



# Memorial Presbyterian Church

## SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Resurrection of the Lord

March 31, 2013

*Let all who enter enjoy the fellowship of friends until the bells call us to worship.  
Let us then, in oneness of spirit, turn our reverent attention to the worship of God.*

### GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

*Alleluia! We praise you, O God,  
for the power of your saving love  
revealed in the resurrection of our Lord.  
As you have raised Jesus from the dead  
give to us the gift of everlasting life,  
that we may worship you forever;  
through Christ, our risen Savior. Amen.*

BELL FANFARE

WELCOME

PRELUDE                      *That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright*      Raymond Haan

BRINGING THE LIGHT

INTROIT                                      *This Joyful Eastertide*

CALL TO WORSHIP      *The Symbols of the Resurrection*

THE SHROUD

This reminds us of the cloth in which they wrapped the body of Jesus. On Easter morning it was found empty, lying in the tomb where Christ's body had been placed. Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**Christ is risen indeed!**

### THE FRAGRANT OIL

This fragrance reminds us that very early on Easter Day some women came to the tomb to prepare Jesus' body for proper burial. The women were the first to hear of Jesus' resurrection. Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**Christ is risen indeed!**

### THE STONE

This stone reminds us that on the resurrection morning, the stone which sealed the tomb was rolled away. Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**Christ is risen indeed!**

### THE BREAD

This bread reminds us that on the first Easter evening, Jesus walked and talked with two of his followers on the road to Emmaus. It was not until he broke bread with them that they recognized who he was. Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**Christ is risen indeed!**

### THE WINE

This wine, representing Christ's blood, helps us to remember that Jesus died for us. Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**Christ is risen indeed!**

### THE CROSS

The cross you see is an empty cross. Jesus is not dead. He is risen. Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**Christ is risen indeed!**

### THE CANDLE

This candle reminds us that Jesus Christ is the light of the world. Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**Christ is risen indeed!**

\*ADMITTING OUR BROKENNESS

Gracious God, we have heard the good news:  
how on the third day, Christ rose again.

**Still we look for the living among the dead.**

You rolled away the stone from the tomb.

**Still we look for the living among the dead.**

You sent messengers to proclaim the gospel.

**Still we look for the living among the dead.**

You were faithful to your promise;  
you have done wonderful things!

**Still we look for the living among the dead.**

*[silent confession]*

Forgive us, Lord, we pray.

Teach us to trust your promise

and to believe the good news of salvation:

**Christ is alive; Jesus is risen from the dead. Amen.**

\*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

When Christ comes to reign,

he will put an end to every ruler,

every power, every authority;

he will put every enemy under his feet.

And the last enemy to be destroyed is death.

As we wait that great and glorious day,

we rejoice in the good news of the gospel:

**In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!**

**Thanks be to God.**

\*SONG OF RESPONSE

*Thine Is the Glory*

122, v. 1

\*THE PEACE

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

**And also with you.**

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

**PROCLAIMING THE WORD**

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 65:17-25

Page No. 644

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Luke 24:1-12

Page No. 919

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

*The Day of Resurrection*

Michael Helman

MESSAGE

*Living Easter*

Tracy L. Evans

\*SONG OF FAITH

*That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright*

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\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

From the **Brief Statement of Faith**

**In life and in death we belong to God.  
Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit,  
we trust in the one triune God,  
the holy one of Israel,  
whom alone we worship and serve.  
We trust in Jesus Christ,  
fully human, fully God.  
Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:  
preaching good news to the poor  
and release to the captives,  
teaching by word and deed  
and blessing the children,**

**healing the sick  
 and binding up the brokenhearted,  
 eating with outcasts,  
 forgiving sinners,  
 and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.  
 Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition,  
 Jesus was crucified,  
 suffering the depths of human pain  
 and giving his life for the sins of the world.  
 God raised this Jesus from the dead,  
 vindicating his sinless life,  
 breaking the power of sin and evil,  
 delivering us from death to life eternal.**

**With believers in every time and place,  
 we rejoice that nothing in life or death  
 can separate us from the love of God  
 in Christ Jesus our Lord.  
 Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,  
 and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

The Lord's Prayer

Hymnal, p. 16

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY     *I Know That My Redeemer Lives*  
 (Traditional American Easter Hymn)

Dale Wood

\*DOXOLOGY     *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*  
 DEDICATION PRAYER

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**FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD**

\*SENDING SONG                     *Christ Is Alive!*

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\*TAKING LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

\*CHARGE AND BLESSING

CHORAL BENEDICTION

*Fanfare for the Risen Christ*

\*POSTLUDE

*Thine Is the Glory*

Aaron David Miller

\*Those who are able may stand.

We invite anyone who wishes to consider membership in this church to contact the pastor or a member of the session. You may also indicate interest in membership by checking the appropriate column in the ritual of friendship booklet. Membership in this church is a step made by profession of faith, reaffirmation of faith or transfer of church letter.

**Lectionary Readings** for April 7: Acts 5:27-32; Psalm 118:14-29 or Psalm 150; Revelation 1:4-8; John 20:19-31.

**The Urban Mission** item of the month for March is **canned fruit**. The item of the month for April will be canned vegetables. Please place your donations in the box by the church information table.

Please join us for worship next Sunday. We will host a **Chili Cook-off** after the service. Please see Lisa Upton to sign-up if you plan to bring chili, and be sure to bring yourself even if you don't want to cook!

**SUNDAY****March 31**

- 9:30 A.M. – No Sunday School
- 9:30 A.M. – Potluck Easter breakfast
- 10:00 A.M. – Easter Egg hunt
- 10:30 A.M. – Fellowship and Refreshments
- 10:55 A.M. – Worship Service – Easter Day

**WEDNESDAY****April 3**

- 3:30 P.M. – Kids Club
- 5:00 P.M. – Children's Hand-Chime Choir
- 5:30 P.M. – Children's Choir
- 7:00 P.M. – Chancel Choir

**THURSDAY****April 4**

- 10:00 A.M. – Serve at Food for Friends

**SUNDAY****April 7**

- 9:30 A.M. – Sunday School
- 10:30 A.M. – Fellowship and Refreshments
- 10:55 A.M. – Worship Service
- 12:00 P.M. – Chili Cook-off after worship