First United Presbyterian Church

April 20, 2025

**GATHERING**

**CHIMES** Set your heart for worship, if you must whisper, let it be in prayer.

**PRELUDE**

**OPENING WORDS**

One: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

**All: And also, with you!**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: Give thanks for the goodness of God

**P: God’s steadfast love endures forever.**

L: Let God’s people proclaim

**P: God’s steadfast love endures forever.**

L: God send Jesus to teach us.

**P: God’s steadfast love endures forever.**

L: Jesus was crucified died and was buried.

**P: God’s steadfast love endures fo ever.**

L: But on the third day He has risen.

**P: He has risen indeed!**

**OPENING PRAYER**

**\*OPENING HYMN** #104 Christ Is Risen

Christ is ris­en! Shout Ho­san­na! Celebrate this day of days!  
Christ is ris­en! Hush in won­der: All cre­ation is am­azed.  
In the de­sert all-sur­round­ing, See, a spread­ing tree has grown.  
Healing leaves of grace abound­ing Bring a taste of love un­known.

Christ is ris­en! Raise your spir­its From the ca­verns of des­pair.  
Walk with glad­ness in the morn­ing. See what love can do and dare.  
Drink the wine of re­sur­rect­ion, Not a serv­ant, but a friend.  
Jesus is our strong com­pan­ion. Joy and peace shall nev­er end.

Christ is ris­en! Earth and Heav­en, Nevermore shall be the same.  
Break the bread of new cre­ation Where the world is still in pain.  
Tell its grim, de­mon­ic chor­us: Christ is ris­en! Get you gone!  
God the First and Last is with us, Sing Ho­san­na, ev­ery­one!

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**God of steadfast love, we often struggle to accept Your gifts to us. We say that we receive Your grace but then we act as though we are parentless children. Renew our commitment to You Lord, and make us new creations** **in the light and glory of your grace and mercy. Bond us this day and always to You and to all of Your children. We ask this in the name of He who was crucified, died and was buried for we know that it is also He who is risen. He is risen indeed!**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**\*RESPONSE TO PARDON** #570 Gloria Patri

**\*PASSING THE PEACE**

One: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you!

**All: And also, with you!**

One: Please pass the peace to those around you.

**\*GATHERING SONG OF PRAISE** #123 Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

Jesus Christ is ris'n today, alleluia! our triumphant holy day, alleluia!  
who did once, upon the cross, alleluia! suffer to redeem our loss, alleluia!

**PROCLAMATION**

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

**EPISTLE READING** 1 Corinthians 15:19-26

**SPECIAL MUSIC** “Easter Proclamation” Highland Ringers

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE** Holly VanBuskirk

**GOSPEL READING** John 20:1-18

**SERMON** “Risen”Rev. Greg Menssen

**RESPONDING**

**\*HYMN OF RESPONSE** #118 The Day Of Resurrection

The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad;  
the passover of gladness, the passover of God.  
From death to life eternal, from earth unto the sky,  
our Christ hath brought us over,with hymns of victory.

Our hearts be pure from 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.

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

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**THE LORDS PRAYER**

**INVITATION TO OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY**

**\*DOXOLOGY** #592

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**SENDING**

**\*CLOSING HYMN** #108 Christ Is Alive!1 Christ is alive! Let Christians sing. His cross stands empty to the sky.  
Let streets and homes with praises ring. His love in death shall never die.

Christ is alive! His Spirit burn Through this and every future age,  
Till all creation lives and learns His joy, his justice, love and praise.

**\*CHARGE AND BLESSING**

**\*POSTLUDE**

**\***Denotes to please stand.

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