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CHURCH**

Presbyterian (USA)



# Easter Sunday

## **Service of Worship**

March 31, 2024 • 8, 9:30 and 11:15 a.m.

We welcome you to this joyous celebration  
and invite you to join us every Sunday.  
Regular worship times are 9 and 11 a.m. in the Sanctuary  
and The Gathering at 5 p.m. in Friendship Hall.

# EASTER SUNDAY

## The Resurrection of Our Lord

### **GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER**

Prelude

Words of Welcome

The Easter Proclamation

Christ is risen!

**He is risen indeed!**

\*Hymn

*Lift High the Cross*

Refrain:

**Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim  
till all the world adore his sacred name.**

**Come, Christians, follow where our Savior trod,  
the Lamb victorious, Christ, the Son of God. (Refrain)**

**All newborn servants of the Crucified  
bear on their brow the seal of Christ who died. (Refrain)**

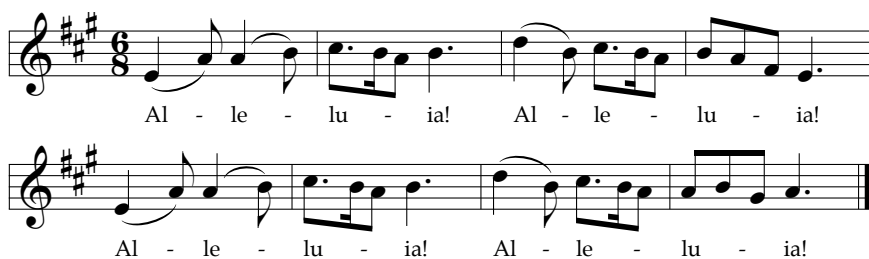
**O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,  
your death has brought us life eternally. (Refrain)**

**So shall our song of triumph ever be:  
praise to the Crucified for victory. (Refrain)**

\*Unison Morning Prayer

**Risen Christ,  
you were raised from death,  
and you empowered those first women  
to speak good news to the world.  
Then you appeared to those who loved and followed you  
and charged them to be your body, the church.  
Just as you appeared to them,  
so also appear to us,  
and lead us in lives of faithfulness.  
May your heart beat so strongly in us that we, too,  
carry your good news to the world.  
In the name of you who triumphed over death we pray.  
Amen.**

\*Response of Praise



\*Passing the Peace of Christ

## PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Time with the Children

Prayers of the People and 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.**

Prayer for Illumination

John Gamble (8 a.m.)

Leigh Gray (9:30 a.m.)

Caitlin Bowen (11 a.m.)

Scripture Reading

Luke 24:13-32

Sermon

*The Practice of Rising*

Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka

## RESPONSE TO THE WORD

\*Hymn

*When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

**When I survey the wondrous cross  
on which the Prince of glory died,  
my richest gain I count but loss,  
and pour contempt on all my pride.**

**Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,  
save in the death of Christ my God;  
all the vain things that charm me most,  
I sacrifice them to his blood.**

**See, from his head, his hands, his feet,  
sorrow and love flow mingled down;  
did e'er such love and sorrow meet,  
or thorns compose so rich a crown?**

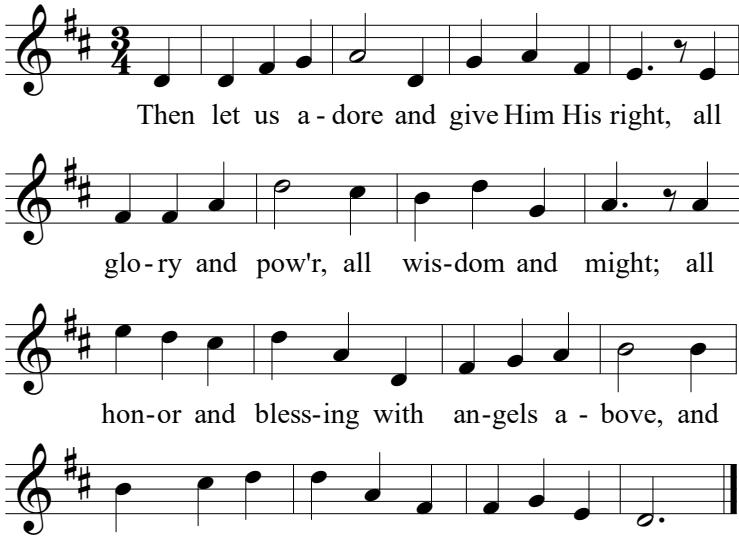
**Were the whole realm of nature mine,  
that were a present far too small;  
love so amazing, so divine,  
demands my soul, my life, my all.**

