

April 20, 2025; 9:00 am
Easter Sunday

We Gather Together

***Welcome** to today's Service of Worship. Whether you are with us in person, joining us live on zoom, watching on our YouTube channel, or listening on KFIZ, we are glad you are here. For those in person, please use the time before worship to fill in the Friendship Pad in your pew. We extend a special welcome to our visitors, and if you have not already received your welcome gift, please pick one up as you leave the sanctuary after worship.*

Prelude: "The King Victorious"

by Cyr De Brant

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Dr. Craig Alwin

Opening Scripture: Luke 24:1-12 (CEB)

Pete W., liturgist

page 90 in the pew Bible (NRSV), page 1287 (CEB)

Very early in the morning on the first day of the week, the women went to the tomb, bringing the fragrant spices they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they didn't find the body of the Lord Jesus. They didn't know what to make of this. Suddenly, two men were standing beside them in gleaming bright clothing. The women were frightened and bowed their faces toward the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He isn't here, but has been raised. Remember what he told you while he was still in Galilee, that the Human One must be handed over to sinners, be crucified, and on the third day rise again." Then they remembered his words. When they returned from the tomb, they reported all these things to the eleven and all the others. It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told these things to the apostles. Their words struck the apostles as nonsense, and they didn't believe the women. But Peter ran to the tomb. When he bent over to look inside, he saw only the linen cloth. Then he returned home, wondering what had happened.

Ring of the Bell and entrance of the Light of Christ

***Call to Worship**

Pete W., liturgist

Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.

Let all the people proclaim,

“God’s steadfast love endures forever!”

God’s steadfast love endures forever!

The Lord is my strength, my song, and my salvation!

Shouts of joy resound in the tents of the righteous!

God’s steadfast love endures forever!

The Lord’s right hand has done mighty things!

We will not die but live.

We will proclaim what the Lord has done.

We enter the gates of the Lord and give thanks,

for this is the day the Lord has made!

Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

*** Opening Prayer**

Holy and Living God, like a tomb’s darkness that gives way to light, open us this day to newness of life; open us to your love, to your acceptance, to your forgiveness, to your peace; open us to one another, and to the possibilities you have in store for us. Give us hope for the future and a passion for life here and now. We pray in the name of the One who destroyed death, Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

***Sung Response: GTG 232 “Jesus Christ is Risen Today”**

Carol W., Kim M., Kay M., Joanne M., Phyllis M., Katy J., Cantors

***Call to Confession (1 Peter 2:24)**

Pete W.

Christ himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sin, we might live for righteousness. Trusting in God’s grace, let us confess our sin.

***Prayer of Confession**

Pete W.

Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered the power of sin and death. We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death. We overlook the poor and the hungry, and pass by those who mourn; we are deaf to the cries of the oppressed, and indifferent to calls for peace; we despise the weak, and abuse the earth you made.

Silent Confession
(In the silence of our hearts we confess our sins to God.)

Forgive us, God of mercy. **Help us to trust your power to change our lives and make us new, that we may know the joy of life abundant given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord.**

***Assurance of Pardon (Acts 2:17, 21)**

Hear the good news of God's promise: I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh. Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved. **Thanks be to God.**

***Sharing God's Peace**

On the evening of Jesus' resurrection, while the disciples were behind closed doors because they were afraid of the Jewish authorities, Jesus came and stood among them. Jesus said, "Peace be with you."

And so we proclaim yet today, the Peace of Christ be with you!

And also, with you!

*(Please share the Peace of Christ with those around you using the ancient formula 'The Peace of Christ.' 'And also, with you.' Please be mindful of those who do not wish to shake hands or be too close. **We encourage you to use this time to send a text or emoji to someone who cannot be here.**)*

***Sung Response: GTG 582 "Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me"**

Daniel A., Saxophonist

God's Word Is Proclaimed

Scripture Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:19-26 (Common English Bible)
page 176 in the pew Bible (NRSV), page 1402 (CEB)

If we have a hope in Christ only in this life, then we deserve to be pitied more than anyone else.

