



SOUTHMINSTER

Presbyterian Church

Easter Sunday, April 9, 2023

AN INCLUSIVE, WELCOMING COMMUNITY OF CHRISTIAN FAITH.
OUR MISSION IS TO MANIFEST CHRIST'S LOVE IN THE WORLD.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Easter Egg hunt during Sunday School TODAY

Beloved Senior's Annual Spring Brunch April 16th after worship

Rebuilding Together Workday April 29

Silent Auction April 30 with the Congregational Meeting at 11:35am

Women's Retreat May 5-7

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TODAY

Giving Up a Dead Jesus for a Living One

“The very first Easter taught us this: that life never ends and love never dies.”

— Kate McGahan



PRELUDE & BRINGING OF THE LIGHT

"The Day of Resurrection"

arr. Larry Shackley

"Come, Christians, Join to Sing"

arr. by Mark Hayes

ACOLYTES

Amelia Standish and Dory Roberts

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Please sign and date friendship pads
- Giving Cards now available.
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LAY READER

Julie Ray

PAUSE FOR REFLECTION

Hold fast to dreams,

For if dreams die

Life is a broken-winged bird,

That cannot fly.

—Langston Hughes

PASSING OF THE PEACE

CALL TO WORSHIP

We are here today because the weeping Mary of Magdala once said:

"I have seen him!"

We are here because Jesus still comes into our locked spaces and says:

"Peace be with you."

Like Peter, we are tempted to go back to our old life: he said ...

"I'm going fishing."

We're here this morning because of Jesus, who asks,

"Do you want to be healed?"

We are here as a congregation because many doubting disciples have encouraged us with the words:

"Do not be afraid. Do not be afraid! He lives."

OPENING HYMN

#232 "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"

SPECIAL MUSIC

Easter Joy by John A. Behnke

FLOWERING OF THE CROSS

Children and youth are dismissed afterward.

GREEK TESTAMENT READING

John 20:1-18

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus's head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed, for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes. But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb, and she saw two angels in white sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not touch me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord," and she told them that he had said these things to her.

THEME READING

"I believe that imagination is stronger than knowledge. That myth is more potent than history. That dreams are more powerful than facts. That hope always triumphs over experience. That laughter is the only cure for grief. And I believe that love is stronger than death."

—Robert Fulghum

SPECIAL MUSIC

Crown Him, arr. Dan Forrest

SERMON

Giving Up a Dead Jesus for a Living One

#7 in a sermon series:

"Give It Up" for Lent

Rev. Scott Dalgarno

RESPONSIVE HYMN

250 "In the Bulb There Is A Flower"

CORPORATE PRAYER

from the New Zealand Book of Prayer
Eternal Spirit,

Earth-maker, Pain bearer, Life-giver,
Source of all that is and that shall be,
Father and Mother of us all,
Loving God, in whom is heaven:

May the hallowing of your name echo through the universe;

The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world;

Your heavenly will be done by all created beings;

Your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain our hope and come on earth.

With the bread we need for today, feed us.

In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.

In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.

From trial too great to endure, spare us.

From the grip of all that is evil, free us.

For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, now and forever.

OFFERTORY

"The Risen Lord" arr. by Eugene Butler



DOXOLOGY

Through all our living, we our fruits must give.

Good works of service are for offering.

When we are giving, or when receiving,

We belong to God.

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BENEDICTION

SPECIAL MUSIC

Hallelujah Chorus From "The Messiah"

by George Frederic Handel

FELLOWSHIP