Call for the Offering

Offertory Anthem

*To the Lamb on the Throne*  
by Dan Forrest; Village Choir and Village Brass

\*Sung Response



Then let us a - dore and give Him His right, all  
glo - ry and pow'r, all wis - dom and might; all  
hon - or and bless - ing with an - gels a - bove, and  
thanks nev - er ceas - ing and in - fi - nite love.

\*Prayer of Dedication

\*Hymn

*Jesus Christ is Risen Today*

**Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!  
our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!  
who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!  
suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!**

**Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!  
unto Christ, our heavenly King, Alleluia!  
who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!  
sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!**

**But the pains which he endured, Alleluia!  
our salvation have procured. Alleluia!  
Now above the sky he's King, Alleluia!  
where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!**

**Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!  
praise eternal as God's love. Alleluia!  
Praise our God, ye heavenly host, Alleluia!  
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!**

\*Benediction

\*Benediction Response

*Hallelujah Chorus*  
G.F. Handel; Village Choir and Congregation

\*Postlude

*Toccata from "Symphony V"*  
by Charles-Marie Widor; Dr. Elisa Bickers, organ

*\*All who are able may stand.*

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# HALLELUJAH CHORUS

King of Kings! \_\_\_\_\_ And Lord of

Lords! \_\_\_\_\_ King of Kings! \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ And Lord of Lords! \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ King of Kings! \_\_\_\_\_ And Lord of

Lords! \_\_\_\_\_ and Lord - of - Lords! (choir: reign fore- ever and

ever) and He shall reign for - ev- er and e - ver! King of

Kings! \_\_\_\_\_ And Lord of Lords! \_\_\_\_\_ And

He shall reign for - ev- er and ev - er! King of Kings! And Lord of

Lords! King of Kings! And Lord of Lords! And

He shall reign for - ev - er and ev - er! King of

Kings! And Lord of Lords! HaHe-lu- jah! HaHe-

lu- jah! HaHe-lu- jah! HaHe - lu- jah! Hal -

le - - - lu - jah!

## Liturgists

- 8 a.m. Rev. Melanie Hardison, Rev. Chad Herring  
& Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka
- 9:30 a.m. Rev. Melanie Hardison, Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka  
& Rev. Zach Walker
- 11:15 a.m. Rev. Melanie Hardison, Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka  
& Rev. Alice Whitson

## Music Leadership

Village Choir

Village Brass

Dr. Joshua Maize, interim co-director of music

Dr. Elisa Bickers, principal organist and interim co-director of music

Dr. Langston Hemenway, director of Village Brass

## UPCOMING SERMON SERIES

### The Ways We Worship: April 7-May 12

We are a busy church. Across our ministries, we do many things: mission, education, fellowship, caregiving. But the one thing the church does that sets us apart from all other groups and organizations is worship of the Living God. But different churches worship God in different ways. In this sermon series, we will explore the different elements of our worship. From the call to worship to the confession of sin to our hymns and sacraments, we will explore how and why we worship the way we do.

### Flowering of the Cross

We invite you to Flower the Cross with your family, at the north entrance (Welcome Center) and the south entrance (reception area), to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ!

Members of the Village Emergency Response Team (V.E.R.T.) are assigned and available during each Sunday service. They are certified in CPR and in the use of the Automated External Defibrillator (AED). V.E.R.T. members can be recognized by their red name tags.



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