But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead. He's the first crop of the harvest of those who have died. Since death came through a human being, the

resurrection of the dead came through one too. In the same way that everyone dies in Adam, so also everyone will be given life in Christ. Each event will happen in the right order: Christ, the first crop of the harvest, then those who belong to Christ at his coming, and then the end, when Christ hands over the kingdom to God the Father, when he brings every form of rule, every authority and power to an end. It is necessary for him to rule until *he puts all enemies under his feet*.^(Psalm 110:1) Death is the last enemy to be brought to an end.

Gospel Reading: John 20:11-18 (Common English Bible)

page 114 in the pew Bible (NRSV), page 1321 (CEB)

Mary stood outside near the tomb, crying. As she cried, she bent down to look into the tomb. She saw two angels dressed in white, seated where the body of Jesus had been, one at the head and one at the foot. The angels asked her, "Woman, why are you crying?"

She replied, "They have taken away my Lord, and I don't know where they've put him." As soon as she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she didn't know it was Jesus.

Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you crying? Who are you looking for?"

Thinking he was the gardener, she replied, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him and I will get him."

Jesus said to her, "Mary."

She turned and said to him in Aramaic, "Rabbouni" (which means Teacher).

Jesus said to her, "Don't hold on to me, for I haven't yet gone up to my Father. Go to my brothers and sisters and tell them, 'I'm going up to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'"

Mary Magdalene left and announced to the disciples, "I've seen the Lord." Then she told them what he said to her.

Children's Time

Jennifer Zander

Song: In Christ Alone

In Christ Alone

(as published by Capitol CMG Publishing)

Words and Music by
Keith Getty and Stuart Townend

VERSE

♩ = 60 G D G A D/F# G D/F# Em7 G/A



1. In Christ a - lone my hope is found, He is my light, my strength, my
2. In Christ a - lone, who took on flesh, full - ness of God in help - less
3. There in the ground His bod - y lay, Light of the world by dark - ness
4. No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the pow'r of Christ in

4 D G D G A D/F# G D/F# Em7 G/A



song; This Cor - ner - stone, this sol - id Ground, firm through the fierc - est drought and
babe! This gift of love and right - eous - ness, scorned by the ones He came to
slain; Then, burst - ing forth in glo - rious Day, up from the grave He rose a -
me; From life's first cry to fi - nal breath, Je - sus com - mands my des - ti -

8 D D/F# G D/F# Asus A D/F# G Bm7



storm. What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when striv - ings
save. Till on that cross as Je - sus died, the wrath of God was sat - is -
gain! And as He stands in vic - to - ry, sin's curse has lost its grip on
ny. No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man, can ev - er pluck me from His

12 Asus A G D G A D/F# G D/F# Em7 G/A D



cease. My Com - fort - er, my All in All, here in the love of Christ I stand.
fied. For ev - 'ry sin on Him was laid; Here in the death of Christ I live.
me; For I am His and He is mine, bought with the pre - cious blood of Christ.
hand; Till He re - turns or calls me home, here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand!

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Sermon: "Hope in Christ"

Rev. Dr. Craig Alwin

We Respond to God's Word

The Practice of Gratitude

In response to God's Word and remembering all things come from God, we offer with thanks a portion of that which God has entrusted to us. The ushers will collect God's tithes and our offerings. For those who have given in other forms, there are cards in the pew racks that you may use as a tangible action of gratitude to God. No matter what we return to God in material forms, may we spiritually place our hearts, and our very lives, in God's hands, to be re-shaped for ministry in Christ, furthering God's kingdom here on earth.

Offering Music: "Take My Life and Let it Be" Cantors & Eddie H., flautist

***Offertory: GTG 240 "Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks"** (refrain only)

***Offertory Prayer**

Prayers of the People

| | | |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Anna J* (Katy J. mom) | Pete D. | Pass Family |
| Arnold L. | James P.* (Ruth P. friend) | Pat D. |
| Bob & Ollive B. | Jesse F. | Pat M.* (Bonnie H sister) |
| Brian C. | Joan K.* (Marcus A. mom) | Paul W. |
| Chastity G. & Joan S. | Kathy A* (Kevin B sister) | Qualine S.* (Jodi A mom) |
| Corinne C. | Kathy G. | Rod M* (Mary/Dan R friend) |
| Del C. | Liam A. | Sherry M. |
| Dick and Maryann* | Lindsay* (Bill/Mary daughter) | Steven B.* (Kevin B nephew) |
| Elias B.* (Laurie C grandson) | Lynn M. | Steve R.* (Sue B brother) |
| Ellen C. | Marie L. | |
| Gib D. | Paige T. | |

Dianne P. in the death of her sister.

