



welcome to

easter

sunday

AT

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF PITTSBURGH

Those with fresh-cut flowers are invited to place them on the cross **before the service begins**, to help adorn the First Church Easter Cross, a meaningful symbol of hope and the Resurrection.



RESURRECTION SUNDAY, APRIL 5, 2026 – 10:45 AM



*Indicates please stand as you are able.

Prelude Music:

“Crown Him Lord of All!”

Arr, Lloyd Larson

Ruth Ann Reamer, *piano*
Alaine Fink, *organ*

“An Easter Celebration”

Arr. Joel Rainey

Allegheny Brass Quartet
Alaine Fink, *organ*, Andy Reamer, *timpani*

“Triumphantly Risen!”

Ross Anderson

Alaine Fink, *organ*

“Fanfare”

Jacques-Nicolas Lemmens

Allegheny Brass Quartet

Time of Welcome

Rev. Dr. Craig M. Walls
Senior Pastor

Choral Introit: “Easter Fanfare”

E. E. Ferguson

FPCP Choir and Allegheny Brass Quartet

Gathering Before the Word

***Responsive Call to Worship**

Emilie Delo
Liturgist

Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made.

People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Leader: This is the life that our God has brought.

People: Let us sing out and be glad in it.

Leader: This is the light that our savior shines forth.

People: Let us give thanks and be glad in it.

Leader: This is the love that has conquered the grave.

People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Leader: Christ is Risen. Christ is Risen. Christ is Risen!

ALL: He is Risen Indeed!

***Hymn #232: "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today" (located in this bulletin)**

Arr. Terre Johnson

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

Emilie Delo

Merciful God, like the disciples before us, we too have denied and betrayed you in our fear and weakness. Forgive our silence in the face of injustice, our indifference to suffering, and the times we have turned away from your love. In your mercy, restore us. Help us follow Jesus' path of sacrificial love, that we may live as people of courage and compassion. In the name of the one who loves us, we pray. *Amen.*

Time of Silent Prayer and Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

Emilie Delo

Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Walls

Proclaiming the Word

Scripture Reading: John 20:11-18

Emilie Delo

Jesus Appears to Mary Magdalene

¹¹ But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb, ¹² 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. ¹³ 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.” ¹⁴ When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. ¹⁵ 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.” ¹⁶ Jesus said to her, “Mary!” She turned and said to him in Hebrew, “Rabbouni!” (which means Teacher). ¹⁷ 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.’ ” ¹⁸ 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.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Choral Anthem: “*The Day of Resurrection*”

Arr. Mary McDonald

FPCP Choir, Brass, Timpani
and Congregation

(For the Congregation - music is in this bulletin)

Sermon: “Dumb Questions and Surprise Endings”

Rev. Walls

Responding to the Word

***Affirmation of Faith – The Apostles’ Creed**

We believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again, from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he shall come to judge the living and the dead. We believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. *Amen.*

***Hymn #840:** “*Behold the Lamb*” (located in this bulletin)

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Communion Prayer

Words of Institution

Distribution of the Elements

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; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. *Amen.*

Call for the Offering (*Online giving available, scan code on back*)

Rev. Walls

Offertory Anthem: "Alleluia"

Ralph Manuel

***Doxology**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below. Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

***Prayer of Dedication**

Rev. Walls

***Hymn #268: "Crown Him with Many Crowns"** (located in this bulletin)

Arr. John A. Behnke

***Invitation, Charge and Benediction**

Postlude: "Easter Fantasy on Ancient Hymns"

Sondra K. Tucker

Allegheny Brass, Timpani, and Organ

We are grateful for the talented musicians that participated in worship this morning:

FPCP Choir

Ruth Ann Reamer, *piano*

Andy Reamer, *percussion*

Alaine Fink, *Minister of Music*

Allegheny Brass Quartet

Drew Fennell, *trumpet*

Adam Leasure, *trumpet*

Ross Cohen, *euphonium/trombone*

Matthew Murchison, *tuba*

232 Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

1 Je - sus Christ is risen to - day,
 2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
 3 But the pains which he en - dured,
 4 Sing we to our God a - bove,

our tri - um-phant ho - ly day,
 un - to Christ, our heaven-ly King, Al - le - lu - ia!
 our sal - va - tion have pro - cured.
 praise e - ter - nal as God's love.

who did once up - on the cross,
 who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Now a - bove the sky he's King,
 Praise our God, ye heaven-ly host,

suf - fer to re - deem our loss.
 sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!
 where the an - gels ev - er sing,
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

It seems likely that this beloved Easter text began in Latin and moved through German before reaching English, where it combined with the present tune in the emerging English evangelical style, a reaction to the restrained one-note-per-syllable psalmody that preceded it.

