



HE IS RISEN!

HAPPY EASTER

EASTER SUNDAY

April 9, 2023

10:50 AM

**Those who are able please stand*

The People of God Gather

WELCOME

(Please sign the Friendship Book located in the pew rack next to the center aisle.)

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: This is the day

People: hope tiptoes us awake; light guides us through the shadows.

Leader: This is the day the Lord

People: plants joy in our winter hearts; drowns out despair's cries with laughter.

Leader: This is the day the Lord has made

People: the day grace does cartwheels in graveyards; resurrection wonder outshines the brightest sun;

ALL: an empty tomb fills us with good news!

***HYMN**

"Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"

GTG, No. 232

Preparing for the Word

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Leader: We are Easter people, yet we also know how often we live in the shadows, afraid to follow the light. We wander in the gardens of the world, looking for you, never noticing you at our side. Let us confess how we have failed to be God's people, as we pray together, saying:

CONFESSION OF SIN *(unison)*

We come on this day, Dispeller of fears, walking through the shadows of our lives. Too often, we believe our foolishness is hidden from you; too often, we stand before the open door of hope, wondering if we dare enter. Uncertain of the good news offered to us, we would rather return to the comfort of our familiar ways rather than trusting in you. Yet you come, as persistent as Mary at the tomb, Joy of our hearts, to open the gates of hope, so we might walk in the gardens of hope; you come, to open the gates of grace, so we might plant peace in the wilderness of the world; you come, to open the gates of resurrection, so we might know our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: This is the day of resurrection and new life. This is the day God offers us steadfast hope and love which, will never end.

People: We will sing and dance on this day! We will rejoice and give thanks to the God who saves us. Amen.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Leader: Alleluia!

People: Alleluia!

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you!

People: And also with you!

***GLORIA**

"Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks"

GTG, No. 240

Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.

Jesus is Lord of all the earth.

He is the King of creation.

Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.

God's People are Empowered

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION *(unison)*

Prepare our hearts, O God, to accept your Word.

Silence in us any voice but your own, that, hearing, we may also obey your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

Marguerite Priest

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

Acts 10:34-43

Red Pew Bible NT 129

ANTHEM

"Easter Hymn of Praise"

*Christ is risen, alleluia! Hearts to heaven and voices raise!
Sing to God a hymn of gladness, sing to God a hymn of praise.
He, who on the cross a victim, for the world's salvation bled,
Jesus Christ, the King of glory, now is risen from the dead.*

*Alleluia, alleluia! Soar we now where Christ hath led.
Alleluia, alleluia! Following our exalted Head.
Christ, the Lamb, for sinners given, rises to His throne above.
Jesus Christ, the King of glory, reigns eternal as His love.
Jesus Christ, the King of glory, reigns eternal as His love!*

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 28:1-10

Red Pew Bible NT 33

MEDITATION

"Don't Just Shake There, Go!"

Rev. Carol Tompkins

Responding to the Word

***HYMN**

"Christ is Risen! Shout Hosanna!"

GTG, No. 248

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

(The Apostles' Creed)

Leader: Do you believe in God the Father?

**ALL: I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth.**

Leader: Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

**ALL: I believe in Jesus Christ,
God's only begotten Son,
Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
Born of the Virgin Mary;
Suffered under Pontius Pilate,
Was crucified, dead, and buried;
He descended into hell,
The third day He rose again from the dead;
He ascended into heaven,
And sitteth on the right hand of God,
the Father Almighty;
From thence He shall come to judge
the quick and the dead.**

Leader: Do you believe in the Holy Ghost?

**ALL: I believe in the Holy Ghost,
the Holy catholic Church,
the communion of the saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Jim Kunkel, Gary and Jessica Tanner, Jorida Vakiari

CONGREGATIONAL WELCOME *(unison)*

We welcome you as new friends in the faith. We welcome you as members of the Body of Christ. We offer ourselves to you in the hope that you will find in this congregation warm fellowship and encouragement to your faith. We join hands with you, in order that we may share gladly with you, discipleship. Welcome to our life together in Jesus Christ.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

*OUR RESPONSE

"Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven" GTG, No. 620

*Praise, my soul, the King of heaven; to his feet your tribute bring;
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, evermore his praises sing:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise the everlasting King.*

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION *(unison)*

As we offer our gifts on this joyous morning, may they bring light to those in the shadows, laughter to all who mourn, and hope to those longing for life anew. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Leader: Let us lift up our hearts.
People: We lift them to the Lord.
Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
**People: It is right to give our thanks
and praise....**

(prayer continued by the pastor)

Leader: Therefore, we praise you,
joining our voices with the choirs
of heaven, and with all the faithful
of every time and place,
who forever sing to the glory
of Your Name.

(sung by all)

**Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!
All Thy works shall praise Thy name,
in earth and sky and sea;
Holy, Holy, Holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!**

(prayer continued by the pastor)

Leader: ...great is the mystery of faith:
**People: Christ has died,
Christ has risen,
Christ will come again...**

Lord's Prayer

Scripture I Corinthians 11:23-26
**Sharing the Bread and the Cup
Prayer**

Departing in Joy

***HYMN** "Crown Him with Many Crowns" GTG, No. 268

*BENEDICTION

Leader: Christ has risen!
ALL: Christ has risen indeed!
Leader: Alleluia!
ALL: Alleluia! Amen!

*POSTLUDE

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*In Memory of Ann and Matt Dikeman, Sr.
In Memory of Sally and Ray Woolrich
In Memory of Wix and Ferrell Thorpe*

Jan and Gerlad Fitts

*In Memory of Boots and Joyce Allen
In Memory of Grady and Amelia Fitts*

The Mitchell Family

*In Memory of Harold Miller
In Memory of Dorothy Mitchell*

Patti and Steve Nanney

*In Memory of Bob and Laverne Collier
In Memory of Todd and Christine Nanney
In Memory of Troy and Lorene Carr*

Sarah Powell

In Memory of Cliff Powell

Marguerite Priest and Samuel Bryan Evenson

*In Memory of Bob Priest
In Memory of Joy Purfurst
In Memory of Grandparents*

Lu Taylor

*In Memory of Ann and Matt Dikeman, Sr.
In Memory of Ben and Thelma Warren*

Don and Barbara Tremble

*In Memory of Ron and Peggy Tremble
In Memory of William and Doris Ramsay*

Jorida and Ruden Vakiari

In Memory of Freda Carlin

Stephanie Williams

In Memory of her Mother, Edna Williams