The names in **bold** are new to the prayer list. The names with an asterisk (*) are not church members. However, a church member has received permission to ask that they be lifted in prayer. Prayer request cards are available in the Prayer Box in the Narthex, in the church pews, or online ([click here](#)). You can place your prayer request in the offering plate or the lock box at the church office door. For electronic prayer requests, please complete the form and click submit. If you have a pastoral concern, that happens before or after office hours, please call the office (920.922.0425), press #2 for Pastoral Care.

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.

Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who have sinned 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.

***Sung response: GTG 826 "Lift High the Cross"**

***Taking the Light of Christ into the World**

***Charge and Benediction**

Postlude: "Crucifer"

arr. by Paul Manz

WEEKLY STATISTICS FOR APRIL 13,2025

Individuals in Person: 129

Zoom Households: 3

| <u>DATE</u> | <u>INCOME</u> | <u>NOTES</u> |
|--------------------|----------------------|----------------------------------|
| 4-13-2025 | \$3735.00 | Tithes/Offerings |
| | \$ 315.00 | Special Offerings |
| | \$ 839.08 | Fish Banks |
| 4-7-11-25 | \$ 581.00 | Vanco Online "Tithes/Offerings" |
| | \$ 10.00 | Vanco Special Offerings |
| | \$5480.08 | TOTAL INCOME FOR THE WEEK |

Financial Giving and Gratitude

You can give online at www.fdlpresbyterian.org/Giving_page. (Click on 'Online Giving'.) You can also give by cash or check on Sunday morning, or by mail. We are so very thankful for your contributions that help us do God's work in our church and in our community.

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This Week

Sunday

7:45-8:45am
9:00-10:00am
10:15-10:45am

April 20

Easter Breakfast
Worship
Fellowship Time
Easter Celebration for Kids

Monday

10:00-11:30am

April 21

Staff Meeting

Tuesday

5:00-6:30am

April 22

Finance Meeting

Wednesday

8:00-9:00am
2:30-3:30pm
5:00-6:00pm
5:00-7:00pm

April 23

Men's Breakfast
Loving Team
Session Meeting
Confirmation

Thursday

2:00-3:00pm
6:00-7:30pm

April 24

Serving Team
Buildings & Grounds

Sunday

9:00-10:00am
10:15-11:15am
10:15-11:15am
10:15-11:15am
11:30-1:00pm

April 27

Worship
Fellowship Time
Sunday School
Growing Connections- Sleep in Heavenly Peace
Worship Team



In Memory and Honor

Dan & Susan Baker

Sheryl & Henry Brown

Winifred & Alex Caramanidis

John & Laurie Christie

Gilbert Dilling

The Hierl Family

Bonnie Hughes

Wendy Johnson

Klopp Family

Klopp Family

Andy & Debby Lorenz

Joanne & Larry Marchionda

Larry, Carol, Bob, Tami,

Grace & Sophia Merrill

Kay Mullins

Ruth Park

John & Wendy Peachey

Jolene & Heather Schry

Willey Family

Zander Family

In Celebration

Jim & Judy Dassow

Nancy & Jerry Hilbert

Bud, Kathy, Camdon, Ken & Rick Baker
Bill Sr., Clair Ann, Bill Jr., & Terry Rowe

Our Parents, brother, & great-nephew

G. Ward Laiten

Corliss Christie & Thomas Leestma

Earl Dilling

Tom & Sue Hierl

Jack Hughes, Tom & Joanne Karuhn

Roy Johnson and other loved ones

Judy Ventimiglia

Marilyn Klopp

Elaney Rose Redmann

Joanne's sister Jane, Larry's brother Gordy
and our mothers Alice and Irene

Jeffrey L. Merrill

Bob & Eileene Merrill

Rhonda Mullins Brewer

Harold & Jo Boekenhauer

Chong Yol and Hyun Sook Kim

Don Peachey

Rick Schry, Barbara & Bowe LeFevre

Jodelle Richter

Silas Willey

Our Loved Ones

Family

Our Family

