



**St. Andrews-Covenant
Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)**

Welcome to Worship! | March 31 | Easter Day

GATHERING

Prelude *Lift High the Cross*

Donald Busarow

Welcome

Choral Introit *This Is the Day the Lord Has Made*

Hopson

***Call to Worship**

Into the darkness of grief and despair
comes a message of hope. Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed!

We hear a voice call us by name

We know our risen Lord is with us now and always.

Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed!

This is the day the Lord has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

***Hymn 232** *Jesus Christ Is Risen Today*

Call to Confession

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 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, so that we may know the joy of life abundant given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

***Sung Response 581** *Glory Be to the Father*

***Sharing the Peace of Christ**

Leader: The Peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson Isaiah 25:6-9

Second Lesson John 20:1-18

***Please stand in body or in spirit.**

***Affirmation of Faith:** Apostles' Creed (hymnal, p. 35)

THANKSGIVING

Offering and Passing of Friendship Pads

Offertory *"The Heavens are Telling"* (from *The Creation*)

Haydn

The heavens are telling the glory of God, The wonder of his work displays the firmament; Today that is coming speaks it the day, The night that is gone to following night. The heavens are telling the glory of God, The wonder of his work displays the firmament; In all the lands resounds the word, never unperceived, ever understood. The heavens are telling the glory of God, The wonder of his work displays the firmament.

***Doxology 606**

***Prayer of Dedication**

COMMUNION

(All are invited to the Lord's Table. The elements will be shared by intinction, each person receiving a piece of bread to dip into the common cup. The congregation will come up the center aisle and return using the side aisles. Pre-packaged elements and gluten-free bread are available.)

***Choral Invitation 507** *Come to the Table of Grace (v 4)*

Come to the table of hope. Come to the table of hope.

This is God's table; it's not yours or mine. Come to the table of hope.

Invitation to the Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Lord's Prayer

Words of Institution

Receiving Communion Together

Communion Music *"Rise Heart, the Lord is Risen"* (from *Five Mystical Songs*)

Ralph Vaughan Williams

Prayer after Communion

SENDING

***Hymn 248** *Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!*

***Charge and Benediction**

***Dismissal**

We stand while the bell is rung three times, remembering that God, Creator, Redeemer and Renewer of Life goes with us.

Postlude *Hallelujah Chorus*

George Frideric Handel

Worship Leaders

Senior Pastor, Rev. Katherine B. Harrington
Parish Associate, Rev. Dr. Gary Smith
Director of Music, Cindy Litzinger
Choir Director, Angela Burns
Organist/Pianist, Sara Bryant
Adult Choir

Adult Handbells
Trumpet, Luke Grant
Soloists, Steve Hassmer, Shannon Playl, Steve Lowry, Anita Lowry
Production Coordinator, Jim Fox
Lay Reader, Carol Query

Our Mission

Inspiring one another to love Jesus by staying faithfully present in our community.



Easter FLOWERS 2024

The flowers decorating the Sanctuary for Easter have been lovingly donated in honor or memory of the following:

IN HONOR OF

Lisa Hill, Laura Smith, Tonya & Massie Flippin, Sarah Grace, Caroline and Catherine Hill, Massie & Blake Flippin, by Phyllis Smith

Blanton and Gilbert Joyner families, by Gilbert & Sue Joyner

Rev. Katie Harrington, by Susan & Greg Pleasants

Companions in Christ, by Becky Barefoot

Wiley North, on his 31st birthday, by Amy & Clint North

Sallie Rochelle; Peggy, Dexter & Meredith Hayes; and Donald Tadlock, by George Bridger

In Honor of our daughter Meredith Hayes, by Peggy & Dexter Hayes

Laura Suzanne Query, by her parents, Sam & Carol Query

Our family, by Tex & Laura Peterson

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IN MEMORY OF

Williams Holliday, by his wife Colleen,
and children Will & Amy

Our parents, Robert & Jean Hager, by
Virginia and Barbara Hager

My husband Chuck Wilson, by his wife
Carolyn Wilson

My husband Odell, by Ellen Bridgers

Liza Connette, by Ed and Family

Ann Davis, by David & Millie Flory

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Thomas C Diehl, by the Williams Family

Maggie Prevette Query, by her parents,
Sam & Carol Query

Jo & George Chadwick, by their families

Our beloved son, Scott Pleasants, by
Susan & Greg Pleasants

Our dear parents, Tom & Frances
Pleasants, and Dick & Margery Scott, by
Susan & Greg Pleasants

Sidney Smith, by Phyllis Smith

Our family, by Tex & Laura Peterson

Bert & Lucille Flowers, by their
daughters, Ellen Flowers Bridgers &
Carolyn Flowers Wilson

Chuck Wilson, by his wife, Carolyn
Wilson

My sisters, Debbie Rudisill & Laura
Braswell, by Amy & Clint North

Jerald Holleman, by Sue Ellen Holleman
and children

Mr. & Mrs. A.L. McKoy, by Linda & Jerry
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Jean Bridger, by George Bridger

Jackie Kraus, by her family

Jackie Kraus, by her husband Jim
Kraus

Lena & Bill Cherry, by their families