THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF EVERETT

Online Worship Bulletin Easter Sunday – April 9, 2023 – 10am

*For our liturgy this morning, **BOLD** text invites all to join in the reading.

Prelude *Lift High The Cross* – Bursarow

Gary Norris, Organist

Ringing of the Bell

Steve Torrence, Director of Music Ministries

Removal of the Shroud

Hymn Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

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Welcome Rev. Dr. Alan Dorway

Call to Worship

Adapted from Jeremiah 31:31-34

Lisa Comstock

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with my beloved people.

It will not be like the covenant that I made with them before, a covenant broken, though I was their faithful father.

But this is the covenant that God will make with us: I will put my law and love within them, and I will gracefully write it on their hearts, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

No longer shall we teach one another or say to each other, "Know the Lord," for in the mystery of the empty tomb:

We shall know God, from the least of us to the greatest. All of us, welcomed, loved, accepted.

Through Jesus our iniquity is forgiven and our sin marks us no more.

Celebrate this day of days!

Shout hosanna!

Let all creation be amazed!

Hallelujah! Christ is Risen!

Hymn Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!

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The joy of this Easter Sunday reminds us of God's resurrecting power. Let us confess all that turns us toward death, so we can know the grace of new life through Christ.

Savior God, forgive our life-alienating ways, our exclusion and judgment of others; the way we evaluate and compare. God of the empty tomb, your grace astounds us. Forgive our habits that demean and degrade, our addiction to violent and destructive behavior. Redeem us. Restore us. Resurrect us to new life. May we love as Christ loved. May we serve as Christ served. Call us forth into your world, guided by Christ's spirit. Amen.

Passing of the Peace

May the peace of Christ, be with you! And also with you!

Choir Anthem Hallelujah, Resurrection Day Directed by Steve Torrence

Scripture Matthew 28:1-10

Sermon Two Sides of Fear Rev. Dr. Alan Dorway

Affirmation of Faith (Book of Common Worship)

This is the good news which we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved, if we hold it fast: that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures, that he was buried. that he was raised on the third day, and that he appeared first to the women, then to Peter, and to the Twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses. We believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God. Jesus Christ is the first and the last, the beginning and the end; he is our Lord and our God. Amen.

Special Music All Things New

Elizabeth Nelson, Piano

Prayer for Communion

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Jesus chose to become human at that time, so we might be filled with God's grace.

When we stood in fear of the world around us, wondering if anyone noticed us, Jesus came to take us by the hand to comfort us. When our lives crumble around us and we lie scattered on the ground, he gathers us up, reshaping us into the beloved community. When we were unable to break the power of evil over us, sin seemed to revel in victory, until Jesus was raised from the tomb because God refuses to give us over to death.

As we stand before the empty tomb, celebrating the great news of this day, we ask you to pour out your Spirit upon your people and on the gifts of the feast of the resurrection. May the bread which is broken open like the tomb, strengthen us so we may go to rebuild shattered hopes, to bind up the hurts of the world. May the cup which is filled with the fruits of your steadfast love, nourish us to leave the shadows of our fears and doubts to stand with the lonely and forgotten, to listen to the cries of the world.

And in that time to come, when we will be gathered with all our siblings of every place and of every moment, we will sing your praises, God in Community, Holy in One, as you hold on to us forever. **Amen**.

Hymn

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

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Communion

The Lord Jesus, on the night of his arrest, took bread, and after giving thanks to God, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take, eat. This is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way he took the cup, saying:

This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood, shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.

Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me. Every time we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the saving death of the risen Lord, until he comes.

Please come forward to receive communion as hosted by our Deacons.

Prayer

Benediction

Christ is Risen!

CHRIST IS RISEN INDEED!

Today, we have received good news!

JESUS IS RISEN, HE IS ALIVE!

Love has conquered death and darkness!

ALLELUIA!

Christ is Risen, let us go in peace!

HE IS RISEN INDEED! ALLELUIA, AMEN!

Postlude Thine Is The Glory

Gary Norris, Organist Ed Pearson, Trombone; Elizabeth Nelson, Timpani

Dan Hall, Trumpet; Rick Newell, Trumpet

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Part of our liturgy was adapted from the Rev. Thom Shuman <u>Lectionary Liturgies</u> and from the Presbyterian Outlook, 2023 written by Teri McDowell Ott and provided for free distribution.

