

DISMISSAL

* Please stand, if able.

Please join us after the service in Fellowship Hall for a Continental Breakfast.



March 31, 2024

EASTER SUNRISE

WELCOME to all who enter this place. Drink deeply of the living waters of God’s grace as we worship together in spirit.

VISITORS: Consider yourself at home while you are here! Please enjoy a cup of coffee, lemonade and a cookie while visiting the Visitor’s Table in Fellowship Hall after the church worship service. You can pick up a Visitor’s Information Packet at the Visitor’s Table or the Welcome Centers. If you would like to receive more information about us, visit us at valleypres.net where you can sign up for our daily email blasts and monthly newsletter.

GREETING: “He Is Risen!” “He Is Risen Indeed!”

CALL TO WORSHIP

We no longer look for Jesus among the dead, for he is alive and has become the Lord of Life. From the chaos of death, GOD raises us up with Jesus, renewing the gift of life within us. May GOD increase in our hearts and minds the risen life we share with Christ, helping us to grow as the People of GOD, the Body of Christ present in the world.


***HYMN**

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

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THE CALL TO PRAYER

LORD GOD, Almighty, we have come together as the Body of Christ on this most holy of days. We have filled your house with the Children of GOD in celebration of the resurrection of your son Jesus Christ. Thank you, LORD, for sending us your only Son with this new covenant from you: A covenant for all peoples that we shall love one another.

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THE 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, we pass by those who mourn; we are deafened to the cries of the poor and oppressed, indifferent to cries for peace; our world despises the weak and abuses the earth of your creation. 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 gifted in Jesus Christ, our risen LORD. (Silent Prayer)

AMEN

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The Lord Jesus suffered pain and abandonment on the cross, washing away our sin in his blood, as pioneer and perfecter of our path to eternal life. Brothers and sisters, believe the Good News of the Gospel, in Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

ANTHEM *Every Morning is Easter Morning* Richard Avery and Don Marsh
Linda Freeman, Soloist; Steve Hart & Joan Dakin, Guitars

SCRIPTURES

Mark 16: 1-8

When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome brought spices so that they might go to anoint Jesus' body. Very early on the first day of the week, just after sunrise, they were on their way to the tomb and they asked each other, "Who will roll the stone away from the entrance of the tomb?"

But when they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had been rolled away. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man dressed in a white robe sitting on the right side, and they were alarmed.

"Don't be afraid," he said. "You are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter, 'He is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you.'"

Trembling and bewildered, the women went out and fled from the tomb. They said nothing to anyone, because they were afraid.

L: This is the Word of the Lord

P: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

"A FOOLISH TALE"

*HYMN

Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks (Refrain only)

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CALL FOR OFFERING

OFFERING

*HYMN

Christ Is Alive!

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*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Let There Be Peace on Earth

Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me.

Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.

With God as our Creator, children all are we.

Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me, let this be the moment now.

With ev'ry step I take, let this be my solemn vow;

To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally.

Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.