

Evergreen Presbyterian Church

THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

Easter Day

One Great Hour of Sharing

April 12, 2009

GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE

CONGREGATIONAL SHARING TIME AND CALL TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE *Jesus Christ Is Risen Again* Arr. Stephen Walters
THE UNIVERSITY OF MEMPHIS BRASS QUARTET
BEN PIERRE LOUIS, TRUMPET; JEFFREY FOSTER, TRUMPET; PETE COLIN, TROMBONE; ARNOLD REED, TROMBONE

PROCLAMATION OF THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS CHRIST Luke 24:1-12

+ RESURRECTION HYMN No. 123 *Jesus Christ Is Risen Today* EASTER HYMN

+ LITANY OF ASSURANCE

ONE We thank you for this glorious day of victory, O God, in which our enemies of sin and death have been overcome by your mighty power.

ALL **Help us, in lives of praise and service, to share with all we meet the glorious hope we have in our risen and living Savior!**

ONE In ages past, O God, you rescued your people from slavery and from cruelty as you passed over their houses to punish those who were enslaving them.

ALL **Help us, through the forgiveness and pardon which passes over our sins and renews us for the living of each new day.**

ONE Even though we must die, as Christ died for us, we rejoice that you will bring us to new life, free from the bonds of sin, born anew to life eternal.

ALL **Help us to live as those to whom new life is given, that even now we may think and speak and live as those who are yours forever.**

ONE Praise be to Jesus our Savior, for his willing obedience even unto death, that through him you, O God, have been able to save us.

ALL **Help us to sing songs of victory in our living, that those still bound by sin may see the possibility of new life in Christ.**

ONE As Christ appeared to the many witnesses as the risen Lord, so come to us through the power of the Holy Spirit, O God, and keep us in true faith until the end.

ALL **Help us to be your holy and eternal kingdom now, and in the age to come. Amen.**

+ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE No. 111 *Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing*

EXPERIENCE GOD'S WORD

FROM PAUL'S SECOND LETTER TO THE CHURCH AT CORINTH 5:16-21

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

FROM THE FIRST LETTER OF PETER 1:3-9

ANTHEM *Christ Is Risen! Alleluia!* Mark Shepperd
CHANCEL CHOIR, UNIVERSITY OF MEMPHIS BRASS QUARTET

THE WORD PROCLAIMED *"God's Love Through the Ages"*
Amy Howe Ken Letterman

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

AFFIRMING THE STORY Special reading adapted from *Lord of the Dance*
Emily Canon Emily Howe

+ HYMN OF CELEBRATION No. 302 *I Danced in the Morning* SIMPLE GIFTS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE 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; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

WORSHIP OF GOD WITH TITHES AND OFFERINGS

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

OFFERTORY *I Know That My Redeemer Liveth* G.F. Handel
DR. CAROLE BLANKENSHIP, SOPRANO

+ DOXOLOGY OLD HUNDREDTH

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise Christ, all people here below;
praise Holy Spirit evermore;
praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen**

+PRAYER OF DEDICATION

WE GO INTO THE WORLD TO SERVE

+HYMN OF PRAISE No. 122 *Thine is the Glory* JUDAS MACCABEUS
(SING THE REFRAIN AFTER EACH VERSE)

+INVITATION, CHARGE, AND BENEDICTION

ONE Because the tomb is empty your life can be full, so go into every place and every day as
people brimming with the love of God.

ALL Be graceful in spirit, hopeful in word, faithful in deed.

ONE Live for the risen Christ as Christ lives in you.

ALL Alleluia and Amen!

+ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE No. 118 vs.3 *The Day of Resurrection* LANCASHIRE

+ POSTLUDE *In Thee Is Gladness* Michael Burkhardt

INFANT AND CHILD CARE: A nursery and worship care area for preschoolers is provided on the first floor of the education building. An usher will be happy to assist you.

We Welcome all who have gathered to worship with us this day. Evergreen Presbyterian Church is a member of The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), a worldwide community of Christian believers who profess their faith in Jesus Christ within the Reformed tradition. If you are without a church home or would like to explore being part of this congregation, or if you would like a visit from the pastor, please make your requests known on the Friendship Pad. The church welcomes all God's children. We hope you will consider joining with us in ministry.

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