

ST. PAUL'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Easter Sunday

April 16, 2017

10:30 a.m.

* Stand if you are able
Musical Prelude:

Bold: Said by all

CALLED TO WORSHIP

* Entry of the Word
Welcome and Announcements:

Call to Worship (responsive):

Jesus, arise and give us your peace, a peace that the world does not know.

“Peace I give to you, my own peace I give you,” says the Lord.

Lead all your creation to the river of life, refresh us, restore us, and breathe into us your spirit.

“Peace I give to you, my own peace I give you,” says the Lord.

We stand before you as one body in Christ; give to us your spirit of justice.

“Peace I give to you, my own peace I give you,” says the Lord.

Let mercy and compassion flow from us like a never-ending stream.

“Peace I give to you, my own peace I give you,” says the Lord.

We lift up our hands to the God of all creation; bless us for all time.

“Peace I give to you, my own peace I give you,” says the Lord.

Father, we share in the light of your glory through your living Son, the light of the world. Make this fire within us holy, and inflame us with new hope and peace. Purify our minds in this Easter celebration, and bring us to the feast of eternal light.

Amen.

*Gathering Hymn: *“Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”* (N.B.P. #243)

Prayer of Adoration:

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MINISTER: Rev. Mikal Schomburg

ORGANIST: Mr. Ian Madge

Prayer of Confession (in unison): Gracious God, you have walked patiently with us throughout our Lenten journey. You have celebrated our successes and our growing understanding of your love; and you have mourned our failures and rejections of your healing mercies. Today, as we have gathered to celebrate the joy of Easter, let us remember that we are to become Easter People, people of the Resurrection; people who know that what was thought to be impossible has been conquered. Forgive our stubbornness and fears. Fill us with your healing love and help us to become the

disciples that you need to serve in this world. For we ask this in the name of our Risen Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon:

Sharing the Peace of Christ:

The Peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

*Children's Hymn: *"Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks To The Risen Lord"*

(N.B.P. #260)

Children's Story (Grade 5 & under leave for Sunday School)

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

Prayer for Illumination (in unison): The risen Christ is great news for us, and for creation. Open our minds to understand what this truly means; let us hear your word, consume your word, and be one with your word, so that we can boldly live and proclaim your word. Amen.

Scriptures:

(projected)

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 (responsive)

Colossians 3:1-4

John 20:1-18

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

Response: Thanks be to God.

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Choir Anthem: *"Christ Is Alive!"*

(Brian Wren/Jane Holstein)

SERMON: "LOOK INSIDE"

Silent Reflection

OUR RESPONSE

* Hymn of Response: *"Now The Green Blade Rises"* (N.B.P. #256)

* Declaration of Faith (in unison): (projected)

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings, Offertory

* Doxology (N.B.P. #79)

Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer (spoken) (projected)

SENDING

* Parting Hymn: *"Thine Be The Glory"* (N.B.P. #258)

* Benediction:

* Choral Amen:

* Exit of the Word Musical Postlude