

ORDER OF WORSHIP

April 16, 2017

Easter Sunday ~ He is Risen!

Please sign and pass the Friendship Book (“pew pad”) where you can also record any prayer requests. Our prayer is that you will experience the presence of the Living God as we worship together. We invite you to focus your heart and mind in worship.

** indicates please stand as you are able.*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ryan Moore

PRELUDE

“Christ Arose”

Piano/Organ duet

Robert Lowry

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Ryan Moore

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud
of witnesses,

**let us run with perseverance the race that is set
before us,**

looking to Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith,
**who for the sake of the joy that was set before him
endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and
has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne
of God!**

The Lord has risen!

The Lord has risen indeed!

THE LORD HAS RISEN!

THE LORD HAS RISEN INDEED!

—based on Hebrews 12:1-2

INVOCATION

Rev. Don Meekhof

*SONGS OF WORSHIP:

“CHRIST THE LORD IS RISEN TODAY”

(Hymn #234)

(VERSE 1)

Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!

All creation, join to say Alleluia!

Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!

Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!

(VERSE 2)

Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!
Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia!
Christ has opened paradise. Alleluia!

(VERSE 3)

Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!
Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!
Once he died our souls to save, Alleluia!
Where thy victory, O grave? Alleluia!

(VERSE 4)

Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!
Following our exalted Head, Alleluia!
Made like him, like him we rise, Alleluia!
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies. Alleluia!

“CROWN HIM WITH MANY CROWNS”

(Hymn #92)

(VERSE 1)

Crown him with many crowns, the lamb upon his throne;
hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own;
awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless king through all eternity.

(VERSE 2)

Crown him the Lord of life, who triumphed o'er the grave,
and rose victorious in the strife for those he came to save;
his glories now we sing who died and rose on high,
who died eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.

(VERSE 3)

Crown him the Lord of love; behold his hands and side,
rich wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified;
No angels in the sky can fully bear that sight,
but downward bend their burning eyes at mysteries so bright.

(VERSE 4)

Crown him the Lord of years, the potentate of time,
creator of the rolling spheres, ineffably sublime.

All hail, Redeemer, hail! For thou hast died for me;
thy praise shall never, never fail throughout eternity.

TIME OF PRAYER

Bill Colvin

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Prayer of Confession

Almighty God,
in raising Jesus from the grave,
you shattered the power of sin and death.
We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear,
bound by the ways that lead to death.
We overlook the poor and the hungry
and pass by those who mourn;
we are deaf to the cries of the oppressed
and indifferent to calls for peace;
we despise the weak
and abuse the earth you made.
Forgive us, God of mercy.
Help us to trust your power
to change our lives and make us new,
that we may know the joy of life abundant
given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord. **Amen.**

[Silent Prayer]

Assurance of Pardon

Hear the good news!
Who is in a position to condemn?
Only Christ,
and Christ died for us,
Christ rose for us,
Christ reigns in power for us,
Christ prays for us.
Anyone who is in Christ
is a new creation.
The old life has gone;
a new life has begun.
Know that you are forgiven, and be at peace.
Thanks be to God.

—based on Romans 8:34; 2 Corinthians 5:17

HYMN:

“CHRIST AROSE!”

(Hymn #235)

(VERSE 1)

Low in the grave he lay—Jesus my Savior,
waiting the coming day—Jesus my Lord!
Up from the grave he arose,
with a mighty triumph o’er his foes;
he arose a victor from the dark domain,
and he lives forever with his saints to reign.
He arose! He arose! Hallelujah! Christ arose!

(VERSE 2)

Vainly they watch his bed—Jesus my Savior,
vainly they seal the dead—Jesus my Lord!
Up from the grave he arose,
with a mighty triumph o’er his foes;
he arose a victor from the dark domain,
and he lives forever with his saints to reign.
He arose! He arose! Hallelujah! Christ arose!

