

# Memorial Presbyterian Church

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

EASTER

MARCH 27, 2016

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

*God of life, we praise you for the miracle of Easter. We pray for great joy for ourselves and for all who come to worship today to celebrate Jesus' resurrection. We pray especially for those who will join us for worship and whose lives are filled with pain, loss, or deep sadness. May they sense how the resurrection is a source of great hope. Amen.*

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME

PRELUDE

Jesus Christ is Risen Today

John Behnke

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

*Throughout this season of Lent we reflected on the meaning of our lives and on our journey of faith. The candles, which were extinguished one by one, illumination slowly fading to darkness, mirrored the story of Jesus' betrayal, suffering, and death. Today, celebrating the resurrection, we experience the transformation and new possibilities God brings out of darkness. We walked with Christ to the cross; letting go of all that held us back from new life.*

The light, which the world tried to extinguish, cannot be put out. Today we light the Christ candle again, proclaiming God's power over the darkness.

**With God's help we let go of everything that separates us from the love of God and from the joy of abundant life in Christ. We let them go so that we can embrace God's transforming love.**

As we light the Christ candle we acknowledge that there is still darkness in the world.

**But we place our trust in Jesus Christ, who provides a way in the wilderness.**

The resurrection proclaims that in the pain of death there is also life, in the midst of darkness there is also light, and in the face of the overwhelming power of evil, God is victorious.

**Live into the glorious good news that Christ is risen and is here among us.**

\*SONG OF PRAISE

Jesus Christ is Risen Today

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\*CALL TO CONFESSION

\*ADMITTING OUR BROKENNESS

**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 ignore the cries of the oppressed, and are 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.**

\*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

\*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.**

\*SONG OF RESPONSE

*Glory Be to the Father*

Hymn 579

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

MOMENT FOR MISSION

Kirk Forthman

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

SCRIPTURE READING

Isa 65:17-25

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The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 118**

Psalm 118:24

(1-2, 14-24)

Hal H. Hopson

**Refrain**

This is the day that the Lord has made; let us re-joyce,  
let us re-joyce and be glad in it.

**Refrain text:** Psalm 118:24 (PD).

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Luke 24:1-12

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The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

The Day of Resurrection

Nick Lindley, Trumpet

MESSAGE

Resurrection Joy

Tracy L. Evans

\*SONG

This Joyful Eastertide

Hymn 244

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

The Lord's Prayer

Hymnal, p. 16

THE OFFERING

With High Delight

Ernst Pepping

OFFERTORY

\*DOXOLOGY      *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*      Hymn 592

DEDICATION PRAYER

FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

\*SENDING SONG      *Thine is the Glory*      Hymn 238

\*CHARGE AND BLESSING

Go forth in joy to love and serve God in all that you do.

**We are sent in the name of the risen Christ.**

Let us bless our Lord.

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

May the God of peace,

who raised to life the great shepherd of the sheep,

make us ready to do his will in every good thing,

through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever.

**Alleluia! Amen.**

CHORAL BENEDICTION      *O Sons and Daughters Let Us Sing*

\*POSTLUDE      *This Joyful Eastertide*      *Jan Bender*

\*Those who are able may stand.

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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 3: Acts 5:27-32; Psalms 118:14-29 or Psalms 150; Revelation 1:4-8; John 20:19-31.

**Hearing-assistance** devices and **large print hymnals** are available from the ushers.

**Ushers** for today's service are John and Susan Beck .

The **Urban Mission** item of the month for March is Soup. Please place your donations in the box by the church information table.

**Spaghetti Lunch!** Plan to stay after worship and enjoy a spaghetti lunch on **April 24th**.

**April 24th, Silent auction!** The Auction is opened to everyone so bring a friend! Proceeds to benefit youth camps & conferences. **Items will be on display for bidding at 9:30am and will end after the spaghetti lunch.**

Please **submit anything you wish to add to the Memorial Messenger by Tuesday March 29th.** email—[mempres1@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mempres1@sbcglobal.net)

**SUNDAY**

**March 27**

9:45 A.M. – Breakfast Potluck / Easter Egg Hunt

10:55 A.M. – Worship Service

**WEDNESDAY**

**March 30**

3:15 P.M. – Kids' Club

5:00 P.M. – Children's Choir

6:30 P.M. – Chancel Choir

**THURSDAY**

**March 31**

10:30 A.M. – Bible Study

**SUNDAY**

**April 3**

9:30 A.M. – Sunday School

10:30 A.M. – Fellowship and Refreshments

10:55 A.M. – Worship Service