

The image is a vertical rectangular card with a dark purple background. The background is decorated with a repeating pattern of stylized lily flowers and leaves in a lighter shade of purple. In the top-left and bottom-right corners, there are clusters of yellow-outlined lily flowers and buds. A white rectangular area is centered on the card, containing the text. The text is arranged in five lines: 'Christ' in a large, elegant cursive script; 'IS' in a smaller, simple sans-serif font; 'Risen' in a large, elegant cursive script; 'INDEED' in a large, simple sans-serif font; and 'Alleluia!' in a smaller, elegant cursive script.

Christ
IS
Risen
INDEED
Alleluia!

Sharing the Life of the Church

ALLELUIA! AS THE RISEN JESUS GREETED MARY (JOHN 20:16), SO HE GREETUS US. WELCOME TO EASTER WORSHIP!

PW Easter Open House - Join us at 9:30 in the Harris Room as the Presbyterian Women host a special time of fellowship and extra special Easter treats.

One Great Hour of Sharing - Use the special offering envelope in your bulletin to make a contribution to this special PCUSA offering. Join with Presbyterians worldwide in sharing God's love with our neighbors-in-need around the world by providing relief from natural disasters, food for the hungry, and support for the poor and oppressed.

Easter Egg Hunt - Following today's worship there will be an egg hunt for *all* kids. Bags will be available for those who did not bring a basket.

Thanks to all who helped with our first Community Meal last Sunday. We served a warm meal to approximately thirty-five folks and demonstrated the love of Jesus with gifts of food and clothing. It was a great success, but we couldn't have done it without the generosity and assistance of you, the congregation.

Volunteer of the Quarter - Next Sunday is the last day to nominate a volunteer for special recognition. Please fill out a form (located in the foyer) and return it to the offering plate, or to the Office mailbox no later than April 7.

Bluestone Events - There are several upcoming activities at Bluestone Camp and Retreat, including Spring Getaway April 28-30, The Guys' Weekend May 5-7, and Summer Camp for youth and

children. See the flyer in today's bulletin for more information, or log in to: <https://bluestonecamp.org>.

Valley Gem Cruise - On **Sunday, April 21, at 3:00 p.m.** we will join with other Presbyterian cluster churches for a cruise on the Valley Gem Sternwheeler. We will share a potluck meal and enjoy a spring day on the river. Signups are in the foyer and more details will be coming soon.



TRANSFORMED

Before becoming a Christian late in life, British journalist Malcolm Muggeridge denied that Jesus was God's Son and had risen from the dead. If Jesus' body was missing, he said, someone probably snatched it and abandoned it to the vultures, leaving the bones to whiten in the sun.

For Muggeridge, the turning point was encountering a living Lord. "If you should ask me by what authority I talk about the power of Christ to change human nature, I should reply to you simply ... because he has changed me," Muggeridge said after discarding agnosticism. "I can look anybody in the face today — my friends, my colleagues and what, perhaps, is most difficult of all, the members of my family — and be sure that they know, as I know, that I am really and literally a new creature in Christ Jesus since the day when he came into my life."

—adapted from *The Wired Word*

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
Resurrection of the Lord / Easter Sunday

March 31, 2024

10:30 a.m.

GATHERING

Preparation for Worship

Welcome

Prelude

Christ Is Risen! He Is Risen Indeed!

Juliana Ringers

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arr. Linda Scholes

***Hymn 232**

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

EASTER HYMN

***Call to Worship**

The stone is rolled away, the tomb found empty.

This is the day that the Lord has made.

The one you are looking for has overcome death.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Why do you look for the living among the dead?

The one you are looking for is alive!

Darkness has been vanquished!

The brilliant light of hope has come!

Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

He is risen indeed!

***Prayer of the Day**

Let us pray:

God of new dawns, new awakenings, new life,

we worship on this holy day,

knowing that we are your Easter people.

Christ is risen to bring us new life.

Hear our shouts of glad adoration as we

join our voices with the faithful of every age to sing, "Alleluia."

Let this day be filled with wonder;

let our lives proclaim the message;

let your church sing out the news—

that Christ, our Lord and Savior, is risen from the dead. Amen.

Anthem

Mercy Tree

arr. Joseph Martin

The Festival Choir / Trisha Pascarella, soloist

*Those who are able, please stand.

Children's Time

Confession and Pardon

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

*God of everlasting life, we confess that we continue
in the ways of death.*

*You have announced your new creation,
but we put our hope in former things.*

*You have opened the door of the tomb,
but we close our hearts to our neighbors.*

Forgive us, God of grace.

*This day, as we have gathered to celebrate the joy of Easter,
make us Easter People: people of the Resurrection,
people who know that what was thought to be impossible
has been conquered.*

*Fill us with your healing love and help us to become
the disciples that you need to serve in this world;
through Jesus Christ our Risen Lord. Amen.*

SILENCE for personal confession ...

Words of Assurance and Pardon

Listen to the sound of the waters and remember
you have been marked as a beloved child of God.
Feel the healing, loving power of God in your lives,
for in the love of Jesus Christ, you are loved forever.
Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed!

Friends believe the good news with great joy!
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Alleluia! Amen.

*Response

Hymn 248

Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!

