

## PRELUDE

Symphonie No. 3, Op. 28  
IV. Adagio

Louis Vierne

## EASTER GREETING

Christ is Risen! **He is Risen Indeed!**

## ✘ CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather, recognizing the Risen Christ, our Good Shepherd.

**Jesus, You are our shepherd, we shall never want.**

We lie down in green pastures and are led beside the still waters.

**Jesus, You restore our souls.**

We are guided in the paths of righteousness for Your name's sake.

Even though we may walk through the valley of the shadow of death.

**Jesus, we fear no evil, for You comfort us.**

We have a table prepared for us in the presence of our foes.

**Jesus, You anoint us with the oil of salvation, our cup runs over!**

Surely, goodness and mercy will follow us all the days of our lives.

**Jesus, we will dwell with You in the house of our Holy God forever.**

Let us worship God with a hymn of praise.

## ✘ HYMN 244

This Joyful Eastertide

VRUECHTEN

## ✘ CALL TO CONFESSION

## ✘ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Gentle Shepherd, you guide us in the right paths, you lead us in the ways of righteousness and peace. We have allowed our anger, our rage, our greed, and at times even our hate to direct our paths. We have overreacted, we have taken more than our share, we have despised others that seem to have it all. Forgive us, God, for not following your ways. Forgive us for not remembering that we are your sheep, and you are our Shepherd. Forgive us when we have not listened for your voice, and instead, have acted in the ways of the world. Guide us back to your path, to loving you and our neighbors. Help us to unclench our fists and lend our hands in hope and healing, forgiveness and love.**

*(Silent Confession)*

In the name of Christ our Shepherd, we pray, **Amen.**

## ✘ DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Believe in the good news of the Gospel. **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!**

## ✘ PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. **And also with you.**

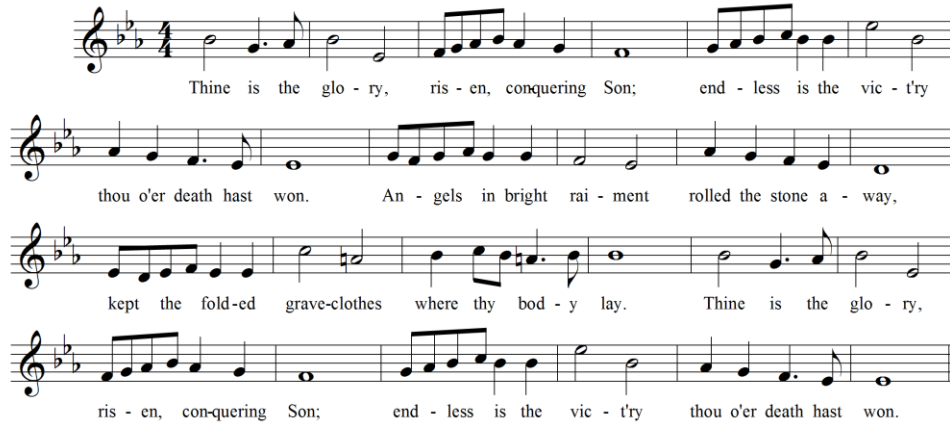
*(Please extend the Peace of Christ to those around you saying....)*

Peace be with you. **And also with you.**

## ✘ RESPONSE

Thine is the Glory

JUDAS MACCABEUS



Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, conquering Son; end - less is the vic - t'ry  
thou o'er death hast won. An - gels in bright rai - ment rolled the stone a - way,  
kept the fold-ed grave-clothes where thy bod - y lay. Thine is the glo - ry,  
ris - en, con- quering Son; end - less is the vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won.

## BLESSING OF THE CHILDREN

*Following the Blessing of the Children, children 4 years old through 3rd grade may go room 110 for Godly Play. Children 2 and 3 will go to room 107.*

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

## LESSON

Acts 2:42-47

(Page 886 in Pew Bible)

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

## ANTHEM

Savior Like A Shepherd Lead Us

William Bradley Roberts

Savior, like a shepherd lead us; much we need thy tender care: in thy pleasant pastures feed us; for our use thy folds prepare. Blessed Jesus! Blessed Jesus! Thou hast bought us, thine we are.

Early let us seek thy favor, early let us learn thy will; do thou, Lord, our only Savior, with thy love our bosoms fill. Blessed Jesus! Blessed Jesus! Thou hast loved us: love us still.

## LESSON

John 10:1-10

(Page 872 in Pew Bible)

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

## SERMON

What Kind of Life Do You Want?

Rev. Dr. Richard Merrick

## ✘ HYMN 187

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

BRADBURY

## ✘ THE APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ God's only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## OFFERING

### Offertory

*from* Messiah

Pastoral Symphony

George Frideric Handel

## SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

## SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

### Invitation to the Lord's Table

### Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

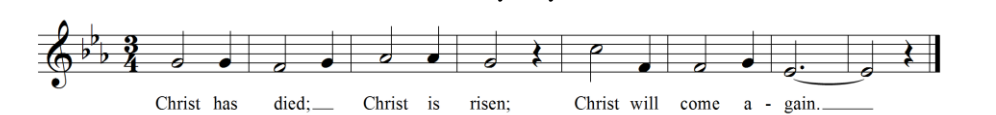
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Holy God, our loving creator..... who forever sing to Your glory



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho ly Lord, God of power and  
might, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,  
God of power and might, heav - en and earth are  
full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the  
high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes  
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the  
high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Merciful God..... Great is the mystery of faith.

