



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

Welcome to Worship! | April 5 | Easter Day

GATHERING

Prelude *Thine Is the Glory*
Easter Processional

arr. Robert J. Hughes
Jeffrey Hall

Welcome

Choral Introit *Let All the World in Every Corner Sing*

Ralph Vaughan Williams

***Call to Worship[†]**

Rev. Parker Lucas

On Friday, we thought the good news had been silenced.

On Friday, we thought the good news had taken its last breath.

On Friday, we thought the good news had been buried.

But today, we know the good news is alive and well.

The good news is dancing!

The good news is on the loose!

The good news is out in the world, calling your name!

Alleluia! Even death has lost its sting.

Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed!

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

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, we want to be Easter people. We want to shout your good news from the rooftop. We want to follow the disciples who ran to look for you. We want to listen to the angels who said, "Be not afraid." But we are afraid: we don't know where to look, and we are worried we'll say the wrong thing. So forgive us, for we are imperfect Easter people. We are best intentions and best laid plans people. We are on our way, but we are not there yet. Show us how to embody your good news in this world. Show us how to be your Easter people. With hope for tomorrow, we pray.

Moment for Reflection and Silent Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

***Sung Response 248** *Christ is Risen! Shout Hosanna! (v. 3)*

***Sharing the Peace of Christ**

The Peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

Second Lesson Matthew 28:1-10

Sermon *The good news is...Alive + Wild*

Rev. Katherine B. Harrington

***Hymn 246** *Christ Is Alive!* (vv. 1 and 5)

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

THANKSGIVING

Offering

Offertory *Joy In the Morning*

Natalie Sleeth

***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* (v Joy)

Invitation to the Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer

Words of Institution

Receiving Communion Together

Communion Music *Variation on a Theme of Corelli*

Aaron David Miller

Prayer after Communion

SENDING

***Hymn 826** *Lift High the Cross*

***Charge and Benediction**

***Choral Response** *Hallelujah Chorus from Messiah*

Handel

***Dismissal**

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

Postlude *Sinfonia*

J.S. Bach

Worship Leaders

Senior Pastor, Rev. Katherine B. Harrington
Associate Pastor, Rev. Parker Lucas
Director of Music, Cindy Litzinger
Choir Director, Angela Burns
Organist, Sara Bryant

Adult Choir
Covenant & Carillon Ringers
Production Coordinator, Jim Fox
Lay Reader, Evelyn Estep

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