Our Easter Flowers are Given in Memory of the following:

Given by: Carol Gresham......In Memory of Roy Gresham Annette & Wes KingIn Memory of Annette's Parents Del & Pat Gerry Jeff & Doreen Solberg......In Memory of our loving Parents Judy & Steve Hammond......In Memory of Tom & Diane Parker and Our Parents Joan Lyderson.....In Memory of Don Lyderson Teresa, Daniel, Dwight, Richard & Brian GoodIn Memory of Dale & Janet Good Andrew, Meagan, Daria, Andrew, Gwen & Vicky.....In Memory of Dale & Janet Good Bob & Barbara Barren.....In Memory of Adelaide Barren Belk Jan Weakley.....In Memory of Richard D. Weakley Judy & Alan HutchisonIn Memory of Ole & Beryl Joki and Robert & Elizabeth Hutchison Mike & Susan Davis......In Memory of our loving Parents Kory Kanter.....In Memory of Vic and Ben Kanter Rob & Leslie SutinIn Memory of our Parents, Gene & LaRita Sutin and

Ben & Louise Strobel

Announcements

Priscilla Circle – April 10th

Priscilla Circle meets tomorrow, April 10th at 11:30am in Calvin Lounge. We will be studying chapter 8. Our hostess will be Lois Tysseling. You may bring a lunch if you desire. All women are welcome.

S.P.A.M. – **April** 21st

S.P.A.M. (Senior Presbyterian Adult Ministry) gatherings return on Friday, April 21st in Westminster Hall with Graham Kerr, former Galloping Gourmet. Join us at 11:30am around the Fellowship Punch Bowl. Lunch begins at noon. Reservations needed by April 17th. Sign up at the welcome booth or call 425-259-4253.

Earth Day Artwork Celebration – April 23rd

We will be honoring Earth Day during worship on April 23rd. To help express what Earth Day means to each of us, we will be showcasing your artwork/photos of nature during coffee time. On Sunday, April 23rd, bring your artwork to Westminster Hall at 9:30am and the Deacons will work to display it for the enjoyment of all after worship. You can also email your photo to our office to be printed and displayed as well (please have those emailed by Thursday April 20th).

SCRABBLE!

Scrabble is resuming on the first and third Wednesdays beginning in May. We invite newbies, the average "word-joe", experts, mentors and YOU to join us on May 3rd and 17th from 1:00pm to 3:00pm in Westminster Hall for fellowship, fun and SCRABBLE. For more information, please contact Linda Senter or Lois Tysseling. Hope to see YOU there!

VOA Food Donations

We donated 292 pounds of food to the Volunteers of America Food Bank this past week. Great job! This goes to support those in need here in Everett. We continue to accept donations and our next Monday drop-off is May 8th from 10am to 12pm. Pastor Alan and Ken Newman will be accepting non-perishable food in the alley.

This Week...

- There is no Sunday School today.
- Lunch with Alan is Mondays at noon in the church library. The north door will be open at 11:45am. Bring a lunch or just come to talk and catch up. Coffee is provided.
- **Thursday Bible Study** with Pastor Alan is postponed until April 20th when we will be studying Jonah.
- **Next Sunday** we will have hybrid worship at 10am.
 - o All videos are linked to our Facebook page, website, app, and YouTube channel.

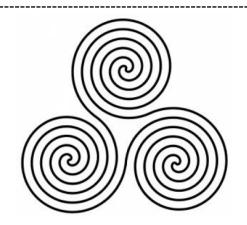
To all worshipping with us...

Session recently voted to remove pew spacing requirements. As such, we continue to:

- Honor those who wish to wear masks in our facility.
- Ask people to be kind and welcoming to those who may need some extra space.
- Respect boundaries if one asks for alternative ways of greeting.
- Use the many hand sanitizer stations throughout our building.

If there is any confusion, concerns, or questions, please contact Pastor Alan or a greeter. Our goal is to worship together and love our neighbor. We value everyone being able to worship in safety, inclusion, and openness. All are welcome.





