

PARTICIPANTS

In Ministry	The Congregation
Choir Director	Peter Dulak
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Pastor	The Rev. Heidi Bolt
Pastor	The Rev. Greg Bolt
Liturgist	John Plehal

GREETER:	Brenda Hendrix
USHER:	Jack Strobel
FELLOWSHIP	Pam & Brian Paulus
FLOWERS	Open

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THIS WEEK'S FIRST PRESBYTERIAN HAPPENINGS:

Today, 4/1,	9:15 a.m.	Christian Education
	10:30 a.m.	Worship
	11:30 a.m.	Fellowship in Servery
Mon, 4/2,	10:00 a.m.	Coffee at Mandy's Cafe
Tues, 4/2,	11:30 a.m.	ISAIAH People's Session
	4:00 p.m.	Fellowship & Membership
	5:30 p.m.	Deacons
	6:55 p.m.	JuBELLation Ringers
Wed, 4/4,	6:30 a.m.	Men's Book Study
	8:00 a.m.	Building & Grounds
	7:00 p.m.	Choir Practice
Thurs, 4/5,	7:30 a.m.	Women's Book Study



Faith in Democracy

ISAIAH Join us for a **"People's Session"** Tuesday April 3rd, 11:30am-1pm at First Presbyterian Church in Red Wing. The event will be a "People's Session" on Clean Energy and Climate Justice.



Sign up at Kiosk to volunteer for the Community Dinner on Sunday April 8th at the Methodist Church in Red Wing. (arrive at 4 pm) For more information contact Missy Philips.

First Presbyterian Church
503 West Sixth Street
651-388-9584
April 1st, 2018

HE is RISEN
Celebrate the Savior

WORDS OF INSPIRATION

"If we want hell, if we want heaven, they are ours. That's how love works. It can't be forced, manipulated, or coerced. It always leaves room for the other to decide. God says yes, we can have what we want, because love wins."

-Rob Bell

ORGAN PRELUDE "Christ is Risen! Shout Hosanna!" setting F. Ashdown
"I Know that My Redeemer Lives" by D. Lasky
"Easter Fantasy" by C. Kohlmann

RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELL

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

FLOWERING OF THE CROSS

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Rejoice, rejoice! The tomb is empty, what was dead is alive.

Many: With Mary Magdalene we come creeping into the light, tears of sadness turned to tears of joy, for Jesus is alive!

One: Is this a giant divine joke? Is God having the last laugh?

Many: Yes and yes and so much more. We come to worship with laughter and hope, for life is here.

*HYMN OF PRAISE

Hymn #246 "Christ is Alive"

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of laughter, you fooled us all, we thought you had given up on Jesus when he died on the cross; we thought death was the end of everything but you raised Jesus from the dead; how we do not know but we are so happy that you did, thank you! God you fooled us all, you fooled those who thought they had the power over life and death, you fooled those who thought that death would bring an end to Jesus and his good news. Today as we celebrate the risen Christ help us to be filled with joy and laughter, glad to worship the God of life. Let our laughter spread beyond our buildings, let it be heard in every home, let it travel abroad, far and wide till all the earth is filled with laughter. Love has conquered death, love wins. Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*HYMN OF TRUST

Hymn #248 "Christ is Risen! Shout Hosanna!"

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE #240 "Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks"**

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Give thanks to the risen Lord.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Give Praise to His Name.

***POSTLUDE** "Chorale Prelude on a Melody by Vulpius" by H. Willan

Introit on Easter Hymn (also introit), arr. Lloyd Larson

Jesus lives! God's power proclaim! Alleluia, praise His name!
Jesus lives just as He said. Christ is risen from the dead!

Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!
All creation, join to say Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!
Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!

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

Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!
Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!
Once He died our souls to save, Alleluia!
Where thy victory, O grave? Alleluia!

(Congregation joins choir)
Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!
Following our exalted Head, Alleluia!
Made like Him, like Him we rise, Alleluia!
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies. Alleluia!

(end congregation)

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Petitions

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Hymnal p. 11

Response

WORSHIP THROUGH TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory "Fanfare for Resurrection Day" by S. Scott

***Doxology** Hymn #606

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit Evermore;
Praise triune God, whom we adore. Amen.**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

One: Lord your giving is never ending, you constantly pour out your gifts upon us.

Many: Lord, we want to be more like you, help us to pour out our gifts for others.

One: Receive these gifts of money today, may they be used to spread the good news of your love in places where we cannot be.

Many: Accept our gifts, freely given, for you and for the work of the church at home and abroad. Amen.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

One: The Lord be with you.

Many: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

Many: We lift them to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Many: It is right to give our thanks and praise...

Words of Institution

Sharing the Sacrament

(Please partake of the elements as they come to you. Pass the tray to your neighbor with the words, "the Bread of Heaven" or "the Cup of Salvation.")

*SILENT PRAYER

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Jesus is risen indeed, and we have received the most precious blessing:

Many: life eternal in his kingdom.

One: Neither sin nor evil has the power to separate us from the One who loves us, the One who forgives us

Many: in the name of the One to Whom, the One by Whom and the One in Whom we offer our praise. Alleluia! Amen.

*PRAYER RESPONSE

Hymn #587 "Alleluia!"



A TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

SONG OF PREPARATION

"I've Seen the Lord!" (insert)

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Psalm 118:21-29

CHOIR ANTHEM "Introit on Easter Hymn" (also introit), arr. Lloyd Larson

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

John 20:1-18

One: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Rev. Heidi Bolt

HYMN OF HOPE

HYMN #250 "In the Bulb There is a Flower"

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

(from the Confession of 1967)

God's sovereign love is a mystery beyond the reach of the human mind. Human thought ascribes to God superlatives of power, wisdom, and goodness. But God reveals divine love in Jesus Christ by showing power in the form of a servant, wisdom in the folly of the cross, and goodness in receiving sinful men and women. The power of God's love in Christ to transform the world discloses that the Redeemer is the Lord and Creator who made all things to serve the purpose of God's love.

I've Seen the Lord!

J. L. Salt(er)

Easter

"I've seen the Lord!" said Ma-ry af - ter see - ing Je - sus by the
emp-ty tomb. "Why do you weep? Go tell the oth - ers that I'll see my Fa - ther
soon!" These words she cried, from her they poured, "Though Je - sus
died and yet he lives! I've seen the Lord!"

The musical score is written on a single treble clef staff in 4/4 time with a key signature of three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat). The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes, with some rests. The lyrics are placed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The piece concludes with a double bar line and repeat dots.

Use on 4/1/18 EASTER

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