



# SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

PEWEE VALLEY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
RESURRECTION OF THE LORD – APRIL 1, 2018  
8:30 A.M. & 11:00 A.M.

**Bold text is read or sung by the congregation.**

*\*Please stand if able.*

*PVPC welcomes children and encourages them to participate in our entire worship service. Pick up a children's worship tote bag at the sanctuary door.*

**Christ has Risen!  
He has Risen, indeed.  
Happy Easter!**

Is Easter only for people who close their eyes to the facts of life and seek escape in fantastic stories, loud music, and banner songs?

The fact that we still have to spend so much time with such questions is proof of how utterly central to the Christian faith are the resurrection and the Lordship of Christ.

The earliest Christians knew what they were doing when they summarized the whole of their faith with the simple confession:  
**"Jesus is Lord."**

The origin of bells in Christian worship can be traced to the ram's horns and silver trumpets used in the Old Testament to announce the beginning of a feast. In churches which are fortunate enough to have them, bells are rung just before the liturgy to call the people together.

## GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

### CONSIDERING EASTER: 2018

Today is the first Sunday after the first full moon after the spring solstice (March 21<sup>st</sup>). Every Easter is. In 325 A.D., the Council of Nicea laid down only two rules for the placement of Easter on the calendar: Though it was linked to Passover by much of its symbolism, it was to be independent of the Jewish calendar and it was to have "worldwide" uniformity. Though most often more ritual and ceremony (and certainly more commercial attention) is given to Christmas celebrations, Easter is the highest Holy Day in the Christian community. *What can Resurrection life mean to you?*

And The Glory, Ann Weems  
(from Kneeling in Jerusalem)

The silence breaks into morning. That One Star lights the world. The lily springs to life and even Solomon ...

Let it begin with singing and never end!

Oh, angels, quit your lamenting! Oh, pilgrims, upon your knees in tearful prayer,  
Rise up and take your hearts and run!

We who were no people are named anew God's people, for he who was no more is  
Forevermore.

### THE RINGING OF THE BELL

#### EASTER PROCLAMATION

We must never again look for the living among the dead. We are chosen servants of the Lord, the mystical body of Christ. Because of Easter, we have been granted privilege and responsibility to carry on the redemptive work of Jesus. Let us begin in love and humility to serve and strengthen the Love of God throughout the world!

# PREPARING OUR HEARTS

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Shawn Harmon (8:30) / Ashia Stoess (11:00)

**Leader:** The nightmare is over! The hour of darkness has passed. God's mercy and love have triumphed once and for all over our hatred and ignorance.

**People:** **Miracle of miracles, though we failed so utterly at the cross, God has come back to us!**

**Leader:** Bringing not judgement, but the peace of eternal life.

**People:** **The Risen Christ is within us, guiding us in the way of truth and empowering us with the gifts of the Spirit.**

**ALL:** **LET US WORSHIP OUR LIVING GOD AND SING OF RESURRECTION LIFE!**

A striking feature of the opening hymn is that it is written in the present tense. This is powerful because it places **us** in community with those who witnessed the resurrection in their own lifetimes. *"But the pains which He endured, our salvation have procured. Alleluia!"*

It is appropriate on Easter Day to use a litany of thanksgiving, praise, and prayer in place of the "confessional sequence."

From a triumphant Palm Sunday to a dark, betrayed Friday, we have journeyed to Easter.

Wiser now, we know that joy and sorrow, life and death are bound together. Yet it is life that triumphs over all and love that conquers fear.

We sing on this Easter Sunday in thanksgiving for the gifts of renewal and new life.

For the first time since Lent began, we stand, responding to the questions we've asked all season long.

## \*PROCESSIONAL HYMN NO. 123

"Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"

EASTER HYMN

## \*LITANY AND PRAYER FOR EASTER MORNING

Christiaan Faul

**Leader:** Before time, at the beginning of creation, God's Spirit moved across the face of the deep waters of chaos.

**People:** **Light, land, and every living thing were given life.**

**Leader:** When the world fell into rebellion, God saved Noah from the deep waters of chaos.

**People:** **And humanity was given another chance to live.**

**Leader:** Today we step out of the ark, for Resurrection has happened and the chance to begin again is ours. Let us pray ...

