



March 31, 2024 Easter Sunday

PRELUDE The Trumpet Shall Sound

G.F. Handel

Mike Finkelstein - Trumpet

POURING OUT OF WATERS, GREETING: "He Is Risen!" "He Is Risen Indeed!" Pastor Craig

TRINITY RINGING, CHORAL PROCESSION



CALL TO WORSHIP Ron Darrah

Glory to you, O GOD: for winning victory o'er death, raising Jesus from the grave, giving us eternal life. Glory to you, O Christ: for us and for salvation you died for us, opening the gates of everlasting life. Glory to you, O Holy Spirit: you lead us into the truth.

OPENING HYMN

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

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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 for all peoples: that we shall love one another.

LITANY OF CONFESSION

L: O Christ, in your resurrection, the heavens and earth rejoice. By your resurrection, you broke open the gates of Hell, destroying sin and death forever!

P: ALLELUIA! Keep us in your way for evermore.

L: By your resurrection, you raised the dead, and brought us from death to life.

P: Give us joy in life, with purpose in your service.

L: By your resurrection, you proclaimed good news first to the women, then the apostles, bringing salvation to all the world.

P: Direct our lives as your new creation.

L: GOD of mercy, we no longer look for Jesus among the dead, he is Alive and has become LORD of LIFE! From the chaos of death, you raise us with him and renew your gift of life within us. Increase in our minds and hearts the risen life we share with Christ,



encouraging us to grow as your people toward the fullness of eternal life with you. (Silent Prayer) Amen

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

♦GLORIA PATRI 581

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.

Anthem Easter Song Arr. M. Hayes

Hear the bells ringing, they're singing that we can be born again! Hear the bells ringing, they're singing, "Christ is risen from the dead!"

The angel upon the tombstone said: "He is risen just as He said. Quickly now, go tell His disciples that Jesus Christ is no longer dead!"

Joy to the world, He is risen, alleluia!

CHILDREN'S TIME



SCRIPTURE Acts 10: 31-43

Then Peter began to speak: "I now realize how true it is that God does not show favoritism but accepts from every nation those who fear him and does what is right. You know the message God sent to the people of Israel, announcing the good news of peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all. You know what has happened throughout the province of Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and how he went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil, because God was with him.

"We are witnesses of everything he did in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They killed him by hanging him on a cross, but God raised him from the dead on the third day and caused him to be seen. He was not seen by all the people, but by witnesses whom God had already chosen—by us who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one whom God appointed as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God.

CHORAL AMEN

SERMON: "RESURRECTION OF THE DEAD"

†HYMN The Day of Resurrection! 233



CALL FOR OFFERING

OFFERTORY How Majestic Is Your Name with "Alleluia" by Mozart

Arr. L. McKechnie

*Please print your name in the fellowship register: Friendship Pads in the pews are a great way to meet your neighbor.

** If you have a special prayer request, please fill out the blue card in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate. There is also a box in the Narthex you may place it in as well. Our Pastors and Prayer Ministry Team will Pray for your request.

†HYMN Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks (Refrain Only) 240

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

The Invitation

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer (Sung)

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.

The Words of Institution

Distribution of the Elements



(Please hold your elements so all may receive together)

†HYMN

The Strife Is O'er

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CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

(You are invited to join the Choir in the singing of the *Hallelujah Chorus*)

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE Halleluiah Chorus from

Handel's "Messiah"

†Postlude Thine Is the Glory Hayes/Gaspard

+ All those who are able, please stand

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All Worship Services are available for replay on our website.

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PLEASE REMEMBER THOSE RECENTLY IN THE HOSPITAL OR IN REHAB: Liz Haynes

LILLES IN THE SANCTUARY PROVIDED BY:

Name:	Dedicated To:
Agner, John & Jan	In honor of our parents
Anderson, Wanda	In memory of Chesson & Erma
Bont, Don & Ann Bont	In memory of Jinny & Vance Wagley &
	Gerry & Cliff Bont.
Bruce, Joe & Lesley	In memory of Ethel Bruce
Cameron, Jeannie	In honor of Jim & Alma Wheaton
Christensen, Dick & Judy	In honor of our family
Dinsmore, Becky	



Fairs, Ron	In Memory of Pat Naught		
Farrington, Jan	In Memory of Don		
Fisher, Roger			
Frahm, Ken & Sheila	In Honor of our family		
Gesell, Gail	In Memory of Ralph Tanner		
Hein, Jean			
Hennigar, Sarah	In Memory of my husband, Bill		
Horton, Sue	In Memory of Mark		
Jarvis, Connie			
Joplin, Kylene	In Memory of Carol Stephens		
Joung, Donaldina	In Memory of my grandson, Brandon and		
	my parents		
Kucera, Linda			
Ladd, Gail	In Memory of Basil Ladd		
Lindsey, Craig & Judy	In Memory of our parents		
McCoy, Janice	In Memory of Audrey & Alfred Wright		
Pearson, Rob & Patricia	In Honor of Gene Harbaugh		
Petersen, Fred & Lainey	In Memory of Lillian Petersen		
Phillips, Larry & Helen	To God's Glory		
Plake, Ken	In Memory of Carol & Louise		
Raine, Lady	In Memory of Earl & Belle		
Rusk, Jim & Kathie	In Honor of our family		
Sells, Kristine	In Memory of my husband, Chuck		
Stephenson, Walt & Judy	In Memory of Grace Martin, Neil Phelps		
	and Carol Walsh		
Williams, Debbie &	In Honor of our parents		
McDougall, Jim			



VPC Financial - Attendance / On-Line Viewing Metrics					
Monthly Giving Support Contributions		Weekly Attendance / Viewing			
February-2024		Through Week 12 (03/24/24)			
Monthly Giving Support	\$ 72,856	Weekly Attendance Sanctuary	403		
Monthly Giving Budget	56,690	YTD 2024 Attendance Sanctuary	4,101		
YTD Giving Support	158,507	Weekly Viewing On-Line	103		
YTD Giving Budget	142,940	YTD 2024 Viewing On-Line	1,563		
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S. Ginader - VPC treasurer - steveginader@gmail.com - 952-687-1879 2024 Per Capita is \$41.50 per member					

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

<u>Visitors</u>: 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 <u>valleypres.net</u> where you can sign up for our daily email blasts and monthly newsletter.

Children are invited to worship in the sanctuary then attend Sunday School after Children's Time.





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