

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

LEBANON, TENNESSEE

Service for the Lord's Day

April 1, 2018

11:00 a.m.

EASTER SUNDAY



STAINED GLASS WINDOW, FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (1910)

Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified.

He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. (Matthew 28)

THE GATHERING

O God, you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

SILENT MEDITATION

CHIMING THE HOUR

PRELUDE

Fairest Lord Jesus

arr. Michael Faircloth

WORDS OF GREETING

Leader: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

People: And also with you!

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

CHORAL INTROIT

Let This Day Be Filled with Wonder

James Biery

* CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 118)

Leader: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;

People: His steadfast love endures forever!

Leader: The Lord is my strength and my might;

People: He has become my salvation.

Leader: The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

People: 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.

* HYMN NO. 123

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

EASTER HYMN

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave,
you shattered the power of sin and death.

We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear,
bound by the ways that lead to death.

We overlook the poor and the hungry, and pass by those who mourn;
we are deaf to the cries of the oppressed, and indifferent to calls for peace;
we despise the weak, and abuse the earth you made.

Forgive us, God of mercy. Help us to trust your power to change our lives and
make us new, that we may know the joy of life abundant
given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: "Do not be afraid; I know you are looking for Jesus who was
crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said."
Friends hear and believe the Good News:

People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

* GLORIA PATRI

Hymn No. 579

*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. Amen, amen.*

* THE PEACE

The Peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

Prepare our hearts, O God, to accept your Word.
Silence in us any voice but your own,
that, hearing, we may also obey your will;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

John 11 selected verses

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM

Easter Carol

Patti Drennan

*Come, let us with our Lord arise, our Lord, who made both earth and skies,
who died to save the world He make and rose triumphant from the dead.
Hallelujah! Rise up and sing!
Hallelujah, to Christ our King!
The strife is o’er, the battle done, the victory of life is won.
Our Christ has opened paradise, and death in vain forbids Him rise.
Hallelujah! Rise up and sing! Hallelujah to Christ our King!
Then let us render Him His won, with solemn pray’r approach His throne,
with meekness hear the gospel word, with thanks His dying love record.
Hallelujah. Rise and sing! Hallelujah, to Christ our King!
O sons and daughters, sing your praise on this most holy day of days.
This is the day the Lord has made, that all may see His love displayed.
Hallelujah! Rise up and Sing! Hallelujah, to Christ our King!*

TIME FOR THE CHILDREN

Children are invited to come forward.

SERMON

I Am the Resurrection and the Life

Rev. Sherard Edington

RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (see insert)

THE APOSTLES’ CREED

OFFERTORY PRAYER

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Coronation

Craig Courtney

* DOXOLOGY

*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 SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS (Please hold the elements until all are served)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SENDING FORTH

* HYMN NO. 466

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

AZMON

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

* CHORAL RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

Lord, I Lift Your Name on High

Rick Founds