

# First Presbyterian Church

Sunday, April 12, 2020 - 10:45 a.m. - Livestream  
Easter Sunday

Prelude *Jesus Christ is Risen Today!* James Pethel

Greetings

Call to Worship

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**People: The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Prayer of Adoration

Glory to you, O God: on this day you won victory over death, raising Jesus from the grave and giving us eternal life. Glory to you, O Christ: for us and for our salvation you overcame death and opened the gate to everlasting life. Glory to you, O Holy Spirit: you lead us into the truth. Glory to you, O Blessed Trinity, now and forever. **Amen**

Hymn *Jesus Christ is Risen Today!* No. 123

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 are deaf to the cries of the oppressed, and 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, that we may know the joy of life abundant given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord. Amen.**

Silence

Choral Response

Assurance of Pardon

Song of Thanksgiving *Gloria Patri* No. 579

First Reading Matthew 28:1-10

Kids Connection (pre-recorded) Liz Norris

Second Reading: Colossians 3:1-4

Sermon: *"With Fear and Great Joy"*  
Dr. Rev. Brent O. Johnson

Affirmation of Faith                  Apostles Creed

Leader: Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say:

**People: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Call to Stewardship

Offertory Anthem

*Christ the Lord is Risen Today*  
Dana Hamant, Trumpet & Joe Clements, Trombone

Everett Titcomb

*Christ the Lord is risen today. Sons of men and angels say.  
Raise your joys and triumphs high. Sing ye heavens and earth reply. Alleluia.  
Lives again our glorious King; where, o death, is now thy sting?  
Once He died our souls to save; where thy victory, o grave? Alleluia.  
Love's redeeming work is done, fought the fight, the battle won.  
Death in vain forbids Him rise, Christ has opened paradise. Alleluia.  
Soar we now where Christ has led, following our exalted Head;  
Made like Him, like Him we rise; ours the cross, the grave, the skies.  
Alleluia! Christ the Lord is risen today.*

Doxology

No. 592

Prayer of Dedication

Hymn

*Thine Is the Glory*

No. 122

Charge and Benediction

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Choral Response

*Hallelujah Chorus (from Messiah)*

G. F. Handel

Postlude

*Lift High the Cross*

Donald Busarow

### Worship Leaders

Pastor

Brent Johnston

Director of Music

Steve Bixler

Organist

Mark Sweeney