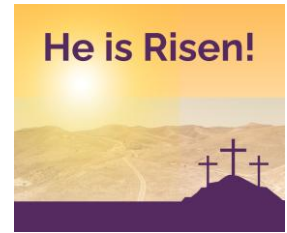


The Presbyterian Church of Okemos
April 20, 2025
Easter Sunday
Resurrection of the Lord



Prelude

Praise the Lord with Drums and Cymbals
Brass Quintet & Organ

Sigfrid Karg-Elert
arr: Sondra K. Tucker

Choral Introit

Easter Call to Worship
PCO Chancel Choir

Lighting the Paschal Candle

Welcome

Pastor Lisa Schrott

Easter Proclamation (from Luke 24:1 and John 20:1)

Pastor Lisa Schrott

Early on the first day of the week, the disciples of Jesus went to the tomb where he had been buried only to find that the stone had been rolled away and the tomb was empty. Friends, we gather here as Christ's disciples, on the first day of the week, to celebrate the good news of the gospel: Jesus Christ has risen from the dead!

*** Call to Worship**

Nadine Roya, Liturgist

One: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

All: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

One: We have not seen the risen Christ,

All: but we see him in the lives of those transformed by grace.

One: We have not seen Jesus face-to-face,

All: but we have seen him in the faces of everyone whose love encourages us.

One: We have not touched the wounds from the cross,

All: but we have been called to bring healing to the scarred of the world.

*** Hymn #232**

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today, vs. 1-4

[Easter Hymn]

PCO Chancel Choir

PCO Handbell Choir

Brass Ensemble

Prayer of Adoration

Rebecca Mattern

One: Eternal God, in the darkness of the winter, we celebrated the gift of the Word made flesh, the birth of Jesus Christ. Heralded by angels and shepherds and wise ones, we offered our prayers of adoration for the King of Glory who entered the world through humble means. This morning in the splendor of a spring day, we celebrate the gift of the eternal Living Word. We praise you for

the promise of new life revealed in the resurrection of Jesus. We give thanks for the witness of the women who shared the good news of the empty tomb with the disciples.

All: We praise you that we all have been called to be witnesses to your never-ending love and grace. We praise you for the fulfillment of our Advent hope, peace, joy and love in the Christ who taught us that death does not have the last word. Alleluia! Alleluia! Amen!

Passing of the Peace

Rebecca Mattern

One: Let us celebrate our Easter joy by sharing the peace of Christ. The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you. *Please greet your fellow worshippers in ways you feel comfortable.*

*** Act of Praise #581**

Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

Prayer of Illumination

Nadine Roy, Liturgist

God of new beginnings, by the power of your Spirit roll away the stone and reveal to us the Word of Life. May it serve to show us the path to the Living Christ and lead us into your presence where there is fullness of joy. Amen.

Children's Sermon

Rebecca Mattern

Old Testament Scripture

Isaiah 65:17-25

Nadine Roy, Liturgist

One: The Word of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

Special Music

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

arr. Cynthia Dobrinski

PCO Handbell Choir

Irene Shutt, Director

New Testament Scripture

Luke 24:1-12

Pastor Lisa Schrott

One: The Word of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

The Wilderness Does Not Have the Last Word

Pastor Lisa Schrott

Anthem

Come Proclaim the Victory

Joseph M. Martin

PCO Chancel Choir

Westin Sorrel, Director

Offering

Rebecca Mattern

Invitation

Offertory

Christ is Arisen

Johann Fischer

***Doxology #606**

***Prayer of Dedication**

Holy Communion

Invitation

Pastor Lisa Schrott

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Rebecca Mattern

One: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: **We lift them up to God.**

One: Let us give thanks to God.

All: **It is right to give both thanks and praise.**

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.

Breaking of the Bread

Pastor Lisa Schrott

Communion of the People

Communion will be served by intinction. Please take a piece of bread and dip into the cup of juice and partake as you return to your seat. The bread is gluten, soy, nut and dairy free so all may partake together.

Communion Prayer

Rebecca Mattern

* Hymn #233

The Day of Resurrection, vs. 1-3
[Lancashire]

* Benediction

Pastor Lisa Schrott

One: Because the tomb is empty, our lives can be full. So live for Christ. Be graceful in Spirit; faithful in all you do; And let your words be full of hope. For Christ is risen!

All: **Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia, amen.**

Benediction Response

Hallelujah Chorus
[Messiah]

George Frideric Handel

(We invite all who would like to join the choir singing the *Hallelujah Chorus* to come to the musicians' area during the singing of the last hymn. We will give you the music so that you may join your voice in praising God).

Postlude

Toccata from Symphony No. 5 for Organ
Dr. Marlene Brewbaker, Organ

Charles-Marie Widor

* *Please rise in body or spirit*

After worship join us for a brunch hosted by our Parish Life Committee.

We welcome all!

Thank you to the musicians in the Brass Ensemble who joined us in worship today.

Trumpet 1: Reed Ricotta
Trumpet 2: Jack Louvar
Horn: Austin Wilson

Trombone: Korie Brewer
Tuba: Sam Tuttle

Today's Fellowship: Thank you to Edward Ennen for making coffee & washing the dishes.

Ushers: Brett & Lynette Cone, Deb & Joel Major

Next Week April 27, 2025 Earth Care Sunday & Celebration of Rebecca Mattern's Ministry at PCO

Scripture: Genesis 6:5-8, 13-14, 18-19; 7:23-24; 8:1-3; 9:20-22; Isaiah 11:1-9; 2 Peter 3:1-7. Ewen Todd Preaching

Following Worship: We will celebrate Rebecca's time with us with a festive celebration hosted by the Personnel Committee following worship. There will be a basket to collect cards and notes to thank Rebecca for her grace-filled and joy-filled ministry with us. If you are unable to be present, cards and notes can be sent to the PCO office.

The Call to Worship is adapted from words by the Rev. Thom Shuman from the Re-worship blog found online at <https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2015/04/call-to-worship-seeing-risen-christ.html>

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