

# Rejoice!

He has been raised.  
—Mark 16:6



# **First Presbyterian Church**

**April 4, 2021**

**\* Please stand as you are able. The congregation is invited to sing on the hymns but must be fully masked. While lifting your voices in praise, we do ask that you refrain from full throated vocals and be sure you are suitably socially distanced from anyone not in your immediate family.**

**Chiming of the Hour**

**Prelude**

*"The Strife is O'er"*

**Brass Quartet**

**\*Call to Worship**

The stone has been rolled away.  
The grave clothes are lying in a heap.

**The body is gone.**

Let us proclaim with Mary:

**We have seen the risen Lord!**

Christ is Risen!

**Christ is Risen Indeed!**

*Hallelujah! Amen.*

**\*Hymn**

*"Jesus Christ is Risen Today"*

**GTG#232**

**\*Call to Confession**

**\*Prayer of Confession**

**(Congregation)**

**Gracious God, we worship our risen Savior, but we find ourselves weighed down by many things. We would prefer an easy faith, one that does not require us to identify the many ways that our thoughts, words, and actions have scorned Your love. But faith is never easy. It requires our very souls. Forgive us when we choose to remain captive to fear and doubt. Remind us that Jesus gave His very life so that we might draw near to You. Deepen our faith, and enable us by Christ's resurrection power to live no longer for ourselves, but for Him who died and rose again on our behalf, through Christ our Lord, Amen.**

**Telling the Story Through the Eyes of a Child**

Pastor Beth

**Anthem**

*"And Can It Be?"*

arr. Dan Forrest

And can it be that I should gain  
An interest in the Savior's blood?  
Died He for me, who caused His pain—  
For me, who Him to death pursued?  
Amazing love! How can it be,  
That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

He left His Father's throne above  
So free, so infinite His grace—  
Emptied Himself of all but love,  
And bled for Adam's helpless race:  
'Tis mercy all, immense and free,  
For O my God, it found out me!  
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For O my God, it found out me!

No condemnation now I dread;  
Jesus, and all in Him, is mine;  
Alive in Him, my living Head,  
And clothed in righteousness divine,  
Bold I approach th'eternal throne,  
And claim the crown, through Christ my own.  
-Charles Wesley

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Scripture Reading**

**I Cor. 15:17**

**Sermon**

*"How Can It Be"*

**Hymn of Response**

*"Christ Is Alive"*

**GTG#246**

**Postlude**

*"Symphony for Organ No. 5 in F minor, Op. 42, No. 1—V. Toccata"*

by Charles-Marie Widor

**Benediction**

## Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

1 Je - sus Christ is risen to - day,  
2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!  
3 But the pains which he en - dured,  
4 Sing we to our God a - bove,

5 our tri - um - phant ho - ly day,  
un - to Christ, our heavenly King, Al - le - lu - ia!  
6 our sal - va - tion have pro - cured.  
7 praise e - ter - nal as God's love.

8 who did once up - on the cross,  
9 who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!  
10 Now a - bove the sky he's King,  
11 Praise our God, ye heavenly host,

Give to God 232

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MUSIC: BASTICK HYMN 7.7.7.7 with addition: Lynn Davidson, 1788; adapts. from The Complete Psalmsist, 1749

## Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

12 suf - fer to re - deem our loss.  
13 sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!  
14 where the an - gels ev - er sing.  
15 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

## Christ Is Alive!

1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris-tians sing. The cross stands  
 2 Christ is a - live! No lon - ger bound to dis - tant  
 3 In ev - ery in - sult, rift, and war where col - or,  
 4 Wom - en and men, in age and youth, can feel the  
 5 Christ is a - live, and comes to bring good news to

emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with  
 years in Pal - es - tine, but sav - ing, heal - ing,  
 scorn, or wealth di - vide, Christ suf - fers still, yet  
 Spir - it, hear the call, and find the way, the  
 this and ev - ery age, till earth and sky and

Glory to God 548  
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 MUSIC (TREBLE, BASS): Music Service, c. 1776

## Christ Is Alive!

praises ring. Love, drowned in death, shall nev - er die.  
 here and now, and touch - ing ev - ery place and time.  
 loves the more, and lives, where ev - en hope has died.  
 life, the truth, re - vealed in Je - sus, freed for all.  
 o - cean ring with joy, with jus - tice, love, and praise.

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### **Worship Participants**

Rev. Dr. Elizabeth E. Broschart, Heather Perryman, David Clark, Kim Meadows,  
C. B. Strange, Ray Beale, and Gene Hayes

Brass Quartet: Matthew Purvis, James Martin, David Weilnau and Scott Gapinske

### **Tithes and Offerings**

Please place your tithes and offerings in the offering plates at the front of the  
Sanctuary as you enter or leave.

*The Lily cross is given to the glory of God,  
and in memory of our loved ones,  
by the Temple and Wilson families.*

*Special thanks to Matthew Purvis, Jim Martin, David Weilnau,  
and Scott Gapinske for providing such beautiful music today to  
enhance our worship and glorify our Lord and Risen Savior.*