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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

"Because you live, O Christ,



The garden of the world has come to flower"

Celebration of Worship
Easter Sunday
Sunday, April 12, 2020
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Prelude	Allegro, from Sonata in F Major Herb Smith, trumpet	Pietro Baldassare
Words of Welcome		The Rev. Dr. Pat Youngdahl
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Introit	Because You Live, O Christ	VRUECHTEN
	<i>" Because You live O Christ, the garden of the world has come to flower; The darkness of the tomb is flooded with Your resurrection power.</i>	
	<i>The stone has rolled away and death cannot imprison! O sing this Easter day, for Jesus Christ has risen!</i>	
	<i>Because You live O Christ, the spirit bird of hope is freed for flying; Our cages of despair no longer keep us closed and life denying.</i>	
	<i>Because You live O Christ, the rainbow of Your peace will span creation; The colors of Your love will draw all humankind to adoration."</i>	
	Text: Shirley Erena Murray	
	Laura Anderson, soprano Herb Smith, trumpet	

*Easter Acclamation

One: A new day dawns.

Many: **New hope stirs within us.**

One: Christ is risen!

Many: **Christ is risen indeed!**

One: Jesus Christ is Risen today!

Many: **Jesus Christ is Risen today! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

*Processional Hymn

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

EASTER HYMN

1. Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!
Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!
Praise eternal as God's love, Alleluia!

2. Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!
Where, O death, is now your sting? Alleluia!
Christ, who slumbered in the grave, Alleluia!
Is exalted now to save! Alleluia!

3. "Jesus Christ is risen today," Alleluia!
All creation, join to say! Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high! Alleluia!
Sing, O heav'ns, and earth reply, Alleluia!

Text: Lyra Davidica, Charles Wesley, Michael Weisse

Tune: Hymnal, 123

*Easter Morning Prayer (unison)

God of all life, as dawn slowly dispels the darkness of night, so your wondrous love enlightens our fearful spirits. With inner eyes of faith we behold that Christ is risen from the stone-free cave: that spiritual power transforms even death, bringing mourners joy, casting out hatred and vengeance, humbling human arrogance, and bringing us your eternal peace. May Christ, the Morning Star, who rose from the tomb and bathed all creation in glorious light, live and love forever and ever. Amen.

First Reading

“Dawn of Day”

by Rosalind Russell

Dawn of day,
new hope aglow with celestial light,
transforms in pastel glory
the deep, cold shades of night.
Boldly over awakened earth
rises clear the Morning Sun
brightly rearranging all
for the crisp new day that's come.

Music for Reflection

Eternal Source of Light Divine

G.F. Handel

*“Eternal source of light divine, with double warmth thy beams display,
And with distinguish'd glory shine, to add a lustre to this day.”*

Laura Anderson, soprano Herb Smith, trumpet

Gospel Reading

John 20:11-18

Easter Meditation

Rev. Youngdahl

Music of Celebration

Let the Bright Seraphim

G.F. Handel

“Let the bright Seraphim in burning row, their loud, uplifted angel trumpets blow.”

Prayers of Healing and Transformation

Prayer of Jesus

Our Creator, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy Spirit come! Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the Spirit, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!

HYMN TO JOY 8.7.8.7 D

Ludwig van Beethoven, 1824

Adapt. Edward Hodges (1796-1867); alt.

Brian Wren (b. 1936)

1. Christ is ris - en! Shout Ho - san - na! Cel - e - brate this day of days!
 2. Christ is ris - en! Raise your spir - its From the cav - erns of de - spair.
 3. Christ is ris - en! Earth and heav - en Nev - er - more shall be the same.

Christ is ris - en! Hush in won - der: All cre - a - tion is a - mazed.
 Walk with glad - ness in the morn - ing. See what love can do and dare.
 Break the bread of new cre - a - tion Where the world is still in pain.

In the des - ert all - sur - round - ing, See, a spread - ing tree has grown.
 Drink the wine of res - ur - rec - tion, Not a ser - vant, but a friend.
 Tell its grim, de - mon - ic cho - rus: "Christ is ris - en! Get you gone!"

Heal - ing leaves of grace a - bound - ing Bring a taste of love un - known.
 Je - sus is our strong com - pan - ion. Joy and peace shall nev - er end.
 God the First and Last is with us. Sing Ho - san - na, ev - ery - one!

*Benediction

Postlude

Toccata from Symphony V

Charles-Marie Widor

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