Behold the Lamb

F2/A G/B C Dm7 G F2
 1 Be - hold the Lamb, who bears our sins a - way, slain for us—
 2 The bo - dy of our Sav - ior, Je - sus Christ, torn for you—
 3 The blood that clean - ses ev - ery stain of sin, shed for you—
 4 And so with thank - ful - ness and faith we rise to re - spond—

C/G G7sus G7 F2/A G/B C
 and we re - mem - ber the pro - mise made, that all who
 eat and re - mem - ber the wounds that heal; the death that
 drink and re - mem - ber he drained death's cup, that all may
 and to re - mem - ber our call to fol - low in the

Dm7 G F2 G7sus G7 C
 come in faith find for - give - ness at the cross. So we
 brings us life paid the price to make us one. So we
 en - ter in to re - ceive the life of God. So we
 steps of Christ as his bod - y here on earth. As we

F2 C2/E G2 F2
 share in this bread of life, and we drink of his
 share in this bread of life, and we drink of his
 share in this bread of life and we drink of his
 share in his suf - fer - ing, we pro - claim Christ will

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C2/E G2 F2 C2/E G7sus G7

sac - ri - fice as a sign of our bonds of peace
 sac - ri - fice as a sign of our bonds of love
 sac - ri - fice as a sign of our bonds of grace
 come a - gain! And we'll join in the feast of heaven

F2/A G7 C2 F2

a - round the ta - ble of the King.
 a - round the ta - ble of the King.
 a - round the ta - ble of the King.
 a - round the ta - ble of the King.

C2 F2 C2 *Final ending*

Crown Him with Many Crowns 268

1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne;
 2 Crown him the Lord of love; be - hold his hands and side,
 3 Crown him the Lord of peace, whose power a scep - ter sways
 4 Crown him the Lord of years, the po - ten - tate of time;

hark, how the heaven-ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own!
 rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in beau - ty glo - ri - fied:
 from pole to pole, that wars may cease, ab - sorbed in prayer and praise.
 cre - a - tor of the roll - ing spheres, in - ef - fa - bly sub - lime.

A - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
 no an - gel in the sky can ful - ly bear that sight,
 His reign shall know no end; and round his pier - ed feet
 All hail, Re - deem - er, hail! For thou hast died for me;

and hail him as thy match - less King through all e - ter - ni - ty.
 but down - ward bends his burn - ing eye at mys - ter - ies so bright.
 fair flowers of par - a - dise ex - tend their fra - grance ev - er sweet.
 thy praise shall nev - er, nev - er fail through - out e - ter - ni - ty.

This text is so familiar that it is easy to miss all its paradox, mystery, suffering, and beauty; it rewards careful reading and meditation outside corporate worship. The tune's composer, chapel organist at Windsor Castle, had much experience in creating a royal sound.

The Day of Resurrection

Congregation

Words by **Mary McDonald**
and **John of Damascus**, 8th c.,
Translated by **John M. Neale**, 1862

Music by **Mary McDonald**
Incorporating **LANCASHIRE**
by **Henry T. Smart**, 1836

Please sing when directed.



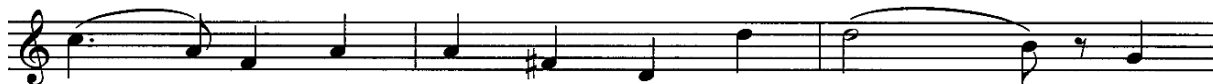
1. The day of res - ur - rec - tion! Earth,
2. Now let the heav'ns be joy - ful! Let



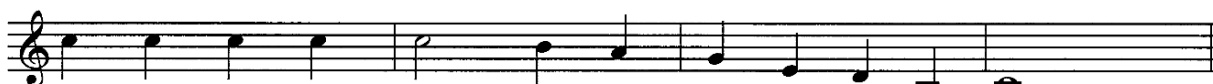
tell it out a - broad; the Pass - o - ver of glad - ness, the
earth her song be - gin! The world re - sound in tri - umph, and



Pass - o - ver of God. From death to life e -
all that is there - in. Let all things seen and



ter - nal, from sin's do - min - ion free, _____ our
un - seen their notes of glad - ness blend; _____ for



Christ has brought us o - ver with hymns of vic - to - ry.
Christ the Lord has ris - en, our joy that has no end.

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2026 EASTER FLOWER DEDICATIONS

Tulips and lilies grace our Chancel this Easter morning to the glory of God
and in memory or in honor of those whose names are listed below.

In Memory of:

Given by:

