



First Presbyterian Church
OF OKLAHOMA CITY

The Service for the Lord's Day – April 11, 2021
Second Sunday of Easter

A special welcome to those visiting with us today!

We are grateful for your presence with us and hope you find this time of worship to be meaningful.

We Gather to Worship

PRELUDE

Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing!

Gilbert M. Martin

WORDS OF WELCOME, CHURCH LIFE

FIRST CHIME

INTROIT

He Is Risen!

Warren Puffer Jones

Sanctuary Singers

*CALL TO WORSHIP - *John 20:29*

Leader: Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe

All: Let us worship God!

*HYMN 231

Christ Has Risen While Earth Slumbers

SUO GAN

*PRAYER OF THE DAY (Unison)

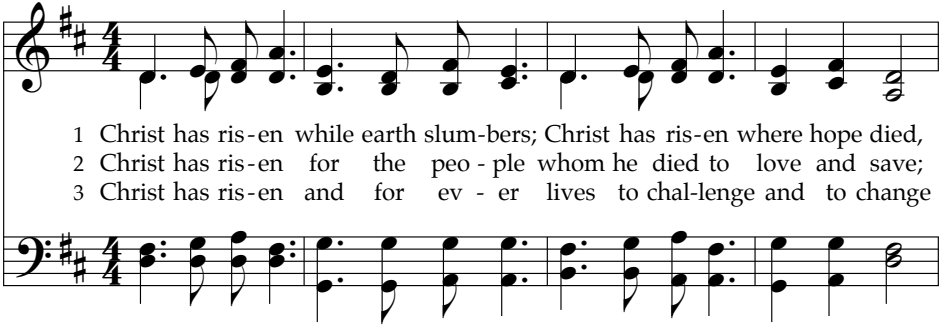
Becki Walden

Risen Christ, whose absence leaves us paralyzed but whose presence is overwhelming:

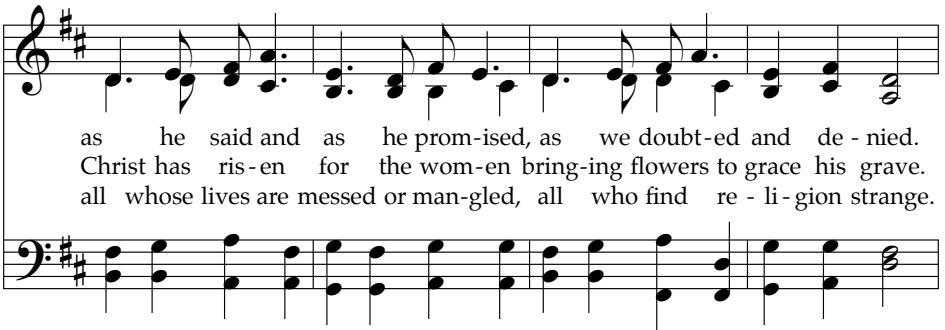
Breathe on us with your abundant life, that where we cannot see we may have courage to believe that we may be raised with you. Amen.

*CALL TO CONFESSION

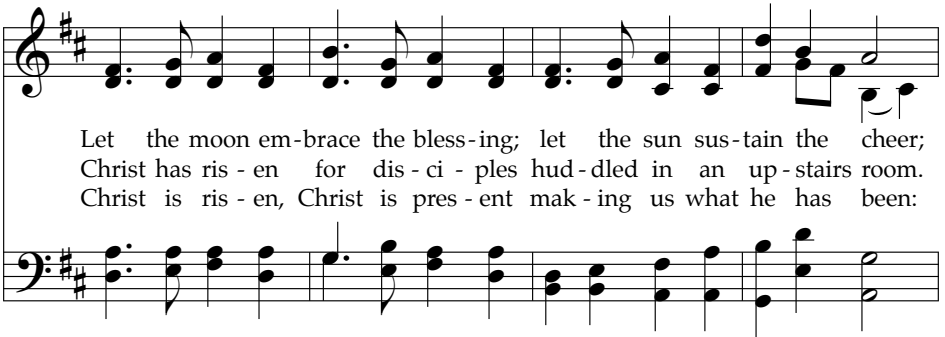
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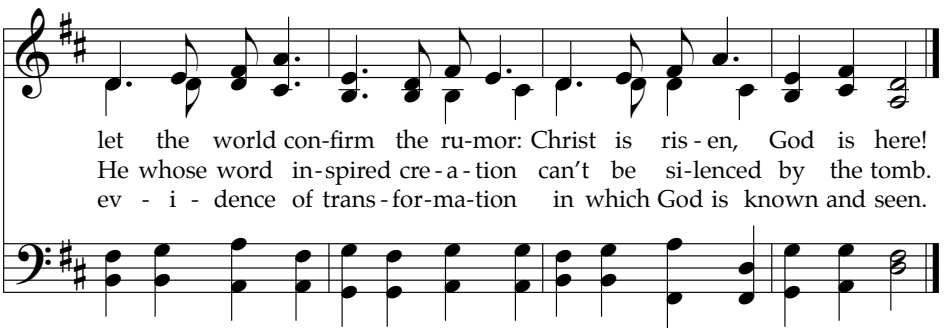
1 Christ has ris-en while earth slum-bers; Christ has ris-en where hope died,
 2 Christ has ris-en for the peo - ple whom he died to love and save;
 3 Christ has ris-en and for ev - er lives to chal-enge and to change