**ALL:** **GIVER OF NEW LIFE, WE COME THIS MORNING WITH OUR ALLELUIAS, OUR BANNERS AND FLOWERS, OUR TRUMPETS AND OUR SONG. WE COME TO WORSHIP IN BEAUTY AND IN TRUTH BECAUSE WE HAVE FAITH THAT JESUS CHRIST IS ALIVE, BECAUSE WE HAVE HOPE THAT THE RESURRECTION WILL ENTER INTO EACH OF OUR LIVES AND TRANSFORM THEM, AND BECAUSE, THROUGH CHRIST'S SPIRIT, WE HAVE COME TO LOVE ONE ANOTHER. ACCEPT OUR WORSHIP, GRACIOUS GOD. BE PRESENT WITH US AS MEMORY, MIRACLE, AND MYSTERY, AND AS THE TENDER HANDS OF GRACE. AMEN.**

## \*RESPONSE, NO. 113

"Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!"

LLANFAIR

**Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!  
Fought the fight, the battle won; Alleluia!  
Death in vain forbids Him rise; Alleluia!  
Christ has opened paradise. Alleluia!**

# HEARING GOD'S WORD

We invite children to come to the front at this time.

In this anthem, the news of Christ's resurrection is joyfully conveyed by the ever-higher phrases and final cascade of notes at the end of the refrain.

This hymn is one of the oldest hymns still sung. The text bubbles over with "joy that hath no end" in the victory that Jesus Christ won over sin and death through His resurrection.

In 1983 the two largest Presbyterian churches in the United States reunited. The "Brief Statement of Faith" was commissioned and accepted for inclusion in the "Book of Confessions." It celebrates the rediscovery that for all our diversity, we are bound together by a common faith and a common task.

We bring to God our joys and concerns, praying for the world, the church, and those close to us.

**TIME WITH THE YOUNGER DISCIPLES**

Mike Yelton

**MUSICAL OFFERING**

The Chancel Choir

"This Joyful Eastertide"

VERNON HOYLE

**SCRIPTURE LESSON**      Genesis 8:13-19

(Page 7, OT, Pew Bible)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

**SERMON**      ALL ASHORE!

Reverend Joel Weible

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

**\*PROCLAMATION HYMN NO. 118**

"The Day of Resurrection!"

LANCASHIRE

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

from A BRIEF STATEMENT OF FAITH

**In life and death we belong to God.**

**Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.**

**With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.**

**TIME OF GIVING THANKS**

CELEBRATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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.**

In his lifetime, Antonio Vivaldi composed over 500 concertos, including today's offertory (subtitled "La Pastorella") which has recently been transcribed for organ.

Doxology literally means "words of glory." Doxologies have long been used by Jews and Christians to praise God. Here we honor and thank God "from whom all blessings flow."

This hymn perfectly displays the glory and brilliance of Christ's resurrection. It discusses the power of the resurrection, it tells Christ's people to shed their doubt now that Christ has conquered the grave, and it tells us to quench our fear now that the Prince of Peace reigns.

## PRESENTATION OF GIFTS, TITHES, AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY "Largo, from Concerto in D"

ANTONIO VIVALDI

### \*DOXOLOGY



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

\* Or "God"

### \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (unison)

The risen Christ has always been with us. In his name we dedicate our humble offering. We are servants of our Lord, O God. As we are empowered by the gift of our Risen Christ, use *our* gifts to carry on your redemptive work. In love and with humility, we pray. Amen

### \*CLOSING HYMN NO. 122

"Thine Is the Glory"

JUDAS MACCABEUS

## THE SENDING

### \*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Reverend Joel Weible

### \*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

"Hallelujah Chorus"

G.F. HANDEL

### THE RINGING OF THE BELL

### POSTLUDE "The Rejoicing"

G.F. HANDEL

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