



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF
 KIRKWOOD

EASTER SUNDAY

Sunday, March 31, 2024

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J. Norton

ORDER OF WORSHIP

_____ ***Please rise in body or in spirit.** _____

Chiming of the Hour

We encourage you to quiet your minds and hearts for worship at this time.

Welcome and Announcements

Sign the Friendship Register at the end of your pew and pass it to your neighbor.

Easter Fanfare

“Entrata Festiva”

Flor Peeters

Christ overpowered. Christ now reigns. Christ doth now command.

WE ADDRESS OURSELVES TO GOD

***Call to Worship**

Leader: The stone is rolled away,

People: death is overcome.

Leader: The tomb is dark, but empty,

People: darkness gives way to light.

Leader: The grave clothes are folded,

People: where has he gone?

Leader: The women were the first to see and tell us

People: he is not here.

Leader: Christ is risen!

All: He is risen indeed!

***Processional Hymn**

“Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”

Hymn #232

***Prayer of Confession (Unison)**

All-knowing, all-powerful God, we confess that, even on this most holy day, we are unable to believe in the victory over death shown to us in the resurrection of Jesus Christ, our Lord. We confess our utter dependence on you not only for life but also for faith, hope, and love. Forgive us and transform us, that in every way our work and prayer will make whole what is broken and give peace on earth.

***Silent Confessions**

***Assurance of God’s Grace**

***Congregational Response**

“We Are Forgiven”

Hymn #447

***The Passing of the Peace**

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us share that peace with one another.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 25:6-9; Pew Bible, O.T., pg. 652

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

"Wounded Alleluias"

text: Joseph M. Martin
music: Craig Courtney

Lord, heal our wounded alleluias. Touch our fragile, simple praise.

Comfort every troubled, wayward song with Your gentle grace. Alleluia!

In the stillness of our inmost thoughts, each broken song redeem.

Move your bow across our silent strings, that we might learn your theme. Alleluia!

Write in us Your hymn of hope and wonder, craft each needed chord with care.

Fix in us Your wondrous harmony, a symphony to share.

Help us trust your holy, grand design, Composer of the heart.

Make us now Your instruments of peace and let the music start. Alleluia!

Scripture Reading

Mark 16:1-8; Pew Bible, N.T., pg. 54

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

It's More Than Resurrection!

Rev'd Gary Noonan

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

***Confession of Faith (Unison)**

In Jesus Christ, God was reconciling the world to himself. Jesus Christ is God with humankind. He is the eternal Son of God, who became human and lived among us to fulfill the work of reconciliation. God is present in the church by the power of the Holy Spirit to continue and complete God's mission. This work of God, Son, and Holy Spirit is the foundation of all confessional statements about God, humanity, and the world. Therefore, the church calls all people to be reconciled to God and to one another.

***Hymn**

"Thine is the Glory"

Hymn #238

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer (Unison)

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.

Offertory Sentences

Offertory Anthem "One Faith, One Hope, One Lord" Craig Courtney

One faith, one hope, one Lord, one church for which he died.

One voice, one song we lift in praise to him who was and is and shall be evermore.

There is one body, one spirit, as you were called to one hope.

*One Lord, baptism and faith, one God and Father of all,
above all, and through all, who is in you all.*

One faith, one hope, one Lord, one church for which he died.

One voice, one song we lift in praise to him who was and is and shall be evermore.

Though we be many people, diverse with various gifts,

*we are given to each other for the unity of faith,
to grow in the knowledge of the Son of God, in the fullness of Christ.*

One faith, one hope, one Lord, one church for which he died.

One voice, one song we lift in praise to him who was and is and shall be evermore.

One faith, one hope, one Lord, one God!

Prayer of Dedication

WE DEPART TO SERVE THE LORD

***Closing Hymn** "The Strife Is O'er" Hymn #236

***Benediction**

Choral Response "A Choral Amen" Marianne Forman

Organ/Brass Voluntary Toccata (Symphony V) Charles-Marie Widor

Worship Leaders:

Rev'd. Gary Noonan, *Senior Pastor*

Rev. Linda Maconochie, *Interim Associate Pastor*

Music Ministry:

Bill Stein, *Director of Music Ministries*; Hayden Vaughn, *Music Associate*;

Mary Weber and Lisa Blackmore, *trumpet*; Peter Ulffers, *horn*;

George Manning, *trombone* Matt Kuebler, *tuba*; Timothy Crockett, *percussion*;

Chancel Choir

Acolyte: Rowan Sevem **Cross Bearer:** George Dunaway

Ushers:

Jim Cooper, Pam Cooper, Mark McLean,

Jason Mitchell, Kristy Mitchell, Jane Paniello

Assistant Head Ushers:

Amy Freshwater, Art McDonnell, Robert Schneider

Usher Captain: Larry Erwin **Livestream Host:** Gary Hepp