

HELLO FUPC FAMILY AND FRIENDS!

In this mailing you'll find the bulletin for Sunday's worship service. Join us Sunday at 10:30 via zoom by going to <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5739200081>, or by phone (312-626-6799). If you're joining by phone, enter meeting ID 573-920-0081. If you've not used zoom before, follow the instructions provided at the link.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, March 31

CHRIST IS RISEN!

NO church class

6:15 a.m. – Easter Sunrise service at the Old Town Mission Community Center

10:30 a.m. – Easter Worship with communion followed by fellowship

Monday, April 1

Easter Monday – Church Office Closed

Wednesday, April 3

8:30 a.m. - Coffee with Katie at Charlie's

6:00 p.m. – Al-Anon meeting in upstairs classroom

7:00 p.m. – Choir rehearsal in sanctuary

Thursday, April 4

9:00 a.m. – Worship and Music Committee in Session Room

5:30 p.m. – Rainbow Ringers Rehearsal in the Gathering Place

Friday, April 5

4:00 p.m. - Samaritan House Cook Team

Saturday, April 6

9:00 a.m. – AA meeting in upstairs classroom

Sunday, April 7

8:45 a.m. – Church Class in Session Room and on Zoom

10:30 a.m. – Worship with communion followed by fellowship



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Easter Sunday

CHRIST IS RISEN!

CHRIST IS RISEN INDEED!

MEDITATION - *Christ is alive, and comes to bring good news to this and every age, till earth and sky and ocean ring with joy, with justice, love, and praise.*

--Brian Wren

WE GATHER TOGETHER

GATHERING MUSIC

Chris Rodgers, Cello

GREETINGS

Pastor Katie Palmer

PRELUDE

Alleluia, He Is Risen

arr. Michael R. Keller

Rainbow Ringers

WELCOMING EASTER Mark 16:5-6a

As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, 'Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here.

OPENING SONG

Let It Rise, Holland Davis

arr. Mike Rogers, Keith Lancaster

Choir

*CALL TO WORSHIP (adapted from Psalm 30:11-12)

Karyl Lyne

One: You, O God, have turned my mourning into dancing!

All: You have taken off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy.

One: Let my soul praise you and not be silent.

All: O Lord my God, I will give thanks to you forever!

*HYMNS OF PRAISE

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today! (GTG #245)

Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks (GTG #240)

*During the second hymn, please come forward to place flowers in the Living Cross.
Continue singing until all the flowers have been placed.*

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE AND MERCY

One: Easter proclaims it: we are loved beyond measure; we are forgiven in God's abundant grace; we are promised God's guidance; and we are entrusted to build God's kin-dom of love, peace, and justice.

All: Thanks be to God!

RESPONSE

Agnus Dei, Michael W. Smith

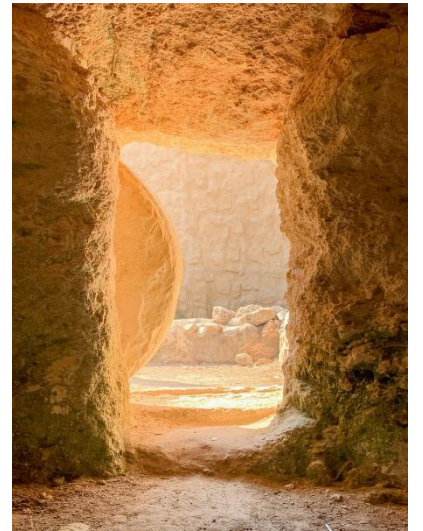
Choir

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

Mark 16:1-8



ANTHEM *Christ Arose*, Robert Lowry Choir

arr. Trey Ivey

SERMON *Afraid and Amazed* Pastor Katie Palmer

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

RESPONSE *Be Not Afraid* (GTG #243)

WITH THANKS FOR GENEROUS GIVING

***DOXOLOGY**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

WE SEAL GOD'S WORD

(Adapted from Rev. Gord Waldie, <http://worshipofferings.blogspot.com/2012/03/easter-communion-liturgy.html>)

*Please join in this responsive communion liturgy, speaking the words printed in **bold**.*

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S SUPPER

Our journey has led us to Resurrection; the Day of Celebration is here!