(VERSE 3)

Death cannot keep his prey—Jesus my Savior,
he tore the bars away—Jesus my Lord!
Up from the grave he arose,
with a mighty triumph o’er his foes;
he arose a victor from the dark domain,
and he lives forever with his saints to reign.
He arose! He arose! Hallelujah! Christ arose!

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Don Meekhof

ANTHEM

“Christ is Risen, Alleluia!”

Choir

Sally K Albrecht & Jay Althouse

OFFERING OF OURSELVES & OUR GIFTS

Ryan Moore

Invitation to the Offering

With compassion for our needs,
the Risen One stands beside us, calling our names.
Let us, with that same mercy,

bring forth tithes and offerings to relieve the suffering of
this world
and to proclaim far and wide the good news of
resurrection life.

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***Doxology**

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

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

Holy God, you shower us with gifts so abundant,
we cannot measure them all.
You give us life itself
and the power to befriend our companions in this world.
Bless these gifts for the sake of those in need,
in the name of the Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier,
one God, now and forever. **Amen,**

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The ushers will pass the offering plates at this time.

Offertory

"Thy Perfect Love"

Organ

Michael Shea

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Cameo Thompson

John 19:28–30 (NIV)

²⁸ Later, knowing that everything had now been finished, and so that Scripture would be fulfilled, Jesus said, "I am thirsty."
²⁹ A jar of wine vinegar was there, so they soaked a sponge in it, put the sponge on a stalk of the hyssop plant, and lifted it to Jesus' lips. ³⁰ When he had received the drink, Jesus said, "It is finished." With that, he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

John 20:11–18 (NIV)

¹¹ Now Mary stood outside the tomb crying. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb ¹² and saw two angels in

white, seated where Jesus' body had been, one at the head and the other at the foot.

¹³ They asked her, "Woman, why are you crying?"

"They have taken my Lord away," she said, "and I don't know where they have put him." ¹⁴ At this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not realize that it was Jesus.

¹⁵ He asked her, "Woman, why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for?"

Thinking he was the gardener, she said, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will get him."

¹⁶ Jesus said to her, "Mary."

She turned toward him and cried out in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means "Teacher").

¹⁷ Jesus said, "Do not hold on to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father. Go instead to my brothers and tell them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'"

¹⁸ Mary Magdalene went to the disciples with the news: "I have seen the Lord!" And she told them that he had said these things to her.

Colossians 2:13–15 (NIV)

¹³ When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins, ¹⁴ having canceled the charge of our legal indebtedness, which stood against us and condemned us; he has taken it away, nailing it to the cross. ¹⁵ And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross.

MESSAGE

Rev. Don Meekhof

"CHRIST, THE FINISHER"

Sermon Texts:

“When Jesus had received the wine, he said, ‘IT IS FINISHED.’
Then he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.” – John 19:30

“Looking to Jesus, the AUTHOR AND FINISHER of our faith; who
for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising
the shame and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.”
– Hebrews 12:2

***CLOSING SONG**

“THINE IS THE GLORY”

(Hymn #251)

(VERSE 1)

Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son;
Endless is the victory thou o’er death hast won.
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
kept the folded grave-clothes where thy body lay.
Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son;
Endless is the victory thou o’er death hast won.

(VERSE 2)

Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;
lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom;
let his church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,
for the Lord now liveth; death hath lost its sting.
Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son;
Endless is the victory thou o’er death hast won.

(VERSE 3)

No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of Life!
Life is naught without thee; aid us in our strife.
Make us more than conquerors through thy deathless love;
bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above.
Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son;
Endless is the victory thou o’er death hast won.

POSTLUDE

Piano/Organ Duet

“Christ the Lord is Risen Today”

Arr. Smith & Hustad

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In the pulpit today: Don Meekhof is our “*Temporary Stated Supply*” pastor. Those words in quotes are the official title given by Presbytery because with Shared Ministry there is no full-time pastor. However, Don most definitely has a full-time love for shepherding the flock of Christ and we are blessed to have him with us.