Presbyterian Women's Retreat Calvin Lounge Saturday, May 6, 2023 9:30am - 2:00pm

Invite a friend

CHANGE, WHAT IS IT GOOD FOR?

Featuring

Janice Smith - Friend of Jesus

Lunch Provided

RSVP In person, email doreen@firstpreschurch.com or leave a message at the church office by April 23rd

Prayer Updates April 9, 2023

- We pray for the families and community suffering after the elementary school shooting in Nashville. We pray specifically for Pedro Pollorena, our interpreter in Mani, who knows the family of Hallie Scruggs, one of the victims.
- We pray for the people in Turkey and Syria after their devastating earthquakes.
- We pray for the Uyghur people in China. They are facing tremendous religious persecution for following Christ. We pray for all persecuted Christians around the world and seek the Holy Spirit to bring hope and grace to all situations.
- We pray for peace between Russia and Ukraine.
- Thank you for your continued prayers for our daughter, Jan Geibel, as she continues on-going cancer screening and wisdom for the doctors as they interpret test results. From Clyde and Judy Pitcher.
- We pray for Merle Kirkley as he is having health issues. We pray for healing and comfort.
- Carol Venables died on March 31st. We pray for her extended family, for Marcia Burnham and for the Kuhnhenn family.
- Update: Doug Schultz, son-in-law of Annette & Wes King, is scheduled to begin the actual transplant of his bone marrow cells on April 14th and will stay in the hospital 2 to 3 weeks. When discharged he will remain in Portland at arranged housing for another 2 to 3 weeks until he is stable enough to return home. Then there will be more recovery and rehabilitation. We pray God's wisdom and guidance for successful procedures, skill, and competence of Doug's medical team involved in his recovery and healing. Our family greatly appreciates your prayers. From Annette & Wes King.
- We pray for Mike Clemans who had surgery on Friday, March 31st.
- We pray for Rose Capetillo who had shoulder surgery on Friday, March 31st.
- Prayers for Genny Heuer who is undergoing tests for cancer. From Jimmy Sharp.
- Jimmy Sharp appreciates prayers for his on-going back injury.
- Healing prayers for our brother-in-law, Craig. He is facing several heart bypasses soon. From Doug & Amy Farnham.
- Prayers for our friend, Carlos, who is fighting cancer. From Doug & Amy Farnham.
- Please pray for my brother Randy and his wife, Ellyn. Please help heal Elly's eyes and help her to see better. Pray that Randy, Elly and I get to spend time together. From Jodi.
- Kemper Davis, cousin of Jimmy Sharp, had a heart attack and is in hospice care. Pray for comfort for Jimmy and the extended family.
- Update: Ed Coon is doing well. His doctor released him to begin his walking exercise and is even able to work in his garden. He thanks everyone for their prayers. From Dottie Villesvik.
- Bong, Alan & Judy Hutchison's daughter's brother-in-law is in ICU on a ventilator and appreciates prayers. From Judy Hutchison.
- Florence Day seeks prayers for one of her knees that is collapsing.
- Please pray for my grandson, Cody, for direction in his life. From Marilee Richards.

- Alzheimer's prayer: Sue and Art Hermansen. Art is now in a memory care situation. Prayers for both as they journey through this. From Lois Tysseling.
- Mason DeAndre, grandson of Tony & Lois Tysseling, is in physical therapy a few times a week. The main focus is the alignment of his torso, which will be ongoing for several months. Thank you for your continued prayers. From Tony & Lois Tysseling.
- Aaron and Alicia, friends of Lisa Comstock who struggle with long-COVID problems. Thank you for your continued prayers. From Lisa Comstock.
- Please pray for Marilee Richard's daughter, Karen for comfort and direction in dealing with several health challenges.
- Please pray for Willard who has stage 4 cancer. From Lisa Comstock.

