

# REDEEMER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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## Sunday Morning Worship First Sunday of Eastertide—Easter Sunday

April 16, 2017

Worship Theme: *“We who belong to God, through Christ Jesus, rejoice in celebrating our Savior’s resurrection.”*

**Gathering Music:** *Processional on “Lift High the Cross”*.....Busarow  
Shirley W. Wilson, Organist

**Welcome and Announcements**..... Robert LeSuer

**Prelude:** *Prelude on “The Day of Resurrection”* ..... Powell

**Choral Introit:** *This Joyful Eastertide* ..... arr. By Charles Wood  
Redeemer Choir

This joyful Eastertide, away with sin and sorrow!  
My love the crucified, hath sprung to life this morrow.  
Had Christ that once was slain, ne'er burst His three day prison,  
Our faith had been in vain: but now hath Christ arisen.

Death's flood hath lost his chill, since Jesus cross'd the river:  
Lover of souls, from ill my passing soul deliver.  
Had Christ that once was slain, ne'er burst His three day prison,  
Our faith had been in vain: but now hath Christ arisen

**Call to Worship:** *(responsively)* ..... Thomas Brooks

Liturgist: This is the good news—the grave is empty,  
Christ is risen!

**Congregation: Hallelujah! He is risen indeed!**

Liturgist: This is the good news—the light shines in the  
darkness and the darkness can never put it out.

**Congregation: Hallelujah! Christ is risen!**

Liturgist: This is the good news—now we are God's  
people!

**Congregation: Hallelujah! Let us worship our risen Lord!**

**\*Hymn No. 123:** *Jesus Christ is Risen Today* ..... EASTER HYMN

*The Congregation should please sing the melody in unison on the last verse*

*(...continued over...)*

**Anthem:** *Christ is Arisen, Let Us Sing* ..... Volckmar Leisring arr. Kenneth Kosche  
Redeemer Choir and Brass

Christ is arisen let us sing, Alleluia  
Today the grave has lost its sting, Alleluia.

Let all the nations praise the Lord, Alleluia.  
Lord God of hosts in heav'n adored, Alleluia.

**Prayers of Confession**..... Thomas Brooks

We will begin by praying silently, confessing our personal sins.  
Then, we will join in a unison prayer of corporate confession.

**Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, You shattered the power of sin and death. We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death.**

**Forgive our denial of our mortality, our hopelessness, and our sense of captivity. Set us free for the liberation of Jesus Christ, who was dead but lives among us. Help us trust Your power to change our lives and make us new, that we may feel and know the joy of life abundant given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord. Amen.**

**Assurance of Pardon** *(unison)*..... Thomas Brooks

**This is His command: to believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and to love one another as he commanded us.**

—1 John 3:23, NIV

**\*Hymn No. 115:** *Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain*..... St. KEVIN

*The Congregation should please sing the melody in unison on the last verse and remain standing following the Hymn*

**\*The Apostle's Creed:** *(unison)* ..... Thomas Brooks

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, the Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord: Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell. The third day He arose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father**

**Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**A Bidding Prayer of Petitions of the**

**People, and The Lord's Prayer** (*debts/debtors*)..... Thomas Brooks

As the Liturgist pauses after mentioning each request, the congregation will please pray silently for the request mentioned.

**Epistle Reading:** Colossians 3:1-4..... Jennifer Pontzer

**Sermon:** "Why Are You Weeping?" ..... Robert C. LeSuer

**Sermon Text:** John 20:1-18

**Offering:** *Earl of Oxford's March*..... William Byrd (c.1540-1623)  
*Brass Quartet*

**Prayer of Dedication for Our Offering** (*unison*) ..... Thomas Brooks

**O God, all that we have comes from you. Receive this offering and with it the offering of our lives. We return to you what you have so graciously given. Use us for the sake of Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.**

**\*Hymn No. 118:** *The Day of Resurrection!*..... LANCASHIRE  
*The Congregation should please sing the melody in unison on the last verse*

**\*Benediction** (*unison*) ..... Thomas Brooks

**Whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.** —Colossians 3:17

*At the conclusion of the Benediction, the Congregation is dismissed.*

**Postlude:** *Canzona Bergamasca*..... Samuel Scheidt (1587-1654)  
*Brass Quartet*

*\* Congregation please stand, if you are able to do so.*

**Very Special Thanks to the Guest Musicians participating in our service today—**  
*Trumpet: Jeff Gibbens, Joe Miller; Horn: Laura Nelson; Trombone: Frank Bolte;*

**Nursery Available**

We offer Nursery Care during our Worship Service. You will find the caregivers in the Joyce Parlor.

**After the Worship Service**

There will be no After-Service Fellowship today.

If you wish to have a time of personal prayer for any needs in your life, please speak to Bob LeSuer and he will arrange for someone to meet with you today and pray with you.

**Easter Flowers**

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