

First Presbyterian Church of Springfield
Order of Worship for the Second Sunday of Easter

April 11, 2021 at 11:15 a.m.

Pastor: The Rev. Dr. Rosanna Anderson

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Welcome

We Approach God

Call to Worship

With the women whose glad tidings signaled hope and summoned joy, we proclaim:

We have seen the Lord!

With the disciples whom Jesus greeted with peace and freed from fear, we declare:

We have seen the Lord!

Christ, the risen Lord, is with us. **Let us worship God!**

Prayer of the Day

Eternal God, Creator of all, the risen Christ taught from scripture of his death, resurrection, and ascension into your glorious presence. May he breathe on us his peace, so that our eyes may be opened to recognize him and to follow wherever he leads, who reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. **Amen.**

Hymn of Praise

“The Day of Resurrection!”

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The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad, the Passover of gladness, the Passover of God. From death to life eternal, from sin’s dominion free, our Christ has brought us over with hymns of victory.

Let hearts be purged of evil that we may see aright the Lord in rays eternal of resurrection light, and listening to his accents, may hear, so calm and plain, his own “All hail!” and hearing, may raise the victor strain.

Now let the heavens be joyful; let the earth its song begin; the round world keep high triumph and all that is therein. Let all things seem and unseen their notes of gladness blend, for Christ the Lord is risen, our joy that has no end.

Call to Confession

“This is the covenant I will make with my people, says the Lord: I will put my law in their minds and write it on their hearts” (Jeremiah 31:33). Let us hold fast to hope as we confess our sin.

Prayer of Confession

Living God, who drew together primeval waters and pulled apart the Red Sea waves, who stayed the hand of Abraham and breathes life into dry bones, who stripped a Roman cross of its power and infused a sealed tomb with glory, the forces of death cower before you. Yet we confess that we live as if death has the final word. We cling to familiar shores, rather than crossing into the future you have prepared for us. We hesitate at the call of your Spirit, rather than yielding to your will that brings renewal. We accept the way things are, rather than imagining new opportunities that could bear fruit for your kingdom. Deliver us, we pray, as you delivered our ancestors from death to life, and recreate us for your work in our part of the world. We pray through Jesus Christ. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon Thus says the Lord, “I will not remember their sins anymore” (Hebrews 8:12). **Thanks be to God!**

God Speaks to Us Through God’s Word

Prayer for Illumination

Almighty God, we celebrate the presence of your risen Son with us today. By your Spirit, shine your light upon our hearts and minds, so that we may hear and receive your good news of new life through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Old Testament Psalm 32:1 – 11 The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Moment with Young Disciples

New Testament John 20:19 – 31 The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon “Broken Eggshells and Forgiveness” The Rev. Dr. Rosanna Anderson

We Respond to God’s Word

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.

Hymn

“In the Garden”

I come to the garden alone, while the dew is still on the roses, and the voice I hear falling on my ear the Son of God discloses.

And He walks with me and He talks with me and He tells me I am His own, and the joy we share as we tarry there none other has ever known.

He speaks and the sound of His voice is so sweet the birds hush their singing and the melody that He gave to me within my heart is ringing.

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by 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.

Invitation to the Offering

Jesus says, "Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also" (Matthew 6:21). Let us offer our lives to the Lord.

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

Gracious God, you are faithful! Through Jesus' resurrection, you have healed us. You call us to share your word of life with others so our joy may be complete. Light the way for us to live in friendship with Christ, with one another, and with our neighbors. May these tithes and offerings reflect the grace of our risen Lord, in whose name we pray. **Amen.**

God Sends Us into the World

Hymn

"That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright"

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That Easter day with joy was bright; the sun shone out with fairer light when, to their longing eyes restored, the apostles saw their risen Lord.

He bade them see his hands, his side, where yet the glorious wounds abide, the tokens true which made it plain their Lord indeed was risen again.

From every weapon death can wield, your own redeemed forever shield; O Lord of all, with us abide in this our joyful Eastertide.

Invitation to Discipleship and Benediction

Dr. Anderson