

First Presbyterian Church
March 27, 2016, 11:00 am – Morning Worship
Marie Matetich - Organist
Matt Schultz - Pastor

Prelude: “Christ is Alive!” Held

Welcome and Call to Worship

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

People: Christ is Risen Indeed!

Leader: Darkness has been vanquished!

People: The Brilliant Light of Hope has Come!

Leader: Come let us worship and celebrate the Good News!

People: Alleluia! Christ is Risen! Amen!!

Introit “Alleluia, Praise the Risen King” Chancel Choir

✠ **Hymn:** “Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven” #254

Chancel Choir “He is Risen” Larson

1. Easter Dawns (Jason Edwards, trumpet)
2. Reflection on the Crucifixion (Lori Aughe, solo)
3. Resurrection Proclamation “He is Risen – choir
4. The People of God Rejoice (See Insert)
vs. 1 and 3 – Congregation and choir
vs .2 Choir only

Time of Reconciliation

Leader: God of mercy and grace, we confess that we do not always live into the message of hope and salvation, the promise of eternal life.

All: We live in ways that put our own desires, our own success, and our own safety, over the needs of others, and the needs of the world.

Leader: Forgive us for our selfish ways, and call us into the path of Jesus.

All: Help us to step out of the tomb of selfishness and sin, and into the light of new life in Jesus.

Leader: We pause now to silently confess, and to ask you to forgive our sins.

(Moment of silence)

Leader: We are told in Romans 8:38 that “neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God.” Sisters and brothers, hear and believe the good news of the gospel: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

All: Thanks be to God!

Response *Gloria Patri* #805

All: 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.

Passing of the Peace

Time for Children

Choral Anthem “Shout! Sing Hallelujah” Sorenson

Scripture 1 Matthew: 27:57-65 Page 988-989

Scripture 2 Matthew: 28:1-15 Page 989

Read by Rev. Elizabeth Schultz

Sermon Pastor Matt

Baptism Josephine Stuart

The Response

✠ **Hymn** “Christ is Alive” #243

Moment for Mission One Great Hour of Sharing Video

Presentation of Tithes and Offering (Gifts can also be offered via our website)

Offertory “I Know that My Redeemer Liveth” Handel

Response

Doxology

#809

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

The Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Table

✠ *Song of Preparation "In the Cross of Christ I Glory" #209*

Pastoral Prayer 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.*

Words of Institution

Distribution of the Elements

✠ **Hymn (see insert)** *"Easter Morning Alleluias"* *Fettke*
"I Know My Redeemer Liveth" (choir)
"Christ the Lord is Risen Today" (congregation and choir)
"Hallelujah Chorus" (congregation and choir)

Benediction

Postlude: *"Lift High the Cross"* *Raney*

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TO EASTER SUNDAY WORSHIP
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He is not here:
for he is risen,
as he said.

~ Matthew 28:6 ~

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