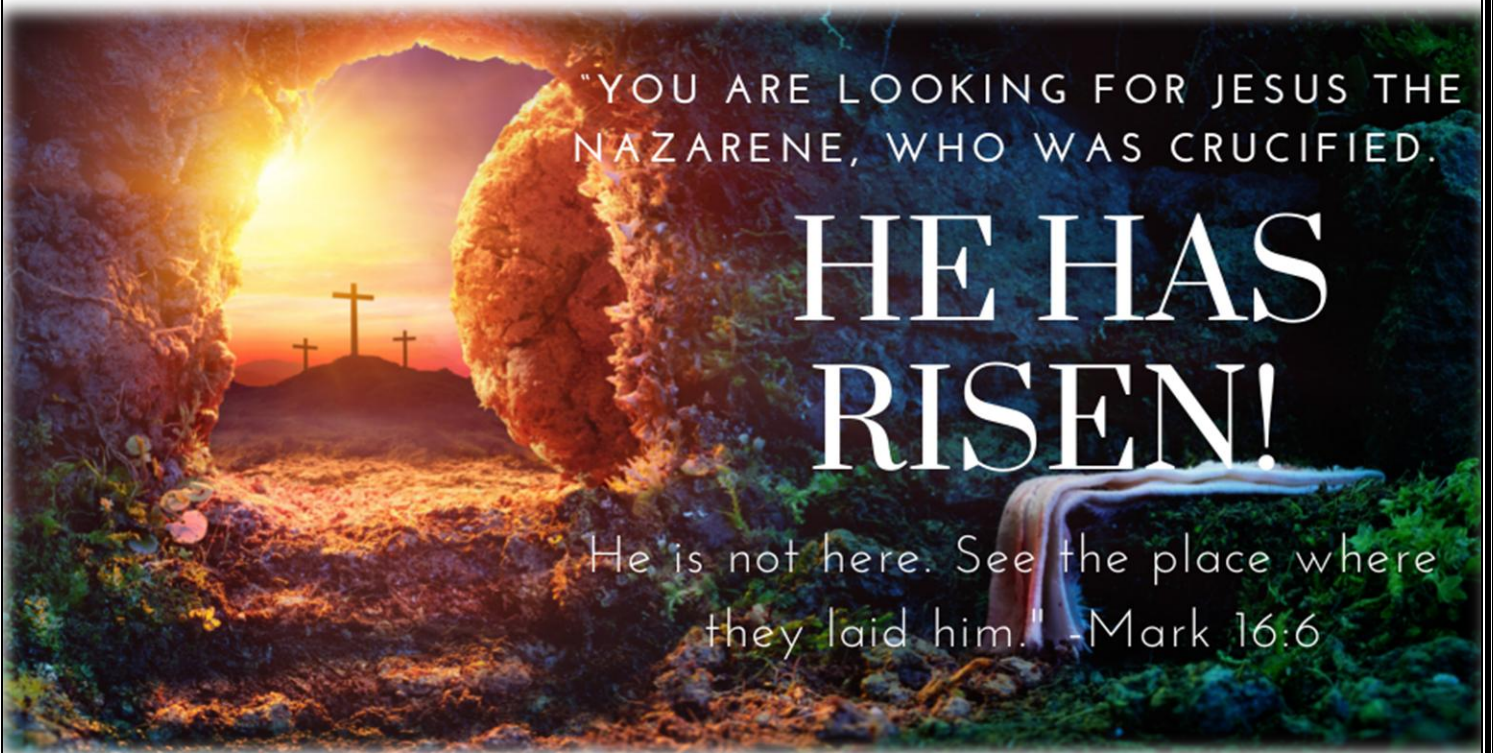




**First Presbyterian
Church**
of Pittsburgh

Easter Sunday



"YOU ARE LOOKING FOR JESUS THE
NAZARENE, WHO WAS CRUCIFIED.

HE HAS RISEN!

He is not here. See the place where
they laid him." -Mark 16:6

April 20, 2025



Easter Worship – 10:45 AM



Prelude: "Fanfare"

by Nikolas Lemmens, arr. by Drew Fennell

Allegheny Brass Quartet

"This Joyful Eastertide"

Dutch carol, arr. Paul Weber

Craig Dobbins, organ

"Noël Nouvelet"

16th Century French Traditional, arr. Drew Fennell

Allegheny Brass Quartet

Time of Welcome

Rev. Dr. Daniel B. Merry, *Interim Senior Pastor*

***Responsive Call to Worship**

Leader: Christ our Savior was raised from the dead,

All: Death has no power over Him!