as he said and as he prom-ised, as we doubt-ed and de - nied.
 Christ has ris-en for the wom-en bring-ing flowers to grace his grave.
 all whose lives are messed or man-gled, all who find re - li - gion strange.



Let the moon em-brace the bless-ing; let the sun sus-tain the cheer;
 Christ has ris - en for dis - ci - ples hud-dled in an up - stairs room.
 Christ is ris - en, Christ is pres - ent mak - ing us what he has been:



let the world con-firm the ru-mor: Christ is ris - en, God is here!
 He whose word in-spired cre-a-tion can't be si-lenced by the tomb.
 ev - i - dence of trans-for-mation in which God is known and seen.

Beginning with rather conventional Easter imagery, this text moves into unexpected territory by declaring that Christ's Resurrection is for "all whose lives are messed or mangled, all who find religion strange." The name of this traditional Welsh melody simply means "lullaby."

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)**

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 abundantly given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord. (silent confession)

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

***PASSING OF THE PEACE** Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts.
To this peace we are called as members of a single body.
The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

***HYMN OF RESPONSE 582** *Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me* GLORY TO GOD (Vasile)
*Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning,
is now and ever shall be. Amen.*

We Proclaim God's Word

DISCOVERY TIME

Sean Smith

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.

SOLO

Risen Alleluia

Allen Pote

Sanctuary Singers

Christ is risen, alleluia! He is risen from the dead. Christ is risen, alleluia! He is risen as he said. Alleluia!

The strife is o'er, the battle won. The victory of life is won; the song of triumph has begun, alleluia! The three sad days are quickly sped; he rises glorious from the dead; all glory to our risen Head, alleluia!

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 133:1-3 (pg. 575)

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SOLO

I Know That My Redeemer Liveth

G. F. Handel

Cady Lewis, soprano

from *Messiah*

I know that my Redeemer liveth, and that He shall stand at the latter day upon the earth: And though worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God. For now is Christ risen from the dead, the first-fruits of them that sleep.

(Job 19:25-26; 1 Corinthians 15:20)

SCRIPTURE READING

John 20:19-31 (pg. 115)

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Jesus Appears

Rev. John C. McKinnon

We Respond to God's Word

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBER

Solena Rizzato

PRESENTATION

RENUNCIATIONS

PROFESSION OF FAITH

*THE 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.

LAYING ON OF HANDS

PRAYER

WELCOME

Let us welcome Solena into the worship and mission of the church.

With joy and thanksgiving, we welcome you to share with us in the ministry of Christ, for we are all one in him.

*HYMN 256

These Things Did Thomas Count as Real

KEDRON

256 These Things Did Thomas Count as Real

1 These things did Thom - as count as real: the warmth of
 2 The vi - sion of his skept - ic mind was keen e -
 3 His rea - soned cer - tain - ties de - nied that one could
 4 May we, O God, by grace be - lieve and thus the

blood, the chill of steel, the grain of wood, the heft of
 nough to make him blind to an - y un - ex - pect - ed
 live when one had died, un - til his fin - gers read like
 ris - en Christ re - ceive, whose raw im - print - ed hands reached

stone, the last frail twitch of blood and bone.
 act too large for his small world of fact.
 Braille the mark - ings of the spear and nail.
 out and beck - oned Thom - as from his doubt.