HYMN TO JOY

*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.*

***Ritual of Friendship**

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

Exchange words of peace and greetings with those around you.

Sharing the Life of the Church**GROWING****Prayer for Illumination**

Living God, with joy we celebrate the presence of your risen Word.
Enlighten our minds and kindle our hearts with the presence of your Spirit,
that we may proclaim the good news of eternal and abundant life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Scripture

Mark 16:1-8

p. 722

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Scripture

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

p. 815

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God!

Sermon

“THE REST OF THE STORY”

Rev. Annie McMillan

Confession of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

*I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried;
he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand
of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come
to judge the quick and the dead.*

*I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church;
the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. AMEN.*

CARING

The Offering

Were You There?

Spiritual/arr. Dorothy Wells

*The Doxology

Hymn 606 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

OLD HUNDREDTH

Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

*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.*

GOING

***Hymn** (*see next page*)

Christ Arose

Robert Lowry

Those who wish to join in singing the Hallelujah Chorus are encouraged to do so from your pew. There will be music available.

***Benediction and Sending Forth**

***The Postlude**

Hallelujah Chorus, from *The Messiah*

G. F. Handel

Worship Participants

Beadle - *Audrey Hickman*

Acolyte - *Connor Buchanan*

Cross Bearer - *Bronson Linville*

Liturgist - *Kathy Hinkley*

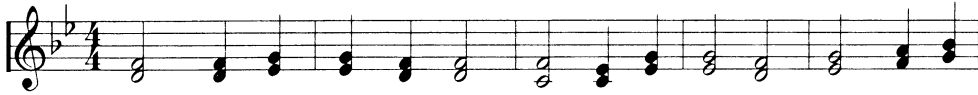
Sound Technician - *Matt Buchanan*

Organist/Accompanist - *Scott Rockhold*



TODAY'S FLOWERS HAVE BEEN DEDICATED IN MEMORY, HONOR AND CELEBRATION OF
FAMILY MEMBERS, FRIENDS AND LOVED ONES, AND TO THE GLORY OF GOD!

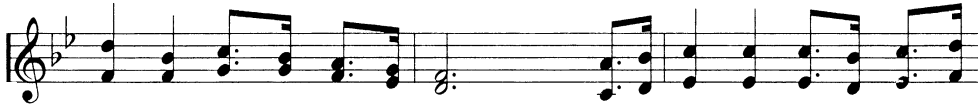
Christ Arose



> 1. Low in the grave He lay- Je - sus, my Sav - ior! Wait - ing the
> 2. Vain - ly they watch His bed- Je - sus, my Sav - ior! Vain - ly they
3. Death can - not keep his prey- Je - sus, my Sav - ior! He tore the



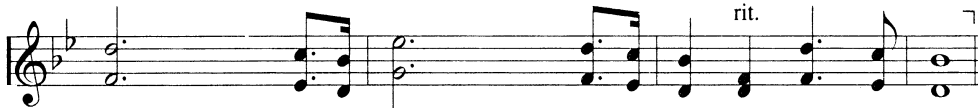
com - ing day- Je - sus, my Lord!
seal the dead- Je - sus, my Lord! Up from the grave He a - rose, With a
bars a - way- Je - sus, my Lord!



might - y tri - umph o'er His 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!



THIS WEEK AT FPC

Today, Sunday, March 31 **Easter/Resurrection Sunday**

- 6:30 a.m. Sunrise Worship - Prayer Garden
- 9:30 a.m. PW Easter Open House - Harris Room
- 10:30 a.m. Service for the Lord's Day - Sanctuary
- 11:30 a.m. Egg Hunt for children



Monday, April 1 **Church Office closed**

- 7:00 p.m. KOM Knitters - Harris Room

Tuesday, April 2

- 5:30 p.m. PW Board - Harris Room

Wednesday, April 3

- 5:30 p.m. The Gathering Meal [Hibachi] - Stevenson Hall

Thursday, April 4

- 7:15 p.m. Troop 3 Boy Scouts - Scout House

Saturday, April 6

- 8:30 a.m. Facilities Management / Saturday Stewards
- 9:30 a.m. Festival of Faith - Charleston FPC
- 12:00 p.m. HA Meeting - Stevenson Hall

Sunday, April 7 **2nd Sunday of Easter / Communion**

- 8:30 a.m. Service of Morning Prayer - Chapel
- 10:00 a.m. Coffee Hour - Harris Room
- 10:30 a.m. Service for the Lord's Day - Sanctuary

Prayer List – Please remember the following in your prayers:

Bill Elkins	Jackson Middle School	Dennis Bolten
Jean Singer	Pat & Ann Patterson	Mary Withum
Bill Nolen	Melanie Thompson	Juli Springer
Pat Douglass	Trevor & Jayda Hinojosa	Lynn Linville
Peace in Israel	Cunningham Family	Susan Miller
Kathy Schlarb	Ruth Ann Huddle	Butch Shepherd
Harriet Litteral	Marianne Mason	Peter Headlee
Fleming Family	Becky Holdren & Family	Vince Eades
Karen Vanoster	Homebound Members	Dan Ellis
Wayne Sanders	Troops – World Peace	Brad Carter