anne & Hamilton Easton
Reynold & Mary Jean Myers
Our Parents
Maryann Brown
Ken Moran

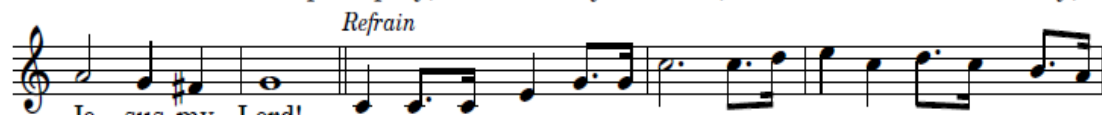
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Reid Calcott
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John & Taki LaDouce
Fred & Genie Herter & Family
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Ruth Anderson
Michael Spear
Michael Spear
Michael Spear
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Pete & Ginny Brucker
Alan & Linda Poplewski
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Judy & Ruth Estell
Cheryl Kelley
The Engels
The Engels
The Engels
Betty Miller
Kathy Salak
Ted & Deb Easlick
Ted & Deb Easlick
Jerry & JoAnn Hunt
Susan Shepherd
Scott, Michelle, Tom, and Josh Peters
Scott, Michelle, Tom, and Josh Peters
Bonnie Rose
Chuck & Diane Kemerer
Jim Mundell
Kitty Myers & Barbara Easton
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Mike & Deanna Patton
Christy Higley
Pam Moran

Up from the Grave He Arose



1. Low in the grave he lay, Je - sus my Sav - ior, wait - ing the com - ing day,
2. Vain - ly they watch his bed, Je - sus my Sav - ior; vain - ly they seal the dead,
3. Death can - not keep its prey, Je - sus my Sav - ior; he tore the bars a - way,



Refrain

Je - sus my Lord!

Je - sus my Lord! Up from the grave he arose, with a mighty triumph o'er his

Je - sus my Lord!



foes; he a - rose a vic - tor from the dark do - main, and he lives for - ev - er, with his



saints to reign. He a - rose! He a - rose! Hal - le - lu - jah! Christ a - rose!

Luke 24:1-12 New International Version

24 On the first day of the week, very early in the morning, the women took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb. **2** They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, **3** but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. **4** While they were wondering about this, suddenly two men in clothes that gleamed like lightning stood beside them. **5** In their fright the women bowed down with their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, “Why do you look for the living among the dead? **6** He is not here; he has risen! Remember how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee: **7** ‘The Son of Man must be delivered over to the hands of sinners, be crucified and on the third day be raised again.’ ” **8** Then they remembered his words.

9 When they came back from the tomb, they told all these things to the Eleven and to all the others. **10** It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the others with them who told this to the apostles. **11** But they did not believe the women, because their words seemed to them like nonsense. **12** Peter, however, got up and ran to the tomb. Bending over, he saw the strips of linen lying by themselves, and he went away, wondering to himself what had happened.

Acts 10:34-43 New International Version

34 Then Peter began to speak: “I now realize how true it is that God does not show favoritism **35** but accepts from every nation the one who fears him and does what is right. **36** You know the message God sent to the people of Israel, announcing the good news of peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all. **37** You know what has happened throughout the province of Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached— **38** how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and how he went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil, because God was with him.

39 “We are witnesses of everything he did in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They killed him by hanging him on a cross, **40** but God raised him from the dead on the third day and caused him to be seen. **41** He was not seen by all the people, but by witnesses whom God had already chosen—by us who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. **42** He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one whom God appointed as judge of the living and the dead. **43** All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

