

Kirkwood Presbyterian Church

Sunday, April 4, 2021 Easter Sunday

Gathering

Welcome and Ministry Announcements

Opening Song

Celebration Hymnal #357

Rev. Sandra Hedrick "Christ Arose"

Low in the grave he lay -Jesus, my savior! Waiting the coming day -Jesus, my Lord!

Refrain:

Up from the grave he arose, With a mighty triumph o'er his foes. He arose a victor from the dark domain, And he lives forever with his saints to reign.

Call to Worship

One: This is the day that the Lord has made. **Many: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!** One: Christ is risen! **Many: He is risen indeed! All: Let us worship God!**

Gathering Prayer

Call to Confession (1 Pet. 2:24)

One: Let us confess our need for the new life that is found in God's mercy, love and grace.

Prayer of Confession

All: Holy God, on this Easter morning, we bring to you our sin, our burdens, and our thirst for living water. We lay at your feet our fear and our pride.

We ask that you wash our guilt away, that you overturn our mourning, and that you quicken our hearts to your love. Call us into the joy of resurrection.

He arose! He arose! Hallelujah! Christ arose!

Vainly they watch his bed-Jesus, my Savior! Vainly they seal the dead-Jesus, my Lord! *Refrain*

Death cannot keep his prey-Jesus, my Savior! He tore the bars away-Jesus, my Lord! *Refrain*

Worship Leader

David Christian

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In your mercy, send your Easter light to break through every darkness! Lead us to new life as we walk with our Savior, who is with us today and goes before us tomorrow. We pray this in his name.

One: Please continue in silent confession....Amen.

We Are Forgiven! (from 1 Tim. 1:15; 1 Pet. 2:24)

One: Sisters and brothers, hear the good news! Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, that we might be dead to sin, and alive to all that is good. I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, that we are forgiven!

All: Thanks be to God! Amen!

Special Music

"Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound"

Word

A Time for Children

First Scripture Reading Psalm 118:24, 28-29 Emma McWaters

This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God, and I will extol you.

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever.

Second Scripture Reading

John 20:1-18

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Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

David Christian

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God." Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

Message

"Again & Again, The Sun Rises"

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The Lord's Supper

The Lord's Supper/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.

Sending

"Jesus Christ is Risen Today"

Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia! who did once upon the cross, Alleluia! suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia! unto Christ, our heavenly King, Alleluia! who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia! sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

Charge and Blessing

One: Christ is risen! Do not be afraid. Go and tell this good news to all. All: Thanks be to God!

One: And may the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the Communion of the Holy Spirit be with us all.

All: Alleluia! Amen!

our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!

But the pains which he endured, Alleluia! our salvation have procured. Alleluia! Now above the sky he's King, Alleluia! where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!

Sing we to our God above, Alleluia! praise eternal as God's love. Alleluia! Praise our God, ye heavenly host, Alleluia! Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

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Announcements

An Easter Morning Greeting - Welcome to all who have come to worship the Risen Lord today! On this day we joyfully proclaim the good news that is at the very heart of the gospel: Jesus Christ is risen from the dead!

Wednesday Night Bible Study at 6:00 p.m. - All are invited to Bible study on Wednesday night, when we delve more deeply into the following Sunday's scripture. This week's passage is Luke 24:13-49.

Spanish Bible Study - Spanish Bible Study continues this Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. Please contact Yvette Grant at 904.881.3289 or at clgygcj2@yahoo.com to participate.

Presbyterian Women (Easter Sunday) - Our Presbyterian Women will share a small gift with the women attending service today and send home a survey that will help PW course a new direction for mission and ministry in 2021.

New Sermon Series "Easter Stories" Begins Next Sunday! "After his suffering Jesus presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God." (Acts 1:3). Our worship series for the first few Sundays after Easter will take us into the presence of the Risen Lord from the viewpoint of those who met him first!

Youth Sunday on April 18 - Save the date for this Spring's Youth Sunday!

Pastor Sandra's Last Sunday and Celebrating our Graduates - On Sunday, May 2, the Kirkwood family will recognize our high school graduates and thank Pastor Sandra for her five and a half years of ministry with us. A sign-up sheet is available for those willing to bring a dish or dessert to our delicious potluck luncheon! Weather permitting, we will enjoy our fellowship time outside.

Presbyterian Women Annual Yard Sale June 12 - Just a reminder to clean out those closets for our PW Annual Yard Sale on Saturday, June 12!

Financial Giving – In the spirit of the first believers, we are called to share our goods in common with glad and generous hearts (Acts 2:44-46). You may place your offering (and pledge card) in the offering plate at the back of the church, drop off a check at the office, put it in the mail, or use our online giving portal that can be accessed here.

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