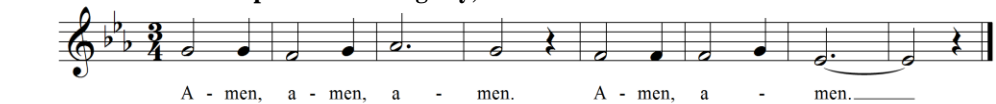


Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come a - gain.

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit .....

As Christ our Savior has taught us, we are bold to say:

**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.**



A - men, a - men, a - men. A - men, a - men.

## Breaking of the Bread and Pouring of the Cup

Through the broken bread, we participate in the body of Christ.  
Through the cup of blessing we participate in the new life Christ gives.  
Alleluia! Christ our Passover is offered for us.

**Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

## Communion of the People

*Communion will be served by intinction on the main floor at the front of the Sanctuary by Elders. You will be directed down the center aisle, take a piece of bread and dip it in the cup and return by a side aisle. Communion in the balcony will be served by Elders passing trays. Gluten free wafers are available. All who look to the Lord Jesus Christ for salvation are most welcome to partake in Holy Communion.*

## Prayer after Communion

**We give thanks, Almighty God, that You have refreshed us at Your table by granting us the presence of Jesus Christ. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us into the world, in courage and peace, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit, and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

✦ **HYMN 547**      Go, My Children With My Blessing      AR HYD Y NOS

## BLESSING AND CHARGE

### POSTLUDE

Sonata 1 in D Minor, Op. 42      Alexandre Guilmant  
III. Final

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## W O R S H I P   N O T E S

**The flowers for worship** are given in celebration of the first anniversary of Rev. Jessica Myers' ministry with us.

**First Presbyterian Church** follows the liturgical calendar to mark the season of our life together as Christians. We are presently in the SEASON OF EASTER, a period of 50 days. The colors are white and gold, symbolizing resurrection joy and celebration, renewal and hope. **The two banners** above the doors, completed in 2005, were designed by liturgical artist Jenia Rimov of Camas, Washington. The banner on the pulpit side portrays the new light of Easter. The banner on the lectern side portrays our response to the good news of resurrection: Alleluia! These themes are continued on the pulpit and lectern hangings. The **butterfly**, hanging in the chancel, is a symbol of resurrection and eternal life because it emerges from a cocoon with a glorified body able to soar into the sky. The **pascal candle** is the large white candle used to represent the Risen Christ, dispelling darkness during the Easter Season.

**Friendship Pad:** Members and visitors - during the ORGAN OFFERTORY please sign the friendship pad and pass it down the pew for others to sign. The friendship pad is located on the seat of the pew closest to the center aisle. We encourage all to greet visitors and friends after worship.

**Greeting cards** on the table in the Narthex extend our prayers to members of our church with particular needs. Everyone is welcome to sign.

✦ *Please stand if you are able. Bold type indicates congregational response.*

Its appropriate to use the congregational **AMEN** at the conclusion of all prayers in the service.

*We ask that you please turn all cell phones to "silent" during the worship service.*

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## C H I L D R E N I N   W O R S H I P

Childcare is provided for **infants and children under 2 years** of age on the first floor in Room 107A. A paging system is available. Childcare is available 9:15am -11:45am.

**Children age 2** may go to childcare following the *Blessing of the Children* to Room 107 on the first floor. Children should be picked up from Room 107 following worship or the Christian Education hour.

**Children 3yrs old – 3<sup>rd</sup> grade** –will be escorted to Room 110 for *GODLY PLAY*, our faith formation, following the *Blessing of the Children*. At 10:30am they will rehearse for the children's choir for 15 minutes and then be escorted to Room 107 for a FAITH ENRICHMENT class.

**Children in 4<sup>th</sup> -8<sup>th</sup> grade** will gather for CHOIR at 10:30am in Room 110. At 10:45am they will be escorted to Room 202 for a FAITH ENRICHMENT class.

**Red Worship Bags** for children preschool age through third grade and **White Worship Bags** for 4<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> graders are available on the rack in the Narthex.

*Please return the worship bags to the tray under the rack following worship.*

## W O R S H I P   L E A D E R S

**Guest Pastor:** Rev. Dr. Richard E. Merrick

**Liturgist:** Dr. Marie Loudon-Hanes

**Director of Music:** Brent Neuenschwander

**Lay Reader:** Mike Marshall

**Greeters & Ushers:** Pat Haley, Tom Bronder, Carol Dale-Joseph, Jim Baker

**Musicians:** Chancel Choir

**Audio:** Jim Kennedy

**Video Crew:** Director – Dana Bourne  
Camera Operators – Ben Anderson, Lily Anderson  
AV Sound – Duncan McMath  
Video Editor: Rollie Smith

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LOOKING AHEAD .....FELLOWSHIP HALL

*Doug Huffman, Attorney at Law*

Have you made plans for the future? How does one go about arranging one's legacy, belongings, and finances? What do we do in the meantime? Join us to hear advice on these questions.

CHARACTER BUILDERS..... ROOM 209-210  
*"God's Sustaining Love"* based on Jonah 1:7-17. We will take a new look at the familiar story where God saves the reluctant prophet, Jonah, who has been cast into the sea by angry sailors through a most unlikely rescuer - a large fish. Come hear the rest of the story! Jim Baker will lead the discussion.

## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



*Service for  
the Lord's Day*

MAY 7, 2017  
FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER  
9:30 A.M. – SANCTUARY

*We are an active open community of Christians  
seeking to know and glorify God,  
nurturing all people and sharing Christ's love and teachings.*