

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 Alleluia, Christ Is Risen arr. James Kirkby

* 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 20:1-18

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM Now Thank We All Our God Johann Cruger

Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices,
who wondrous things hath done, in whom his world rejoices;
who from our mother’s arms, hath blest us on our way
with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us;
and keep us in his grace, and guide us when perplexed
and free us from all ills in this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,
the Son, and him who reigns with them in highest heaven
the one eternal God, whom earth and heav’n adore;
for thus it was, is now, and shall be ever more. Now thank we all our God.

TIME FOR THE CHILDRENChildren are invited to come forward.

SERMONGrave ConsequencesRev. Sherard Edington

RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (see insert)

THE APOSTLES' CREED

OFFERTORY PRAYER

OFFERTORY

* 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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

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SENDING FORTH

* HYMN NO. 104

Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!

HYMN TO JOY

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

* CHORAL RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

Postlude on Llanfair

Powell

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

LEBANON, TENNESSEE

April 16, 2017Service for the Lord’s Day

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

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PRELUDE

Variations on Coronation

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