

EASTER SUNDAY

April 9, 2023

GATHERING IN GOD'S PRESENCE

*PRELUDE

HYMN #113 "Christ the Lord is Risen Today"

WELCOME

MUSIC "He's Alive" Don Watson

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Jesus said: "I am the resurrection and the life. Anyone who believes in me will live, even after dying. Everyone who lives in me and believes in me will never ever die." It is my privilege to declare on this Easter Sunday, Christ is risen!

People: Christ is risen indeed! Like those who saw him alive on the day of his resurrection, we have seen the glory of God.

Leader: Christ is risen! All glory to God!

People: Christ is risen indeed! Let us worship the risen Lord!

*WORDS OF BLESSING FOR EACH OTHER

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

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 neglect the opportunity we have everyday to share this amazing news with others and invite them to live by faith in the risen Jesus. 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 [. . . a period of personal silent confession . . .]. Forgive us, God of mercy. Help us to trust your power to change our lives and our world and make us new, so we may know the joy of the fullest life of all, given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

MUSIC "Ring Praise" ERPC Handbell Choir

LISTENING TO GOD'S WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON "Jesus Changes Everything for the Hopeless"
Scripture: John 20:1-18

RESPONDING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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OFFERING

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MUSIC "Lead On, O King Eternal" Sanctuary Choir

*DOXOLOGY

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

GOING IN GOD'S NAME

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE Instrumental

Some elements of our worship today are adapted from the Presbyterian Church (USA) Book of Common Worship.

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Easter Egg Hunt today following the service.

