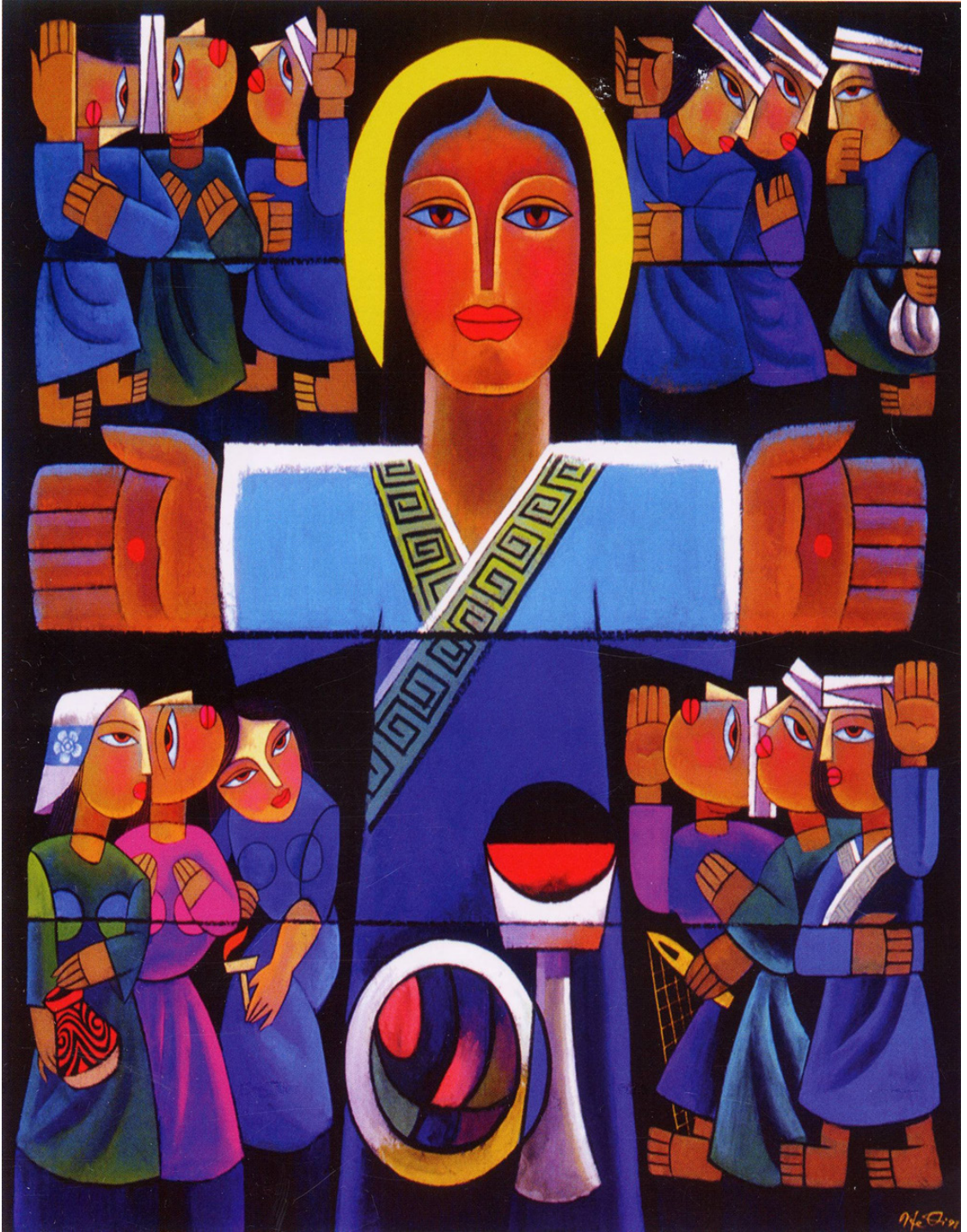


# EASTER



FIRST  
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**APRIL 9, 2023**  
**9:30 & 11:15 A.M. WORSHIP**

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## AN EASTER WELCOME

We welcome members and visitors to this celebration of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. As we worship with joy and thanksgiving, may we sense the presence of the risen Christ and the transformational power of the Holy Spirit. If you are visiting with us, we hope you will return again soon and find in this church family a spiritual home and refuge. Our good news and proclamation today and always is: Jesus Christ is risen and he is Lord!

