

Welcome to First Presbyterian Church
Easter Sunday Service

April 17, 2022 — 10:45 A.M.

*Bold-faced type are words the congregation speaks together.
The * invites you to stand in body or spirit.*

Prelude *Solemn Entry of the Knights of St. John* Richard Strauss

Welcome This is the day the Lord has made.
Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

Introit *Praise Our God and King* 15th c. Carol

*Praise, O praise our God and King! Hymns of adoration sing;
For His mercies still endure, Ever faithful, ever sure.*

*Praise Him that He made the sun, Day by day its course to run;
For His mercies still endure, Ever faithful, ever sure.*

*And the silver moon by night, Shining with her gentle light;
For His mercies still endure, Ever faithful, ever sure.*

*Glory to our bounteous King! Glory let creation sing!
Glory to the Father, Son, And blest Spirit, Three in One.*

Call to Worship

We began this day at the grave, filled with fear and grief.

What we found is amazing good news: the tomb is empty!

Christ is risen!

He is risen, indeed!

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

*Processional Hymn 232 *Jesus Christ Is Risen Today* EASTER HYMN

Prayer of Confession (*spoken together and silent*)

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 cries for peace. In your mercy, hear our prayers... [Silent prayer, followed by:] **Forgive us, O God, and move us to trust, that we may boldly live your grace and love; through Jesus Christ our Savior, Amen.**

Assurance of God's Grace / Passing the Peace

***The congregation is invited to join in singing the anthem as noted**

(Men)

*Crown Him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne:
Hark! How the heav'nly anthem drowns all music but its own!
Awake, my soul, and sing of Him who died for thee,
And hail Him as thy matchless King through all eternity.*

(Women)

*Crown Him the Lord of love: Behold His hands and side
Rich wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified;
No angel in the sky can fully bear that sight,
But downward bends his wond'ring eye at mysteries so bright.*

(All)

*Crown Him the Lord of life! Who triumphed o'er the grave,
Who rose victorious in the strife for those He came to save;
His glories now we sing, who died and rose on high,
Who died eternal life to bring and lives that death may die.*

(All)

*Crown Him the Lord of heav'n: One with the Father known,
One with the Spirit through Him giv'n from yonder glorious throne.
To Thee, be endless praise, for Thou for us hast died;
Be Thou, O Lord, through endless days adored and magnified!*

Prayer for Illumination

Holy God, Christ taught of his death, resurrection, and ascension into your glorious presence. May you, the living Lord, breathe on us your peace, that our eyes and ears may be opened to see Christ and follow where he leads. Amen.

Listen to the Word:

Psalm 24:7-10

⁷Lift up your heads, O gates! and be lifted up, O ancient doors! that the King of glory may come in. ⁸Who is the King of glory? The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in battle. ⁹Lift up your heads, O gates! and be lifted up, O ancient doors! that the King of glory may come in.

¹⁰Who is this King of glory? The LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory.

Luke 24:1-12

But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. ²They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, ³but when they went in, they did not find the body. ⁴While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in

dazzling clothes stood beside them. ⁵The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, “Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. ⁶Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, ⁷that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again.” ⁸Then they remembered his words, ⁹and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. ¹⁰Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. ¹¹But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. ¹²But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

Reflection on the Word and Life:

“Fling Wide the Gates”

***Hymn 239**

Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing!

GELOBT SEI GOTT

***Affirmation of Faith** (excerpt from The Brief Statement of Faith)

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

Offertory

Allemande from Sonata in F Major

Jean Baptiste Loeillet

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***Doxology**

OLD HUNDREDTH

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God for all that love has done;
Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One. Amen.**

Prayers of the Community & 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.

***Hymn 233**

The Day of Resurrection!

LANCASHIRE

***Charge and Benediction**

Choral Response***What Wondrous Love Is This****Southern Harmony*

*To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing,
 To God and to the Lamb, I will sing;
 To God and to the Lamb, who is the great I AM,
 While millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing;
 While millions join the theme, I will sing!*

Postlude***Praise the Lord with Drums and Cymbals***

Sigfrid Karg-Elert

Leading Worship

Rev. Dr. Andrew Kukla

Rev. JoAnn Thiry

Ryan Dye, Minister of Music

Luann Fife, Pianist

FPC Chancel Choir

Judy Austin, Liturgist

Glory Brass

Ted Stearns, trumpet

Dean Wynkoop, trumpet

Greg Hotrum, trombone

Steve Sherer, horn

Bradley Marshall, tuba

Upcoming Concerts at FPC

Sunday, April 24, at 4 p.m.— *Stars of Steinway*—American virtuoso pianist Claire Huangci concludes this season's series at FPC. In solo recitals and with international orchestras, Claire has appeared in some of the most prestigious halls, such as Carnegie Hall, Suntory Hall Tokyo, NCPA Beijing, Paris Philharmonie, Munich Gasteig, Leipzig Gewandhaus, and the Budapest Franz Liszt Akademie. Don't miss this amazing young artist! Suggested Donation \$15.

Sunday, May 8, at 4 p.m.— *Organ Evensong*—Join Ryan Dye and Andrew Kukla in an evening service of spoken word and organ music.

Saturday, June 18, at 7:30 p.m.— *Critical Mass Vocal Artists*, under the direction of Dr. Michael Porter, present their final concert of the season entitled "Coming Home" - *music that captures the feeling of that familiar place we call home*. Tickets available at operaidaho.org.

Upcoming Opportunities at FPC Boise

Wednesday Night Bible Study—Andrew will lead a six-week study of the Psalms beginning this Wednesday. You can attend in person in the conference room at 5:30 p.m. or online through ZOOM. RSVP to Andrew to get the ZOOM link at andrew@fpcboise.org.

Youth Sunday Worship—May 8th**Summer Youth Activities—**

Interested in information about the summer youth mission trip or Summer Camp at Camp Sawtooth information for 3rd-12th graders? Email Abigail: abigail@fpcboise.org.

Easter Prayer by Walter Brueggemann

...On our own, we conclude:

that there is not enough to go around

we are going to run short

of money of love of grades of publications of members
of years of life

we should seize the day... seize the goods... seize our neighbor's goods

because there is not enough to go around.

and in the midst of our perceived deficit

You come

You come giving bread in the wilderness and children at the 11th hour

You come giving homes to the exiles and futures to the shut-down

You come giving Easter joy to the dead

You come ... fleshed ... in Jesus

And we watch while

the blind receive their sight the lame walk the lepers are cleansed

the deaf hear the dead are raised the poor dance and sing.

We watch ... and we take

food we did not grow and life we did not invent and

future that is gift and gift and gift and

families and neighbors who sustain us when we do not deserve it.

It dawns on us, late rather than soon, that

You give food in due season

You open your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing.

By your giving,

break our cycles of imagined scarcity and override our presumed deficits

quiet our anxieties of lack and transform our perceptual field to see

the abundance...mercy upon mercy and blessing upon blessing.

Sink your generosity deep into our lives

that your much-ness may expose our false lack

that endlessly receiving, we may endlessly give,

so that the world may be made Easter new,

without greedy lack, but only wonder

without coercive need, but only love

without destructive greed, but only praise

without aggression and evasiveness...

all things Easter new...

all around us, toward us and by us

all things Easter new.

Finish your creation...

in wonder, love and praise. Amen.