

ST. PAUL'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Easter Sunday

April 1, 2018

10:30 AM

* Stand if you are able

Bold: Said by all

All hymns, scriptures and congregational prayers are projected.

Musical Preludes:

Theme from CONCERTO IN A MINOR, Op. 54 – R. Schumann

CHORALE (from "Finlandia") – Jean Sibelius

CALL TO WORSHIP

* Entry of the Word

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship:

(see insert)

* Gathering Hymn: "Morning Has Broken"

(#814)

Prayer of Approach:

Prayer of Confession (in unison):

All-knowing, all-powerful God,
we confess that, even on this most holy day,
we are unable to fully believe in the victory over death
shown to us in the resurrection of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

We confess our utter dependence on you,
not only for life
but also for faith, hope, and love.

Without your astonishing appearance to our ancestors
and your stunning presence throughout the ages,
we would be lost.

Forgive us and transform us,
that in every way our work and prayer will
make whole that which is broken and spread your peace on earth. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon:

Sharing the Peace of Christ:

One: May the Peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

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MINISTER: Rev. Mikal Schomburg

ORGANIST: Ian Madge

PIANIST: Becky Stewart

Anthem: "Christ Is Risen, Alleluia!" (S.K. Albrecht/J. Althouse)

*Children's Hymn: "O, How Good Is Christ the Lord" (projected)

Children's Story

(Grade 5 & under leave for Sunday School)

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

Prayer for Illumination (in unison): Open our eyes and soften our hearts, O God, through the work of your Holy Spirit, that in the hearing of your Word we may receive new life. Amen.

Scriptures

Isaiah 25:6-9

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

Acts 10:34-43

John 20:1-18

One: This is the Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Silent Reflection

OUR RESPONSE

* Hymn of Response: *"Lord of the Dance"* (#250)

* **Declaration of Faith (in unison):** The Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
begotten from the Father before all ages,
God from God,
Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made;**

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**of the same essence as the Father.
Through him all things were made.**

For us and for our salvation

**he came down from heaven;
he became incarnate by the Holy Spirit
and the virgin Mary,
and was made human.
He was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered and was buried
The third day he rose again, according to the Scriptures.
He ascended to heaven**

**and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again with glory
to judge the living and the dead.
His kingdom will never end.**

**And we believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life.
He proceeds from the Father and the Son,
and with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified.
He spoke through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We affirm one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look forward to the resurrection of the dead,
and to life in the world to come. Amen.**

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory: *ARIOSO (Thanks Be To God)* – George Frederick Handel

Organ and Piano Duet

* Doxology (#79)
Prayer of Dedication
Prayers of the People
The Lord's Prayer

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SENDING

* Parting Hymn: *"Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"* (#243)
* Benediction:
* *"Go Now In Peace"*
* Exit of the Word

Musical Postlude:

THE HEAVENS ARE TELLING (from "The Creation") – Franz Josef Haydn