EASTER SUNDAY  
April 9, 2023 • 9:30 & 11:15 a.m.

As we enter a holy space and time this morning,  
please silence all electronic devices.

\* Please rise in body or spirit when you see this symbol,  
and join in singing or reading aloud text in **bold**.

GATHERING

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

*Praise the Lord with Drums and Cymbals*    Sigfrid Karg-Elert  
Brass, Timpani, and Organ

*Fantasy: Easter Hymn*    William Harris  
Organ

*Alleluia Incantation*    Andrew Miller  
Chancel Choir Ensemble

*Festival Entry*    Richard Strauss  
Brass, Timpani, and Organ

*Now the Green Blade Riseth*    arr. Kevin McChesney  
Sanctus Ringers

POURING OF THE WATER and WELCOME

Christ is risen!  
**Christ is risen, indeed!**

\* CALL TO WORSHIP

Jesus Christ, we greet you!  
Your hands still have holes in them,  
Your feet are wet from the dew;  
And with the memory of our names  
Undimmed by three days of death  
You meet us,  
Risen from the grave.

**We fail to understand how;  
We puzzle at the reason why.**

But you have come;  
Not to answer our questions  
But to show us your face.

**You are alive,  
And the world can rejoice again,  
Alleluia!**

\* HYMN 232    *Jesus Christ Is Risen Today*    EASTER HYMN

CALL TO CONFESSION

Please speak with  
an usher if you  
would like to use a  
**large-print  
bulletin** to follow  
the service.

The **Prayer of Confession** is adapted from “Fire and Bread,” by Ruth Burgess.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Let us open our lives to the Risen Christ  
to be renewed by God’s forgiveness and grace:

On those times when we have kept your resurrection  
as a past event rather than a present encounter:  
Lord, have mercy.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

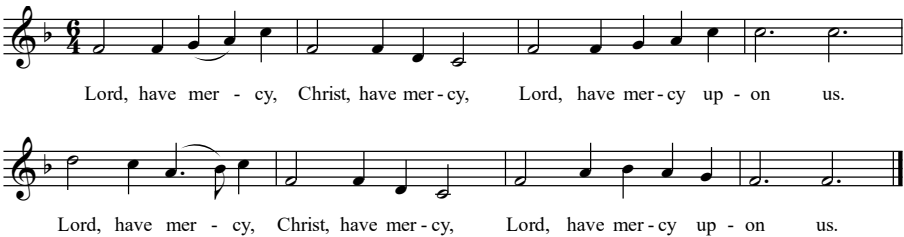
On those times when we have been oblivious to your presence:  
Lord, have mercy.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

On those times when we have failed to live  
as those who have risen with Christ:  
Lord, have mercy.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

To our broken hearts, Jesus says,  
**‘Your sins are forgiven,’**  
To our Resurrection hope, Christ calls,  
**‘Come, follow me.’**  
**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

KYRIE

LAND OF REST



ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

- \* **PASSING OF THE PEACE**

*You are invited to share signs with one another of the peace we experience as God’s people. Greet one another saying, “The peace of Christ be with you,” and respond, “And also with you.”*
- \* **CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

**LASST UNS ERFREUEN**

**Eternal are thy mercies, Lord;**  
**eternal truth attends thy word:**  
**Alleluia! Alleluia!**  
**Thy praise shall sound from shore to shore,**  
**till suns shall rise and set no more.**  
**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**  
**Alleluia! Alleluia!**

# PROCLAIMING *the* WORD

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

### SCRIPTURE READING

This is the Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

Matthew 28:1-10

### CONVERSATION WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

*Please join in singing the refrain of Hymn 20, All Things Bright and Beautiful, as the children come forward.*

**All things bright and beautiful,  
all creatures great and small,  
all things wise and wonderful,  
the Lord God made them all.**

### SERMON

## RESPONDING

\* HYMN 826

*Lift High the Cross*

CRUCIFER

### OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Offertory      “Hallelujah” from *Mount of Olives*    Ludwig van Beethoven  
Chancel Choir, Brass, Timpani, and Organ

Hallelujah unto God’s Almighty Son.  
Praise the Lord, ye bright angelic choirs,  
In holy songs of joy.  
All proclaim God’s grace and glory, Hallelujah.  
Praise the Lord in songs of joy,  
In holy songs of joy.

