



Easter Sunday Celebration

April 20, 2025, 11:00 A.M.

THE CHURCH GATHERS

CHIMING OF THE HOUR; WELCOME; ANNOUNCEMENTS; PRELUDE

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Responsively

Leader: The tomb is empty & darkness has lost!
People: We dance in the light of His resurrection!
Leader: No more do we have to fear!
People: No more does worry reign!
Leader: He is victorious & so are we!
People: Because of His victory, we are free!
Leader: Praise the Lord! Hallelujah!
Everyone: Praise the Risen Lord! Hallelujah!

HYMN # 113 (Blue Hymnal)

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

In Unison

Loving God, we confess that at times we do not share in the joy of the resurrection but are caught in the worries of the world. We confess that we do not always live in the spirit of new life but remain discontent, grumbling and anxious. Forgive us for not sharing in the Good News. Call us back to Your ways, O God, to seek hope and reconciliation, restoration and peace. In the name of the Risen Christ, we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Acts 10:43

Hear the good news! "All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name! "In the name of the risen Christ, you are forgiven! In the name of the risen Christ, you are forgiven! Glory to God! Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI - *Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, And to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: World without end. Amen.*

A WORD FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART - Children Answer Questions about Easter

WE GIVE THANK OFFERINGS TO GOD

GIVING GOD'S TITHES AND OUR REGULAR OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY - *Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

PREPARATION FOR PRAYER

1 Peter 1:3

"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to his great mercy caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead."

A TIME TO PLACE PRAYER REQUESTS AT THE FOOT OF THE CROSS

AN EASTER PRAYER and THE LORD'S PRAYER

(Unison)

Lord Jesus, as we celebrate your resurrection, we pray for a renewal of faith, hope, and love. May this Easter be a time of spiritual growth and a fresh beginning in our journey with you. Accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Savior, as we join together to pray the words that He taught us - "Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever." Amen.

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

NEW TESTAMENET READING:

Luke 24:13-35

THE SERMON:

Dr. William D. Coker

"Warm Hearts"

WE AFFIRM OUR FAITH

*Easter Affirmation of Faith

Leader: Jesus Christ is risen today!
People: Jesus Christ is risen, indeed!
All: Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Amen.

*HYMN # 118 (Blue Hymnal)

The Day of Resurrection

*BENEDICTION

Hebrews 13:20-21

Now may the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, equip you with everything good for doing his will, and may he work in us what is pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

POSTLUDE - () We stand as we are able.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Today's flowers are given by Jynni & Frank Bowyer as they will celebrate 31 years of marriage on April 23rd.
2. Welcome Visitors. We're so glad you are here. Please fill out our Welcome/Prayer Requests Card located on the back of the pew and drop it in the Offering Plate or hand it to the pastor. We will pray for you, and if you're itching to serve Christ at First Pres, let us know. We have lots of enjoyable jobs that can make a difference in your life and in the Mission of Christ here. Please feel free to invite your family and friends to come and enjoy our loving and laughing Church family.
3. 8 Most Significant Words: "Who will you invite to church next Sunday?"
4. #1 Reason to Be at First Pres: *Because we know why we're here - to share the Real Jesus.*
5. Prayer List:
 - a. Cathy Martin (Biff's sister) -Pancreatic Cancer.
 - b. Key Coker (Biff's brother) - Anterior Cervical Discectomy (plate on neck spine)
 - c. Rhonda Webster - (longtime friend of Margaret Connor) - colon cancer
 - d. Allen Boyd - Torn rotator cuff
 - e. Marj Chalfant
 - f. Cheryl Coker who is recovering from foot surgery.
 - g. Ben Reeves (friend of Allen Boyd)
 - h. Jim Hall (friend of Cokers) - colon cancer
 - i. Susan Robbins (friend of Cokers)
 - j. The family of Diane Carr who passed away from bone cancer.
 - k. Rodney Bennett's mother (Betty Driggers) who is under hospice care.
 - l. Melissa Hughes (niece of Marlene Mathis) who has bone cancer. She will begin radiation and bone infusion therapy. Pray for healing so this mother will be able to see her young children grow up).
 - m. Mary Catherine Mullin (Friend of Hillary Smith) who recently lost a child.
 - n. Allison Whitworth (Melinda Howell's daughter) - nasal surgery
 - o. Mary & Mickey Bozeman (sister & brother-in-law of Melinda Howell)- health issues
 - p. Josh Sullivan who family are missionaries in South Africa; he has been kidnapped and is being held for ransom. Josh has 6 children. Please pray for his safe return.



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