Leader: The death He died, He died to sin once for all.

All: But the resurrection life He lives, He lives to God!

Leader: He is Risen!

Women: He is Risen indeed!

Leader: He is Risen!

Men: He is Risen indeed!

Leader: He is Risen!

All: He is Risen indeed!

Leader: Alleluia!

Women: Alleluia!

Men: Alleluia!

All: Let us with joy this day and worship the Risen Lord!

***Hymn: "Christ the Lord is Risen Today"** (*located in this bulletin*)

Organ and Brass, arr. Drew Fennell

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Rev. Merry

We come before You, unworthy of Your grace, unworthy of Your love, unworthy of You. We are sinners. Have mercy on us, O Lord. Too often we have chosen the fruit over the garden. Too often we have bowed down to the golden calf. Too often we have begged for a sign. Too often we have declared Caesar to be Lord. Too often we have demanded to see the wounds in Your hands. Too often we have substituted our image of You, for You. Too often we have neglected Your call to be salt and light. Too often we have reduced Christianity to a moral code. Too often we have forgotten Jesus' life, death and resurrection. Too often we have acted on sight and not on faith. Heal us now of our sinfulness and of the hatred that divides us. Take away our hardness of heart. Open our eyes which are often blinded to the needs of others. Remove our selfishness and our greed. Give us self-control at all times, and fill our hearts with Your eternal love, O Jesus, we ask You now to heal and bless us, and fill us with Your peace.

Time of Silent Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

Children's Message (*Children will remain in worship today with their parents so families can worship together*)

***Hymn: "My Redeemer's Love"** (*located in this bulletin*)
arranged & with new music by Lloyd Larsen

Choir only:

Christ is risen! Celebrate the victory!
Christ is risen! And His pow'r has set us free!
Love's redeeming work is done;
Fought the fight, the battle won!
Christ is risen! Christ is risen!
Christ is risen from the dead!

All:

I will sing of my Redeemer
And His wondrous love to me;
On the cruel cross He suffered
From the curse to set me free.

Chorus:

Sing, O sing of my Redeemer,
With His blood He purchased me,
On the cross He sealed my pardon,
Paid the debt and made me free.

I will sing of my Redeemer
And His heav'nly love for me.
He from death to life hath brought me,
Son of God, with Him to be. (*Repeat chorus*)

Choir only:

Christ is risen! Celebrate the victory!
Christ is risen! And His pow'r has set us free!
Christ is risen! Christ is risen from the dead!

Scripture Reading: Luke 24:1-12

On the first day of the week, very early in the morning, the women took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb. ²They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, ³but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. ⁴While they were wondering about this, suddenly two men in clothes that gleamed like lightning stood beside them. ⁵In their fright the women bowed down with their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? ⁶He is not here; he has risen! Remember how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee: ⁷"The Son of Man must be delivered over to the hands of sinners, be crucified and on the third day be raised again."⁸ Then they remembered his words. ⁹When they came back from the tomb, they told all these things to the Eleven and to all the others. ¹⁰It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the others with them who told this to the apostles. ¹¹But they did not believe the women, because their words seemed to them like nonsense. ¹²Peter, however, got up and ran to the tomb. Bending over, he saw the strips of linen lying by themselves, and he went away, wondering to himself what had happened.

Leader: Christ is Risen!

People: He is Risen indeed!

Sermon: "Can You See Easter?"

Rev. Merry

*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.*

Pastoral Prayer and 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*)

Anthem: "I've Just Seen Jesus"

by Gloria Gaither, Bill Gaither & Danny Daniels

Jackie Guthridge and Kate Clemons, *sopranos*
Torey Gricks, *tenor*

*We knew he was dead
It is finished, he said
We had watched as his life ebbed away
Then we all stood around
Till the guards took him down
Joseph begged for his body that day
It was late afternoon
When we got to the tomb
Wrapped his body and sealed up
the grave
So I know how you feel
His death was so real
But please listen and hear what I say*

Chorus:
*I've just seen Jesus
I tell you he's alive
I've just seen Jesus
Our precious Lord alive
And I knew, he really saw me too
As if till now, I'd never lived
All that I'd done before
Won't matter anymore
I've just seen Jesus
And I'll never be the same again*

*It was just before dawn,
I was running along,
Barely able to see where to go,
For the tears in my eyes
And the dusty sunrise
seemed to cloud up my vision so...
It was His voice I first heard.
Those kind gentle words
Asking what was my reason for tears
And I sobbed in despair
My Lord is not there
He said, child! it is I, I am here!
(Chorus)*

