*HYMN 238

Thine Is the Glory

*BENEDICTION

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The love of God our Father, the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit remain with you always.

Amen.

***RESPONSE**

G.F. Handel

Chancel Choir and Brass Quartet For the Lord God omnipotent reigneth.

The kingdom of this world is become the Kingdom of our Lord, and of His Christ; And He shall reign forever and ever, Hallelujah! King of kings, Lord of lords! Hallelujah!

Hallelujah Chorus

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Elder - Roger Foltz (8:45); Meg GarverHamilton (11:00) Ushers - Nick Scholl, David Hammons, Kirk Dixon, and Susan Farmer (8:45) Nick Scholl, David Hammons, Kenzie Aynes and Mary Lee Doughton (11:00)

> A Special Thanks to Our Brass Instrumentalist And Our Wonderful Chancel Choir

A WORD OR TWO ABOUT TODAY'S SERVICE

The candle burning on the communion table today has significance in the story we have told liturgically this past week. During the Service of Darkness on Friday evening, the candles were extinguished to commemorate the coming death of the Savior. Today this candle burns brightly again to commemorate the Resurrection—that evil, darkness, sin, and death are never the last word! That is the theme of today's worship.

NEED TO KNOW COLUMN

Sunday, April 20 - Easter Sunday "He has Risen"

8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. - Worship Service 9:45 a.m. - Sunday School for all ages

Monday, April 21-Office is Closed

Tuesday, April 22

6:30 p.m. - Presbyterian Women Spring Birthday Celebration All Women are invited (Dinner will be provided)

Saturday, April 26

7:00 a.m. - Set up Garage Sale 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. - Garage Sale 3:00 p.m. - Clean up Garage Sale

We want to thank the following who provided flowers for our services today:

Debbie Aynes in memory Papa James John and Sue Bohmer in honor of Gracy Thomas for all that she does for our church Sue Bohmer in memory of my son, Mark Klimpel Marye Boyce and Steven in memory of Mary Elizabeth Barnard Marye Boyce and Steven in memory of Briar Boyce Victor and Karen Carboni in memory of the Carboni's Victor and Karen Carboni in memory of the Dyers Mary Lee and Jones Doughton; Bennett and Mary Claire Doughton in honor of

Dallas and Lynda Ward; and Leila B. Doughton

Mary Lee, Jones, Bennett and Mary Claire Doughton in memory of Erastus (B. J.) Doughton, and Jack MacMillan

- Kirk Dixon and Susan Farmer in loving memory of RJ Farmer, DDS, Karen Dixon and our parents
- Kirk Dixon and Susan Farmer in loving memory of Nickie Wilbanks and Marjorie Akin
- Kirk Dixon in honor of Susan
- Kirk Dixon and Susan Farmer in honor of our children and grandchildren

Kirk Dixon and Susan Farmer in honor of Tom Wilbanks

Kirk Dixon and Susan Farmer in honor of Jones, Mary Lee and Family Kirk Dixon and Susan Farmer in honor of Renee Stormer and our FPC Staff

Roger Foltz in honor of my children Scott and Amanda: Emily and Thomas: David and Wendy

Roger Foltz in memory of my parents Marshall and Theresa Marie Foltz

Jan and Doug Fort in memory of our son, Adam D. Fort

Linda Fricke in loving memory of Dan Fricke

Linda Fricke in memory of Lisa Fricke, Billie Hill, Carolyn Hill, and Hazel Gates

Meg GarverHamilton in honor of Mari Straub, my dear friend

Rod and Carol Graham in honor of Pat Jensen and in memory of Carmen Bernal Sheila Hammer in honor of our awesome Youth and Faith Builders

Sheila Hammer in memory of my parents Roger Rich and Christy Portillo

Phil and Celeste Johnson in honor of Rev. Jones Doughton and Family

Phil and Celeste Johnson in honor of the Ministry of Tom and Nickie Wilbanks John and Paula Kusewitt in honor of our families with love

John and Paula Kusewitt in honor of Tom and Nickie Wilbanks for their many years of selfless dedication to FPC Mesquite

John and Paula Kusewitt in honor of the music program and the FPC Safety Team

John and Paula Kusewitt in memory of our dads, Jerry Woodard and James Kusewitt... we miss your every day

John and Paula Kusewitt in memory of our grandparents

Ann Kyle as a gift to the church

Stephen and Susan Leake in memory of Pat Smith

Stephen and Susan Leake in memory of Loncy and Bettye Leake

Stephen and Susan Leake in memory of Leroy and Pauline Tanner

Michael and Robbie Lee in honor of Estalene Marshall and Carmie Lee

Brian Neece in honor of Don Neece

Brian Neece in memory of Sue Neece

Evelyn Parker in memory of Toliver Jordan Hutchinson

William and Gail Richardson in memory of Harvey and Louise Sexton

- William and Gail Richardson in memory of J.T. and Margaret Richardson
- Bob and Maurine Robinson in memory of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Hanby and Mr. and Mrs. Winston Robinson

Roger Samuels in memory of Joy Samuels

- Eric and Lori Schwartz in honor of Rev. Jones Doughton, Renee Stormer, and Ryoji Shimpo
- Eric and Lori Schwartz in memory of our friend Dan Furlong
- Eric and Lori Schwartz in memory of Bob and Shirley Schwartz; and Dan Fricke; and in honor of Linda Fricke
- Ann Smith in honor of my family

Ann Smith in honor of Rev. Doughton and Family

Ann Smith in honor of Renee Stormer for all she does

Ann Smith in memory of my parents and grandparents

Ann Smith in memory of my husband, Pat

Paul F. Snyder in memory of my father

Paul F. Snyder in memory of my mother

George Venner in memory of and Pat Venner

Dallas and Lynda Ward in memory of the Wards Dallas and Lynda Ward in memory of the Carlsons

Diane Weatherford in honor of Amy Surls

Diane Weatherford in memory of Scott and Muriel Weatherford; and Scott C. Weatherford Jr.

