

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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.**

OFFERING OURSELVES TO GOD

(8:45)

“Come, Christians, Join to Sing”

MADRID

***Come, Christians, join to sing: Alleluia! Amen! Loud praise to Christ our King: Alleluia! Amen!  
Let all with heart and voice, before the throne rejoice; praise is his gracious choice: Alleluia! Amen!  
Come, lift your hearts on high: Alleluia! Amen! Let praises fill the sky: Alleluia! Amen!  
He is our guide and friend; to us he'll condescend; his love shall never end: Alleluia! Amen!***

(11:00)

“Come, Christians, Join to Sing”  
*(Based on the hymn: MADRID - text above)*

Will Lively

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**O resurrected Christ, we celebrate this day the promise for all time of your unending love!  
Accept these gifts of celebration, and make them to be celebrations for others in the world.  
We praise your holy name! Amen.**

**THE SENDING**

\*CLOSING HYMN

“Christ Is Risen, Shout Hosanna!”

HYMN TO JOY

***Christ is risen! Shout Hosanna! Celebrate this day of days!  
Christ is risen! Hush in wonder: all creation is amazed.  
In the desert all-surrounding, see, a spreading tree has grown.  
Healing leaves of grace abounding bring a taste of love unknown.  
  
Christ is risen! Raise your spirits from the caverns of despair.  
Walk with gladness in the morning. See what love can do and dare.  
Drink the wine of resurrection, not a servant, but a friend.  
Jesus is our strong companion. Joy and peace shall never end.  
  
Christ is risen! Earth and heaven nevermore shall be the same.  
Break the bread of new creation where the world is still in pain.  
Ris'n with Christ, we join the chorus, serve with joy in all our ways,  
Filled with wonder, raise our voices, till the earth resounds with praise!***

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*CONCLUDING PRAISE

“Toccata on Gaudeamus Pariter”

J. Biery

**\*Those who are able please stand**

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**THE CHANCEL FLOWERS ARE DEDICATED  
TO THE GLORY OF GOD  
in loving memory of Mary Ann Morie  
by the Morie family.**

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# First Presbyterian Church

Kingsport, Tennessee

*Seeking to see the face of Christ...*

*Striving to be the hands of Christ*



## *Celebration of the Resurrection*

Easter Sunday

March 31, 2024

8:45 & 11:00 a.m.

# Resurrection of the Lord

## GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

BELLS OF A NEW DAWN

WELCOME

PRELUDE

“Meditation for Easter Day”  
*Jenny Dougan, guest organist*

J. A. Behnke

PROCESSIONAL OF CHRIST CANDLE

“Were You There?”  
*Avery Smith, tenor*

Spiritual

\*HYMN OF GOOD NEWS

“Jesus Christ is Risen Today”

EASTER HYMN

*Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!  
Our triumphant holy day, 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!*

*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!*

*Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!  
Foll'wing our exalted Head, Alleluia!  
Made like Him, like Him we rise, Alleluia!  
His the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!*

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Jesus Christ is risen today!

People: **Christ is risen, indeed!**

Leader: The tomb could not hold him.

People: **The grave is empty. Christ is risen!**

Leader: Jesus Christ is risen today!

People: **Christ is risen indeed!**

\*HYMN OF PRAISE

“Thine Is the Glory”

JUDAS MACCABEUS

*Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son;  
endless is the victory, thou o'er death hast won.  
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,  
kept the folded grave clothes where the body lay.*

*Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son; endless is the victory, thou o'er death hast won!*

*Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;  
lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom.  
Let the church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,  
for the Lord now liveth; death has lost its sting.*

*Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son; endless is the victory, thou o'er death hast won!*

*No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life!  
Life is naught without thee; aid us in our strife.  
Make us more than conquerors through thy deathless love;  
bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above.*

*Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son; endless is the victory, thou o'er death hast won!*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of grace, we recognize that we are unworthy to be called your children, and unworthy to be called your friends. Yet, you call us by name, and you claim us as your own. You love us with a love unlike any we have ever known, a love that is unconditional. We cannot wrap our minds around what it is like to love someone unconditionally. We try, we fail, but you love us even in our failings. We confess the ways that we have rejected your love. Give us hearts that are open to receiving it, that we may experience the full measure of your love, and may we love you always in return. Amen...

*(Silent prayer)*

KYRIE *Lord, have mercy upon us; Christ, have mercy upon us; Lord, have mercy upon us.* D. Johnson

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: We know love by this, that Jesus laid down his life for us. Friends,  
hear the good news and believe: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

People: **Thanks be to God!**

\*SUNG RESPONSE

“Crown Him with Many Crowns”

DIADEMATA

*Crown Him with many crowns, the Lamb upon His throne,  
Hark how the heav'nly anthem drowns all music but its own.  
Awake my soul and sing of Him Who died for thee,  
And hail Him as thy matchless King through all eternity.*

*Crown Him the Lord of heav'n, enthroned in worlds above,  
Crown Him the King to Whom is giv'n the wondrous name of Love.  
Crown Him with many crowns, as thrones before Him fall;  
Crown Him, ye kings, with many crowns, for He is King of all!*

\*PEACE OF CHRIST

## HEARING GOD'S WORD

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Russ Pearson

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

NEW TESTAMENT READING

1 Peter 1: 3-9

GOSPEL READING

John 20: 1-18

SERMON

“Singing For Joy”

Mike Shelton

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

\*HYMN OF RESPONSE

“Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks”

ALLELUIA NO.1

*Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord. Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to His name!*

*Jesus is Lord of all the earth. He is the King of creation.*

*Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord. Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to His name!*

*Spread the good news o'er all the earth: Jesus has died and has risen.*

*Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord. Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to His name!*

*We have been crucified with Christ. Now we shall live forever!*

*Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord. Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to His name!*

*Come, let us praise the living God, joyfully sing to our Savior:*

*Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord. Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to His name!*