\* Doxology

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.  
Praise God, all creatures here below. Alleluia, alleluia!  
Praise God above ye heavenly host.  
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia, alleluia!  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

\* Prayer of Dedication

### 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.**

This week’s children’s  
Growing in God’s  
Love Bible story, *The  
Women at the Tomb*,  
is found on page 276.

**Worship LAB** is a  
place where children  
explore the flow of  
worship through  
multi-sensory  
experiences. Children  
age 5 through 5th  
grade are invited to  
join in Worship Lab  
each week.

#### **Ways to give: Cash/Check**

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SENDING

\* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

“Hallelujah” from *Messiah* G. F. Handel  
Chancel Choir and Congregation

Please join in singing!

At the end of the service, please return the *Messiah* scores to the ushers or  
place them in one of the baskets located at the doors of the Sanctuary.

\* CHARGE and BENEDICTION

Please be seated for the Closing Voluntary.

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

*Final, Symphonie No. 1* Louis Vierne



*Today’s brass and timpani music has been funded by a gift  
to the glory of God and in memory of  
JoAnne Desmond (1935-2022) by the Desmond and Wysocki Families.*

# WE ARE GLAD YOU ARE HERE!

## WELCOME TO FIRST PRES

We are so thankful that you have joined us today for Worship. If you are looking for a church to grow in your faith, you are welcome here at First Pres! We invite you to join us at our next TELL ME MORE event on April 16, at 11:00 a.m. For more info, contact Rev. Melissa Anne Rogers at [mrogers@firstpresbyterian.org](mailto:mrogers@firstpresbyterian.org). We look forward to personally meeting you. **PLEASE LET US KNOW YOU WERE HERE** by signing the Friendship Pad in the pew, then passing down to others.

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## CHILDREN IN WORSHIP

Children ages 5 through 5th grade are invited to Worship LAB — a multi-sensory worship experience just for them held during 9:30 a.m. worship. Children are dismissed after the Conversation with Young Disciples and return to the Sanctuary before the worship service concludes.

Childcare is available for ages 5 and younger on the First Level from 9 a.m. to noon. Children are always welcome to stay with their families during worship. We encourage you to pick up a worship activity bag, try sitting near the front, and sing along with the music.

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## FAITH FORMATION

There are no Faith Formation classes today for adults, youth, or children. Please join us next Sunday at 11:00 a.m. when classes will resume.

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## WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. David Prentice-Hyers  
Rev. Megan Berry  
Rev. Hannah Lundberg  
Rev. Mark Mares  
Rev. Melissa Anne Rogers  
Rev. Jay Sanderford

### *Lectors*

Tom Brandt (9:30 a.m.)  
Owen Smith (11:15 a.m.)

### *Cross-bearers*

Cora Meade (9:30 a.m.)  
Calvin Yntema (11:15 a.m.)

## MUSICIANS

Chancel Choir  
*Organist*  
David Hufford  
*Conductor*  
David VanderMeer

### *Trumpet*

Gordon Ward  
Jack Smid  
Oliver Barron

### *Trombone*

John Upton  
Kenneth Kroesche

### *Horn*

Alan Taplin

### *Tuba*

Joseph DeMarsh

### *Timpani*

Jason Ihnat

### *Orchestra Coordinator*

Gregg Emerson Powell

## USHERS

Cyndy Colton  
Clem Gill  
Linda Lampman  
Keith Molin  
Karla Olson-Bellfi  
Dick Stuber  
Elsa Stuber  
Len Rezmierski  
Angela Yang

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- ❑ Play games and have lots of fun

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