*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

***Hymn: "Thine Is the Glory"** (*located in this bulletin*)

Organ and Brass, arr. Drew Fennell

*Invitation, Charge and Benediction

Rev. Merry

Postlude: "Rigaudon"

André Campra (1660-1744)

Many thanks to this morning's musicians:

Drew Fennell, *trumpet*
Ruth Ann Reamer, *piano*
Andrew Reamer, *timpani*
Craig Dobbins, *organ*

Adam Leasure, *trumpet*
Ross Cohen, *euphonium*
Matthew Murchison, *tuba*

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

C F C F C/G G7 C

1 Christ the Lord is risen to - day! Al - le - lu - ia!
 2 Love's re - deem - ing work is done, Al - le - lu - ia!
 3 Lives a - gain our glo - rious King; Al - le - lu - ia!

F Dm7 G C F C/G G7 C

All cre - a - tion, join to say: Al - le - lu - ia!
 Fought the fight, the bat - tle won; Al - le - lu - ia!
 Where, O death, is now your sting? Al - le - lu - ia!

G C G Am G/D D7 G

Raise your joys and tri - umphs high; Al - le - lu - ia!
 Death in vain for - bids him rise; Al - le - lu - ia!
 Once he died, our souls to save; Al - le - lu - ia!

C F C F C/G G7 C

Sing, O heavens, and earth, re - ply: Al - le - lu - ia!
 Christ has o - pened par - a - dise. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Where your vic - to - ry, O grave? Al - le - lu - ia!

4 Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!
 Following our exalted Head; Alleluia!
 Made like him, like him we rise; Alleluia!
 Ours the cross, the grave, the skies. Alleluia!

5 Hail the Lord of earth and heaven! Alleluia!
 Praise to you by both be given; Alleluia!
 Risen Christ, triumphant now; Alleluia!
 Every knee to you shall bow. Alleluia!

My Redeemer's Love

F Major: F C F B^b C F C Dm C F C F
 E Major (Capo 1): E B E A B E B C[#]m B E B E

1. I will sing of my Re - deem - er and his won - drous
 2. I will tell the won - drous sto - ry how, my lost es -
 3. I will praise my dear Re - deem - er, his tri - um - phant
 4. I will sing of my Re - deem - er and his heaven - ly

7 B^b Dm C F F C F B^b C F C Dm C
 A C[#]m B E E B E A B E B C[#]m B

love to me; On the cru - el cross he suf - fered,
 tate to save, In his bound - less love and mer - cry,
 power I'll tell, How the vic - to - ry he giv - eth
 love to me; He from death to life hath brought me,

13 F C F B^b Dm C F Am Dm
 E B E A C[#]m B E G[#]m C[#]m

from the curse to set me free.
 he the ran - som free - ly gave. Sing, O sing of
 o - ver sin and death and hell.
 Son of God with him to be.

19 Gm C⁷ F Dm F Gm Csus C
 F[#]m B⁷ E C[#]m E F[#]m Bsus B

my Re - deem - er, with his blood he pur - chased me;

25 F Gm C⁷ F G⁷ C⁷
 E F[#]m B⁷ E F[#]m B⁷

on the cross he sealed my par - don,

29 F F⁷ B^b F B^b F/C C⁷ F
 E E⁷ A E A E/B B⁷ E

paid the debt and made me free.

Thine Is the Glory

E^b B^b E^b B^b E^b

1 Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-quer-ing Son; end-less is the
 2 Lo, Je - sus meets thee, ris - en from the tomb! Lov-ing - ly he
 3 No more we doubt thee, glo - rious Prince of life; life is naught with-

Fm B^b_{sus} B^b7 E^b B^o7 Cm

vic - tory thou o'er death hast won! An - gels in bright rai - ment
 greets thee, scat - ters fear and gloom; let his church with glad - ness,
 out thee; aid us in our strife; make us more than con-querors,

Fm G Cm F7 Gm

rolled the stone a - way, kept the fold - ed grave-clothes where thy
 hymns of tri-umph sing, for the Lord now liv - eth; death hath
 through thy death-less love; bring us safe through Jor - dan to thy

F7 B^b Refrain E^b B^b E^b B^b

bod - y lay.
 lost its sting! Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en con-quer-ing Son;
 home a - bove.

E^b Fm B^b_{sus} B^b7 E^b

end - less is the vic - tory thou o'er death hast won!

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