

St. Andrew Presbyterian Church

Resurrection Sunday

April 21, 2019

Rev. Rosemary McMahan, Interim Pastor

Elder Dan Watt, Liturgist

Mavis Stephens, Choir Director

Dr. Jeff Gilbreath, Pianist

Prelude "The Lord Has Risen" Dr. Gilbreath

We Prepare Our Hearts for Worship

Pastor's Welcome (Please sign the friendship roster.)

Call to Worship Elder Watt

Elder: This is the good news—The grave is empty; Christ is risen!

All: Hallelujah!

Elder: This is the good news—The light shines in the darkness,
And the darkness can never put it out!

All: Hallelujah!

Elder: This is the good news—Once we were no people; Now we are God's people.

All: Hallelujah!

Elder: Christ is our peace we now share with each other!

All: Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Amen.

*Hymn of Worship "Jesus Christ is Risen Today!" #232
Please pass your prayer cards to the aisle for pickup.

Prayer of Adoration

All: Mighty God: By your power you raised your Son, our Lord Jesus, from death. By his glorious resurrection, you proved him victor over death; and you assured all of us, who acknowledge him as Savior and Lord, that we do not need to fear death either. With grateful hearts we welcome another Easter day, joyously repeating the ancient Christian greeting: "Christ is risen!" "He is risen indeed!" Accept now, we pray, our homage for the forgiveness and the promise of newness, in this life and beyond, which in your amazing grace, you extend to us through him. Amen.

Hymn of Response "Thine is the Glory" V. 1 & 2 #238

The Peace

Elder: On this Easter Sunday, Christ is the peace we now share with each other.
Peace be with you.

All: And also with you! (Please share the peace of Christ with those near you.)

*Gloria Patri #581

Anthem "Easter Hodie" Choir

We Listen for the Word

Message for the Young at Heart Samantha Simmons

Prayer for Illumination Elder Watt

Scripture Reading Acts 10:34-43 Elder Watt

Scripture Reading John 20:1-18 Rev. McMahan

Message "Weeping and Laughing" Rev. McMahan

*Hymn of Reflection "Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks" #240

We Respond to the Word

Affirmation of Faith from the Declaration of Faith (10.1)

In the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus, God kept his promises.

All that we can ever hope for was present in Christ.

But the work of God in Christ is not over.

God calls us to hope for more than we have yet seen.

The hope God gives us is ultimate confidence that supports us when lesser hopes fail us.

In Christ, God gives hope for a new heaven and earth, certainty of victory over death, assurance of mercy and judgment beyond death.

This hope gives us courage for the present struggle.

This we believe.

Prayers of the People (debts/debtors)

Offertory "The Blood Will Never Lose Its Power" Dr. Gilbreath

*Doxology #606

*Prayer

We Go Forth to Minister

*Hymn of Sending "The Day of Resurrection" #233

*Easter Blessing and Sending Rev. McMahan

Postlude "Because He Lives" Dr. Gilbreath

*All that are able are invited to stand.

Bold italic type indicates our shared response.

To Our Visitors & Guests:

Welcome! It is a blessing to have you in worship with us today. We warmly invite your participation in the worship, fellowship, and ministry of this congregation where everyone is welcome as God's child. The pastor is available to answer any questions you might have after worship or by email or phone. There is a place for you here, and we are delighted to have you with us today.

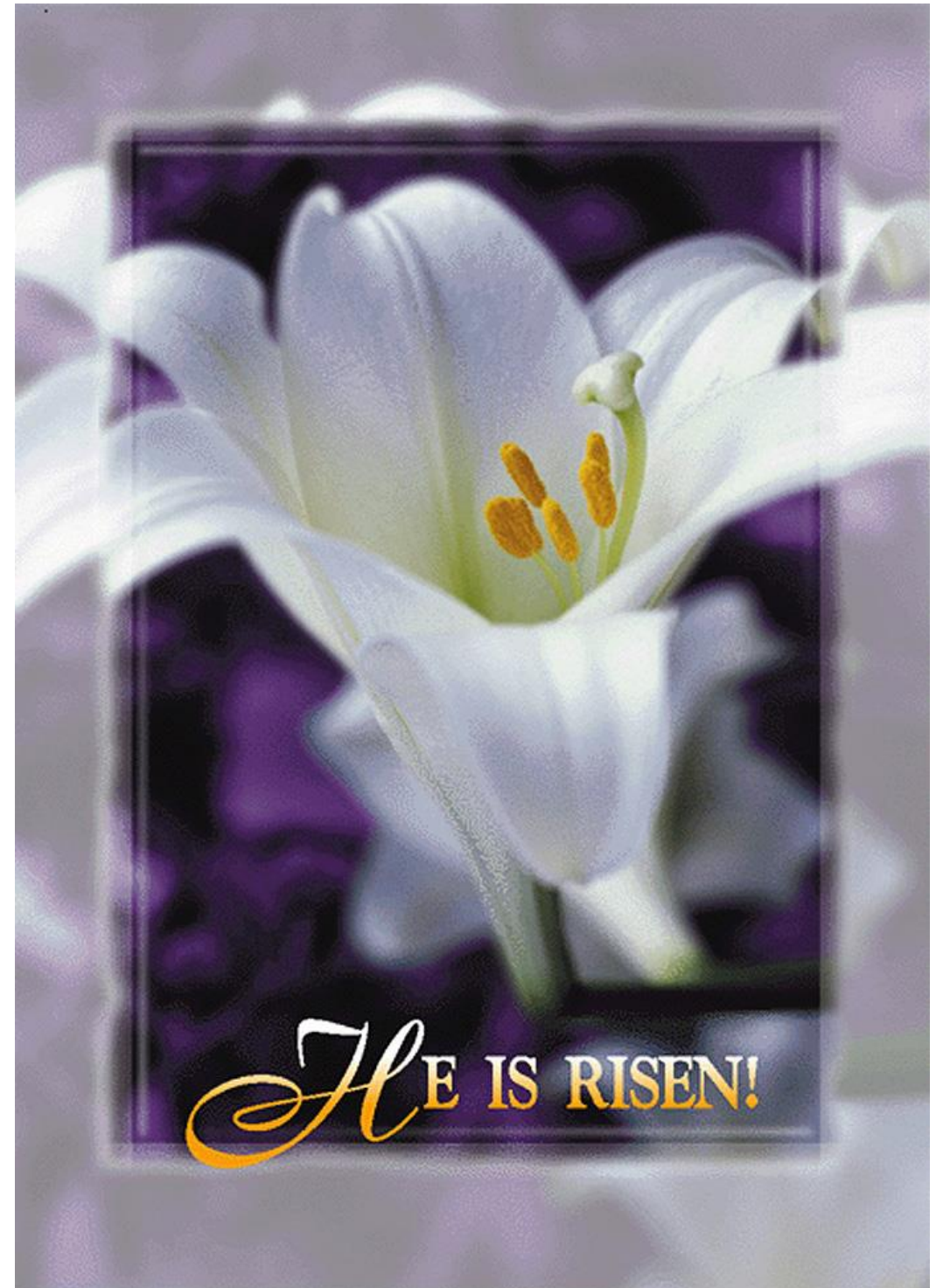


***“Growing in Faith; Sharing the Good News;
Living in God’s Love.”***

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Scripture Reading Elder Dan Watt: Acts 10:34-43

Then Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ--he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and 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 ordained by God 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."

Scripture Reading Rev. McMahan: John 20:1-18

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. 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.