Beverlee Witty in honor of Tom Heines Beverlee Witty in honor of Tom Wilbanks

Beverlee Witty in memory of Mel Witty

Beverlee Witty in memory of Nickie Wilbanks

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GUIDE TO WORSHIP APRIL 20, 2025 8:45 A.M. & 11:00 A.M.

This empty tomb is found at the other site attributed as Calvary and the Tomb. The old Greek/Byzantine letters represent the phrase Jesus Christ, Alpha and Omega." He has risen indeed. He is the Beginning and the End.

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THOSE WHO SERVE

Rev. Dr. E. Jones Doughton, Pastor Ryoji Shimpo, Director of Music Ministries, Organist/Pianist Renee Stormer, Administrative Assistant Rev. Dr. Thomas G. Wilbanks, Pastor Emeritus

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

STRIKING OF THE HOUR FOR WORSHIP

VOLUNTARY Christ the Lord Is Risen Today! arr. Cindy Berry

Christ is Risen!

INTROIT

Jan Sanborn

from Psalm 118

Chancel Choir and Brass Quartet Christ is risen! Allelujah! Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more. Death has no dominion over Him. For in that He died. He died unto sin. For in that He lives, He lives unto God! Christ is risen! Allelujah!

CALL TO WORSHIP Easter Acclamation (Repeat three times) Alleluia! Christ is risen!

The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

OPENING PSALM AND PRAYER

O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His steadfast love endures forever.

The Lord is my strength and my might; He has become my salvation.

There are glad songs of victory in the tents of the righteous: "The right hand of the Lord does valiantly;

The right hand of the Lord is exalted; the right hand of the Lord does valiantly."

I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the Lord. Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through and give thanks to the Lord.

I thank You that You have answered me and have become my salvation.

This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

This is the day that the Lord has made;

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Glorious Lord of life, by the resurrection of Your Son You overcame the old order of sin and death to make all things new in Him. Grant that we who celebrate with joy Christ's rising from the dead may be raised from the death of sin to the life of righteousness; through Him who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

*HYMN 232

Jesus Christ is Risen Today

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious Father, You sent Your son to die and rise to new life in order that death might be brought to an end and that we might live a new life in Him. Yet we confess that we too often have chosen to remain captive to doubt and fear and ways that lead to death. By our thoughts, words, and actions, we have scorned Your love, diminished the lives of others, and defaced Your image in us. Father, forgive us for Jesus' sake, and enable us by His resurrection power to live no longer for ourselves but for Him who died and rose again for us. Amen.

*RESPONSE (Hymn 581)

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. A-men. A-men.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*ANTHEM *Lift High the Cross* Sir Sidney H Nicholson Chancel Choir arr. Carl Schalk Refrain: Lift High the Cross, the love of Christ proclaim Till all the world adore His sacred name. Come, Christians, follow where our captain trod, Our King victorious, Christ, the Son of God. (Refrain) Led on their way by this triumphant sign, The hosts of God in conquering ranks combine. (Refrain) All newborn soldiers of the Crucified Bear on their brows the seal of Him Who died. (Refrain) O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree, As Thou hast promised, draw us all to Thee. (Refrain) So shall our song of triumph ever be: Praise to the Crucified for victory! (Refrain) PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Almighty, Eternal, and Victorious God; You give strength to those who believe and hope to those who doubt; as we heard Your Word read and proclaimed, may we see the hope and strength of our Risen Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

THE FIRST LESSON

John 20:11-18

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; 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. 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." When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. 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." Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to Him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to 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.'" 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.

THE SECOND LESSON

John 20:26-28

A week later His disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then He said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see My hands. Reach out your hand and put it in My side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!"

ANTHEM

*HYMN 236

SERMON And They Met Jesus

*HYMN 238

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

*DOXOLOGY (Hymn 606) Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

THE THIRD LESSON

When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love Me more than these?" He said to Him, "Yes, Lord; You know that I love You." Jesus said to him, "Feed My lambs." A second time He said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love Me?" He said to Him, "Yes, Lord; You know that I love You." Jesus said to him, "Tend My sheep." He said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love Me?" Peter felt hurt because He said to him the third time, "Do you love Me?" And he said to Him, "Lord, You know everything; You know that I love You." Jesus said to him, "Feed My sheep."

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Blessed Assurance Brass Quintet

arr. P.P. Knapp Juan Carlos Duarte, Jr. - Tuba, Israel Gonzalez - Trumpet 1, Christopher Robert Herrera - Trumpet 2, and Hugo Salazar - Trombone

CHILDREN'S SERMON

The children and youth are invited to come forward at this time.

The Strife Is O'er

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed I 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 Ghost, 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 sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church: the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

PASTORAL PRAYER

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; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Thine Is the Glory

Martin Luther

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY A Mighty Fortress Is Our God Brass Quartet

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION †

John 21:15-17

Rev. Doughton

F.J. Crosby,

Rev. Doughton