This 20th-century text provides a helpful corrective to a long history of negative attitudes toward Thomas for failing to believe the other disciples' report that Christ had risen. His fact-seeking "skeptical mind" sounds remarkably modern and makes him a more sympathetic figure.

OFFERING

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

The Strife Is O'er

Wilbur Held

*PRESENTATION HYMN

Doxology

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures here below; Alleluia, Alleluia.
Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost;
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia. Amen***

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

We Go in God's Name

*HYMN 286

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

TRENTHAM

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

Toccata on DUKE STREET (hymn 265)

John A. Behnke

Congratulations to Brian, Tiffany, and Brooklyn Hall and grandparents Rodney and Tammy Hall on their new baby boy, Houston Bronx Hall, who was born on April 7, 2021.

Breathe on Me, Breath of God 286

1 Breathe on me, Breath of God; fill me with life a - new,
2 Breathe on me, Breath of God, un - til my heart is pure,
3 Breathe on me, Breath of God, till I am whol - ly thine,
4 Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I nev - er die,

The first system of music consists of a vocal line in treble clef and a bass line in bass clef, both in 3/4 time with a key signature of one flat. The vocal line features a melody with various note values and rests, while the bass line provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and single notes.

that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.
un - til with thee I will one will, to do and to en - dure.
un - til this earth - ly part of me glows with thy fire di - vine.
but live with thee the per - fect life of thine e - ter - ni - ty.

The second system of music continues the vocal and bass lines from the first system. It concludes with a double bar line and repeat dots. The vocal line ends with a final note and a fermata, while the bass line ends with a chord and a fermata.

In both Hebrew and Greek, the words for “spirit” can equally well be translated as “breath” or “wind,” so it is very appropriate to address the Holy Spirit as the “Breath of God.” This tune by an English organist has become the customary one in North American hymnals.

Upcoming Events

Presbyterian Women

Priscilla Circle — Tuesday, April 13 | 10:00 a.m.

In Watchorn Hall.

Phoebe Circle — Tuesday, April 13 | 1:30 p.m.

In Room 122 at the church.

Abigail Circle — Tuesday, April 20 | 6:30 p.m.

At the home of Ginnie Tack.

KirkNight To-go — Wednesday, April 14 | 4:30-5:30 p.m.

You don't want to miss out on the KirkNight meal this week! **Order by 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday at the latest.** To order, call, text or email Jenn Snow at 405-408-3608 or jenn@junebugcatering.com.

Meals will be available for pick-up from 4:30-5:30 p.m. by the ramp behind the kitchen.

Family Meal for 4-6: \$20 | Dessert \$5.00 | **Meal for 2:** \$10 | Dessert \$2.50

Menu: Roasted Pork Loin with Brown Sugar Glazed Carrots and Roasted Potatoes with Carrot Cake
Whoopie Pies

Yoga — Wednesday, April 14 | 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Join us for free yoga on Wednesday evenings! If the weather is nice, we may move outside to the courtyard instead of Watchorn Hall.

Reserve the Third — Saturday, April 17 | 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Our monthly mission project will be working on the FPC Community Garden and church grounds. We will meet in the parking lot by the garden and then be given instruction on what needs to be done.

The exact scope of this project is developing. As soon as I know more details, I'll give you a better idea of how to dress and what tools to bring. Please mark your calendar.

-Roane Pittman

Earth Day Sunday — Sunday, April 18 | After 11:00 a.m. Service

At FPC we will celebrate Earth Sunday on April 18 with a special worship service, followed by fellowship in the courtyard to experience God's creation.

You are also invited to visit the Community Garden to see our neighborhood efforts to grow healthy food as well as to attract pollinators to wildflowers. We are thinking globally and acting locally.

Children & Youth

Earth Day Fellowship —Wednesday, April 21 | 5:30 p.m.

Pick up KirkNight To-go (or bring a meal) and meet us in the Community Garden. It is located at the back of the church parking lot. After we eat, we will do some planting together and enjoy fellowship with each other in person.

Earth Day Movie Night —Friday, April 23 | 6:30 p.m.

Join us in Watchorn Hall to watch “Dr. Seuss’ The Lorax” — an Earth Day favorite.

This event is open to the entire congregation. Snacks will be provided. Masks will be required.