Grace Ann Arnold and J. Robert Arnold	Elizabeth S. Arnold
Les and Sally Thorn, <i>parents of David</i>	David and Laurie Charlton
Ed and Rene Brungraber, <i>parents of Laurie</i>	David and Laurie Charlton
Lois DeBiase DeLisa, <i>Holly's Mother</i>	Daniel and Holly Conner
Clara Russo Conner and Gilbert Conner, <i>Daniel's parents</i>	Daniel and Holly Conner
Ruth Ellen Harrison, <i>Kathy's sister</i>	Kathy Davis
Mary E. and Frank Dixon, <i>beloved parents</i>	Karen Dixon
Mr. and Mrs. Dixon	Tom Dixon
Rosemarie Demeo	Tom Dixon
Mr. and Mrs. James R. Leech, <i>parents of Jeff Leech</i>	Jeff Leech
Mathew, Ruby, Larry and John Rumshock	Megan McFarland
Lucinda and Richard Shrum	Megan McFarland
David and Billy Whetsel	Megan McFarland
Sean Baran	Megan McFarland
Our beloved Parents	Mr. Dr. Ronald V. and Mrs. Dr. Donna M. Lucas Pellegrini
Steven A Stepanian II, <i>husband of Pamela</i>	Pamela Stepanian
Charles Abbey, <i>husband of Phyllis, father of Pamela</i>	Pamela Stepanian
Linda Abbey, <i>daughter of Phyllis, sister of Pamela</i>	Pamela Stepanian
Stuart Feldman, <i>friend</i>	Pamela Stepanian
Phyllis Sidwell, <i>friend</i>	Pamela Stepanian
Leo M Stepanian II, <i>nephew of Pamela</i>	Pamela Stepanian
V. LeRoy and Josephine Watson, <i>parents</i>	Donna Watson
Marla Lyn Ruscitto	Donna Watson
Marcus LeRoy Ruscitto	Donna Watson
Liz Williams	David and Lisa Williams
H. Otis and Linda Malone	David and Lisa Williams
Our dear Grandparents	David and Lisa Williams
Dave "Crispy" Cross and Scott Markl	David and Lisa Williams
Ryan Cenk – "Be Kind Like Ryan"	David and Lisa Williams

In Honor of:

Given by:

Bennie and Dorothy Wheeler, <i>beloved parents</i>	Dorothy Carl
Bennie Wheeler Jr., <i>Dorothy's brother</i>	Dorothy Carl
Bruce Thorn, <i>stepbrother of David Charlton</i>	David and Laurie Charlton
Susan Copp, <i>sister-in-law of David and Laurie Charlton</i>	David and Laurie Charlton
James William DeLisa, <i>Holly's father</i>	Daniel and Holly Conner
Lauren Avalon, Fiona Sabine, and Ava DeLisa, <i>our three daughters and our greatest blessings</i> (baptized the Easter following each of their births)	Daniel and Holly Conner
Reverend and Mrs. Thomas M. Hall II	Megan McFarland
The Reverend Doctor Stuart Broberg	Megan McFarland
The Reverend Doctor and Mrs. Merry	Megan McFarland
Mr. and Mrs. William Rumshock	Megan McFarland
The Reverend Doctor Craig M. Walls and Doctor Elizabeth MacLeod Walls	Megan McFarland
Mrs. Linda Taylor	Megan McFarland
Marah, Maelyn and Miriam Delo, <i>our beloved granddaughters!</i>	Love, Grammy and Grampy Ridge

IF YOU HAVE CHOSEN TO TAKE YOUR FLOWERS WITH YOU,
PLEASE RETRIEVE THEM AFTER THE SERVICE.



2026 EASTER FLOWER DEDICATIONS

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In Honor of:

Given by:

Carol & Louis Ruscitto	Donna Watson
Marleea Ruscitto	Donna Watson
Mike Ruscitto	Donna Watson
Marcy Ruscitto	Donna Watson
Preston Judy	Donna Watson
Gary Williams	David and Lisa Williams
To Honor the incredible staff of First Presbyterian Church of Pittsburgh	David and Lisa Williams

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Ongoing/Upcoming Opportunities . . .

Hospitality Hour

Join us after worship this morning for a time of refreshments and fellowship in the chapel. If you're visiting with us, we would especially like to get to know you!

Sunday School

The Cornerstone Class continues to explore the early Church through a study of the Book of Acts. The class meets from 9:30 - 10:30 a.m. in Room #17 (chapel area, next to the stage). If you'd like to join them for fellowship and learning, please contact Charlie Claudon at 412-400-4868. Children's Sunday School also continues in Room 4 downstairs. All children are invited.

Special thanks to our Spring-Cleaning Volunteers!

A heartfelt thank you to all the volunteers who came out last Saturday to help prepare our church for Holy Week. Your care, time, and hard work truly made a difference. We received many compliments from parishioners and staff alike, all recognizing the dedication that went into refreshing our shared space.

The day was also filled with joy and fellowship.

We are deeply grateful to each of you who so generously gave your time and energy. **Thank you for your servant hearts and faithful support.**

With much gratitude -- Mary Caswell, *Volunteer & Community Coordinator and Safety Operations*



Annual Congregational Meeting – Sunday April 12, 2026

The annual congregational meeting will be held on April 12 immediately after worship. All are welcome to attend.

Visit from Sojourner House – Sunday, April 19 at 9:30 am

First Church is glad to **welcome back our friend Elizabeth Wasel.**



**SOJOURNER
HOUSE**

Liz will be joining us to share stories about the inspiring and hope-filled work of Sojourner House, a special residential recovery program for mothers seeking treatment for addiction. What makes Sojourner House truly unique is that women are able to keep their children with them during their recovery journey—removing a major barrier that often prevents mothers from getting the help they need.

By supporting both moms and their children, Sojourner House helps nurture healing, healthy relationships, and a strong foundation for the future. We hope you'll **join us at 9:30 am to hear Liz's stories and learn more about FPCP's meaningful partnership with Sojourner House!**

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