

First Church at Worship

THE OPENING VOLUNTARY *Fanfare* Henry Purcell
Ross Fallaw, *trumpet*; John Case, *timpani*

* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

* THE EASTER GREETING

ALLELUIA! Christ is risen!
Christ is risen indeed! ALLELUIA!
Glory and honor, dominion and power, be to God for ever and ever.
Christ is risen indeed! ALLELUIA!

* THE GREAT NOISE

The congregation is invited to join in with the clapping of hands, rattling of keys and other sounds of noise as we celebrate the Risen Christ breaking the bonds of death!

* THE EASTER HYMN No. 302 *Easter Hymn*
Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

* THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

~ WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD ~

ANTHEM *Hark, Ten Thousand Harps and Voices* Craig Courtney

THE FIRST LESSON Acts 10:34-43

³⁴Then Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴²He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

This is the word of God for the people of God
Thanks be to God.

THE PSALTER Psalm 118:14-17, 22-24 *Festal Song*

**God is my strength and song,
The Savior I have found;
Now from the tents of all the just
Comes the triumphant sound:**

**"The Right hand of the Lord
Has gained the victory!
The right hand of the Lord has won,
Has triumphed gloriously!"**

**This is the Lord's own Work
And marvelous to see;
The Lord has acted on this day,
We praise his victory.**

THE SECOND LESSON

I Corinthians 15:19-26

¹⁹If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

²⁰But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. ²¹For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; ²²for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. ²³But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. ²⁴Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. ²⁵For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. ²⁶The last enemy to be destroyed is death. This is the word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM *Worthy Is the Lamb* Allen Pote

* THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION No. 2043 *Celtic Alleluia*
Alleluia (2x)

* THE GOSPEL LESSON Luke 24:1-12

¹On the first day of the week, at early dawn, [the women] came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. ²They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, ³but when they went in, they did not find the body. ⁴While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. ⁵The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. ⁶Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, ⁷that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again." ⁸Then they remembered his words, ⁹and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. ¹⁰Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. ¹¹But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. ¹²But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise be to thee, O Christ.

* ANTHEM *Hallelujah Chorus (from Messiah)* G. F. Handel

CHILDREN'S MOMENT *Long Live the King* Rev. Kyle

SERMON Rev. Kyle Randle

~ WE RESPOND TO THE GOSPEL ~

THANKSGIVING FOR OUR BAPTISM

Alleluia! Christ is risen.
Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

In the waters of baptism,
we have passed over from death to life with Jesus Christ,
and we are a new creation.
For this saving mystery, and for this water, let us bless God,
who was, who is, and who is to come.

We thank you, God, for your river of life,
flowing freely from your throne:
through the earth,
through the city,
through every living thing.
You rescued Noah and his family from the flood;
You opened wide the sea for the Israelites.
Now in these waters you flood us with mercy,
and our sin is drowned forever.
You open the gate of righteousness
and we pass safely through.
In Jesus Christ, you calm and trouble the waters.
You nourish us and enclose us in safety.
You call us forth and send us out.
In lush and barren places, you are with us.
You have become our salvation.
Now breathe upon this water
and awaken your church once more.
Claim us again as your beloved and holy people.
Quench our thirst; cleanse our hearts; wipe away every tear.
To you, our Beginning and our End,
our Shepherd and Lamb,
be honor, glory, praise, and thanksgiving,
now and forever. **Amen.**

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *The Apostle's Creed* No. 881

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead and buried,
the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and
sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick 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.**

* THE GLORIA PATRI No. 70 *Meineke*

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. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

* PRESENTATION OF THE TITHES AND OFFERINGS Doxology No. 94

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

~ THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION ~

* THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing,
always and everywhere to give thanks to you,
Almighty God, creator of heaven and earth.

You show partiality, but accept everybody who fears you
and does what is right through faith.

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven
we praise your name and join their unending hymn.

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The congregation sits

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ.

You raised him from the dead,

the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.

In him we are given life.

By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection

you gave birth to your Church,

delivered us from slavery to sin and death,

and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread,

gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said:

"Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you.

Do this in remembrance of me.

"When the supper was over he took the cup,

gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said:

"Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,

poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.

Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

On the third day you raised him from the dead

and revealed him to the women

who had come to the tomb to tend him.

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,

we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving

as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us,

as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here,

and on these gifts of bread and wine.

Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ,

that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ,
one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world,
until Christ comes in final victory,
and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church,
all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 trespasses

as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

BREAKING THE BREAD

GIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

All are invited to the Lord's Table. Please follow the direction of the ushers.

COMMUNION ANTHEM

My Jesus, I Love Thee

Dan Forrest

Will Brown, *soloist*

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

We give you thanks, generous God,

for in this bread and cup

we have tasted the new heaven and earth

where hunger and thirst are no more.

Send us from this table as witnesses to the resurrection,

that through our lives, all may know life in Jesus' name. Amen.

~ WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD ~

* HYMN OF SENDING No. 308

Thine Be the Glory

Judas Maccabeus

* BENEDICTION

* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

* CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Toccata (from Symphony V)

Charles-Marie Widor

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God!

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Easter Sunday

April 17, 2022

10:30 a.m.

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Welcome to First United Methodist Church

Out of a broken and sinful world, all people are welcomed into the body of Jesus Christ at First Church. As children of God, together we join in worship to experience the transforming love of our Savior.

We are here this morning to worship God. Through our songs, words of praise, prayers and scripture reading, we give honor and glory to God. Wondrous things happen as we worship. Lives are changed. The presence of God brings hope, comfort, healing, and joy. Let us worship in gladness. Jesus, the Lord of Life is with us.