Continued Prayers for FPCE

- Arlene Mawudeku for kidney transplant
- Maggie Lamus
- Karen Summers
- Quinn Carpenter
- Genny Heuer and extended family
- Ashley Tomlin
- Larry O'Donnell
- Florence Day
- Robert Henry
- Paul & Joyce Richardson
- LaMara Halstrom and Jane McMahon Steve and Nancy Torrence
- Pat Weakley Hein sister-in-law of Jan Weakley
- Wes King
- Matt McCoy, grandson of Annette King
- Clyde Pitcher
- Robby as he continues to heal and for Monica helping every step of the way from Martha and Mike Clemans
- Cindy Rowlands
- Prayers for Jan Geibel Clyde and Judy Pitcher's daughter
- Cy Paydar nephew of Steve and Nancy Torrence

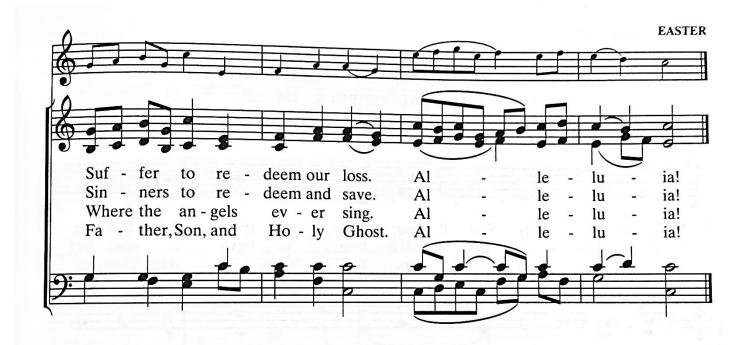
We pray for families affected by dementia and/or Alzheimer's. As with other individuals and families, we pray for successful research, perseverance, a sense of humor, and the Spirit's peace.

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Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

EASTER HYMN 7.7.7.7 with alleluias





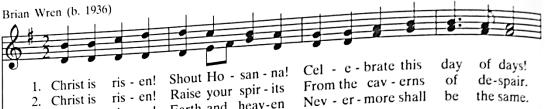
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Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!

HYMN TO JOY 8.7.8.7 D

Ludwig van Beethoven, 1824

Adapt. Edward Hodges (1796–1867); alt.



3. Christ is ris - en! Earth and heav-en Nev - er - more snan be the same.



Christ is ris - en! Hush in won-der: All cre - a - tion is a-mazed. Walk with glad-ness in the morn-ing. See what love can do and dare. Break the bread of new cre - a - tion Where the world is still in pain.





the des-ert all - sur-round-ing, See, spread-ing tree has grown. Drink the wine of res - ur - rec - tion, Not friend. ser - vant, but a a its grim, de - mon-ic cho - rus: "Christ is ris - en! Get you gone!"





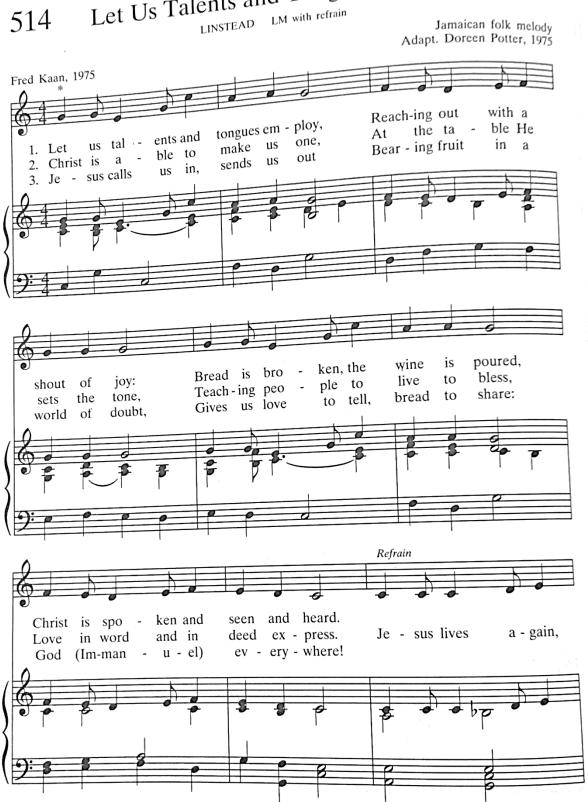
Heal - ing leaves of grace a - bound-ing Bring a taste of love un-known.

Je - sus is our strong com-pan - ion. Joy and peace shall nev - er end.

God the First and Last is with us. Sing Ho-san - na, ev - ery-one!



Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ LORD'S SUPPER



^{*}Maracas and other rhythm instruments may be used.

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