Alleluia! We gather at Christ's table to share the food and drink of life!

Christ welcomes all to this table.

Let us eat of the joyful banquet together!

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed!

Let us give thanks!

Thanks and praise to the One who brings life!

Gracious God, we sing praises for the wonder of an empty tomb; we give thanks for the gift of a life that overwhelms us with love.

We sing praises for the beauty of the world you have given us.

We see spring deepening around us with new life

And we sing songs of hope for the new life that springs from dead soil, for the promise of every seed sown.

We tell the stories of your people. We tell the story of Jesus: Jesus, a child who grew to embrace the life to which you called him;

Jesus, a teacher and preacher who shared his vision of a world where all divisions are broken down and where all live abundantly;

Jesus, who stood strong against the powerful ones who could not see your truth.

Even though they put him to death, you raised him to life, vindicating his vision and bringing hope and healing to the world.

We are inheritors of that vision, that hope, that healing, and so we shout:

Hosanna! Hosanna Holy One!

INSTITUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

As we gather at this table, we remember a story told mere days ago

And yet also an age ago.

We remember that Jesus gathered with his closest friends in an upper room to share a feast in celebration of God's freeing work in the world.

Words of Institution

... And so we break the bread and pour the cup and we proclaim, on this Easter day:

CHRIST IS RISEN!

God of life, pour your Spirit upon us; infuse this bread and cup with the Spirit's power.

Let us feel the power of the empty tomb, for Christ who died is now alive! Alleluia!

COMMUNION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Please come forward joyfully to receive communion.

Take a piece of bread and a cup and return to your seat. Once all have been served, we will eat together.

UNISON PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

O God of New Life, we have eaten, we have drunk, and we have embraced the new life given in Christ.

Grant us, O God, the guidance to move on as people of abundant life—your people who are working to build your kin-dom. Alleluia and Amen!

***CLOSING HYMN** *Christ Is Alive!* (GTG #246)

***SHARING EASTER JOY**

One: Christ is risen!

All: Christ is risen indeed!

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Please share the joy of Easter and the peace of Christ with one another

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

**Please stand in body or spirit, as you are able*





*****OPPORTUNITIES*****

Join us for fellowship in Perea Hall after worship today! **March fellowship time reminder:**

4/7 Robin Carlson 4/14 _____

Signup sheet is in Perea Hall; **please sign up for a Sunday!** Nothing elaborate is expected.

One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS): Please prayerfully consider a generous donation toward the OGHS special offering that runs through Easter Sunday. OGHS supports three vitally important programs that reach worldwide: 1. Presbyterian Disaster Assistance; 2. Presbyterian Hunger Program; and 3. Self Development of People.

Thank you!

The Sunday Morning Class for Adults and Youth will resume on April 7 with discussion of the book *The Wandering Mind: What Medieval Monks Tell Us About Distraction* by Jamie Kreiner. The hardcover book is available new from Amazon for \$15.50 (half price) or used for \$10.00. Used prices at dealers such as AbeBooks and Alibris are competitive (prices plus shipping). A short description of the book will appear in the April newsletter, and a longer description is available from Richard Lindeborg at RALindeborg@cs.com. The reading assignment for April 7 is the introduction and Chapter 1, "World."

To give online to the church, scan the green QR code at the bottom of the page, or send your donation in via check to the church office. Thank you!

Prayers for the Church Family – Each week we choose some specific names to remind us to pray for each other and for those in our Presbytery. Please pray for Jim, Siobhan and Sean Croto, Linda Cunningham and Theresa DeHerrera as well as First Presbyterian Church, Taos, NM (1874).

Assisting in Worship This Week

Pastor – Rev. Katie Palmer Worship Leader – Karyl Lyne
Musicians – Em Krall, piano Chris Rogers, cello
Choir Director – Jordan Jones Rainbow Ringers Director – Karyl Lyne
Office Manager – Crystal Western Ford
Sanctuary Hosts – Kevin Johnson, Charlotte Wootton
Tech Crew – Carol Linder, Peter Linder, Kent Reid

Thanks to Pam's Flowers for the donation of flowers for the cross!

April Elder of the Month – Carol Litherland – 505-429-0923

April Deacon of the Month – Juli Salman – 505-429-0290

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