



# The First Presbyterian Church

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## The Resurrection of Our Lord Easter Sunday

April 12, 2009

8:45 and 11:00 AM

Worship is broadcast at 11 AM on WCHS-580AM

A warm welcome is extended to all who worship here today.  
Large print hymnals, Bibles and hearing devices, as well as information about child care  
and other church programs are available from any usher.

All children are welcome and encouraged to participate in worship.  
Clipboards, children's Bibles and books to borrow during worship are located at the entrances.

### We Gather

#### TIME FOR PREPARATION

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-matured wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-matured wines strained clear. And He will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; He will swallow up death forever. Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of His people He will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken. It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for Him, so that He might save us. This is the Lord for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in His salvation.

Isaiah 25:6-9

#### MUSIC FOR PREPARATION

Easter Brass

David Porter, trumpet; Todd Wilson, trumpet  
Marsha Palmer, horn; Joe Patton, trombone; Matt Murphy, tuba

MARKING OF THE HOUR

We Praise God

CALL TO WORSHIP

Bill McCoy

\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 123

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

EASTER HYMN

\*PRAYER OF ADORATION

Claire Butler

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Claire Butler

God of new life, it is the first day of the week and we have come. It is the day that defines us and we have come. We have come to sing our alleluias, but we secretly wonder: How can this be true? O God, forgive our skepticism. Overwhelm us with the power of Your love that conquers sin and death. Send us to go and tell the good news!

Please continue to pray silently.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Claire Butler

WELCOME AND CELEBRATION OF FRIENDSHIP

Bill McCoy

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES (11:00)

Barbara Hopta

Please sign the friendship pad placed at pew's end, and greet each other by name.  
Visitors are invited to wear the button found in the friendship pad.

\*PASSING THE PEACE

Barbara Hopta

The peace of Christ be with you.  
And also with you.

\*HYMN 118

The Day of Resurrection!

LANCASHIRE

We Declare our Faith

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Barbara Hopta

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.

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

HYMN 579

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost,  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.*

## We Give Thanks to God

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Jim Roberts

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.

### OFFERINGS OF THE PEOPLE

Offertory

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty  
Capella Bell Choir; Sarah Lynch, director

arr. Dobrinski

\*Doxology (Please stand and sing)

HYMN 591

*Praise God from Whom all blessings flow, Praise God all creatures here below,  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host, Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (Unison)

Jim Roberts

God, who has given us far more than we can ever give in return, accept our offerings, especially today of all days, as evidence of our belief in the resurrection, Your kingdom, and Your Son, our Savior. May they proclaim "He is risen!" as a word of hope to an otherwise hopeless world. We dedicate these gifts to Your purposes with gladness in our hearts, in the name of our risen Lord. Amen.

## The Word is Proclaimed

### ANTHEM

Now the Green Blade Riseth

arr. Courtney

*Now the green blade riseth from the buried grain, wheat that in the dark earth many days has lain;  
Love lives again, that with the dead has been: Love is come again, like wheat that springeth green.*

*In the grave they laid Him, Love Who had been slain, thinking that He never would awake again.  
Laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen: Love is come again, like wheat that springeth green.*

*Forth He came at Easter, like the risen grain, Jesus Who for three days in the grave had lain.  
Quick from the dead, my risen Lord is seen: Love is come again, like wheat that springeth green.*

*When our hearts are wintry, grieving or in pain, Jesus' touch can call us back to life again.  
Fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been: Love is come again, like wheat that springeth green!*

The Geneva Choir; Beverly Haskell and Mary Odin, piano

### SCRIPTURE READING

John 11:17-44, Pew Bible, NT, p. 104  
Matthew 28:1-10, Pew Bible, NT, p. 33

Bill McCoy

### SERMON

WHAT GOD WANTS TO KNOW:  
Do You Believe This?

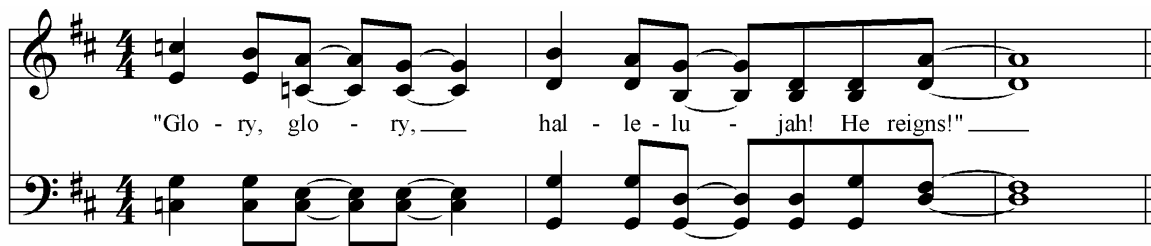
Bill McCoy

Leaders:

*It's the song of the redeemed rising from the African plain.  
 It's the song of the forgiven, drowning out the Amazon rain,  
 The song of Asian believers filled with God's holy fire.  
 It's every tribe, every tongue, every nation; a love song born of a grateful choir.*

*Refrain: It's all God's children singing:*

All:



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*Let it rise above the four winds, caught up in the heavenly sound.  
 Let praises echo from the towers of cathedrals to the faithful gathered underground.  
 Of all the songs sung from the dawn of creation, some were meant to persist.  
 Of all the bells rung from a thousand steeples, none rings truer than this: (refrain)*

*And all the powers of darkness tremble at what they've just heard.  
 'Cause all the powers of darkness can't drown out a single word. (refrain)*

\*INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP AND BENEDICTION

Bill McCoy

\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

Hallelujah! from *Messiah*  
 (See insert)

G. F. Handel

\*VOLUNTARY

Toccata from *Symphony V*  
 Fred Gaul, organist

Charles Marie Widor

The asterisks (\*) invite you to stand if it is comfortable for you to do so.

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• *Restrooms and water fountains* are found through the double doors to the left of the chancel - please  
 • accompany children.

• *Childcare:* Nursery and Rooms 113 and 114; Cindy Wilson, Jackie Berthold, Chang Iyer, June Mills, Pam  
 • Lorensen, Helen Liu, Joan Steven, Rob & Bekki St. Jean, John & Pam Kuyk

• *Elder Visitation:* Ken Volkers, Rick Vorhees, Brett Webster, Bob Welty

• *The Lillies in the Sanctuary* today are given for the glory of God and in loving memory of William R. and  
 • Betty J. Lickert by their children.

• *Greeters today are:* Alice and Mike Abernethy, Janice Lessley, Beverly Peters

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