


First Presbyterian Church  
Salem, Ohio

April 20, 2025

10:30 a.m.

Resurrection of the Lord / Easter Day



ALLELUIA!  
CHRIST IS ALIVE!

Worship will be live streamed on  
**Facebook:** First Presbyterian Church of Salem, Ohio,  
**You Tube:** [www.youtube](http://www.youtube.com/FPCSALEM) / FPCSALEM; and  
our website, [www.fpcsaalem.org](http://www.fpcsaalem.org).

*"We are centered in Christ and powered by love."*

## WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

### PRELUDE

*Glorify Thy Name  
Jesus Paid It All*

*Fred Bock  
John T. Grape*

*Let us silently turn our hearts, minds, and bodies  
to the worship of God as the light of Christ  
and the joy of Easter are brought forward.*

### PRELUDE

*This Joyful Eastertide*

*Lynn A. Koch*

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Please take a moment to sign and pass the Attendance Pad.*

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

In the dark and cool of the morning....

**The joy and brightness of the resurrection was discovered!**

In the dark and fearful places of our life....

**May the light of Christ's love and salvation drive the darkness  
away!**

We remember the triumphant resurrection of our Lord today....

**And dance in the light of God's grace that drives away our sin!**

Alleluia let us praise our Lord this day always....

**Let all that we say and do, glorify the Lord!**

### \*HYMN 113

*Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!*

### \*INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Even in the light of resurrection and the joy of Easter morning,  
we acknowledge that we are still a fallen people, a people in  
need of a savior. Let us confess our sin together, trusting God to  
grant us grace.

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*Unison*)

**Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the tomb you have given us the sure sign of your power to deliver us from sin and death and to renew our whole creation. We confess that we still fall into doubt and fear. We continue to cling to selfish ways and doubt your power to make all things new. Forgive our lack of faith. Have mercy on our weakness. Raise us from the death of sin that we may live with Christ in the joy of his resurrection, now and forever.**

*(Moments of Silent Prayer)*

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Sisters and brothers, the power of resurrection is at work in us and with us!

**Through the former things of our lives and in the new heaven and earth that God is yet creating, the Spirit of Christ leads us onto paths of victory over sorrow and death, disbelief and fear.**

Receive God's grace deep in your heart, for there are no words;  
**For the forgiveness of God is too marvelous for words. Amen.**

\*GLORIA PATRI (*Unison; Hymn 579*)

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.

ANTHEM

*Run to the Tomb*

*The Haviland Choir*

*Pepper Choplin*

*Mike Newman, Soloist*

Lorenz Publishing Company, CCL#2595933

Early morning and Mary is walking  
to the tomb where His body lay.  
The tomb was open and the angel appeared, saying,  
"He is not here for the Lord is arisen.

Run to the tomb, run to the tomb.  
Come and see that the stone is rolled away.  
Run to the tomb, run to the tomb. O what a happy day!

Run to the tomb, run to the tomb.  
Come and see that the stone is rolled away.  
Run to the tomb, run to the tomb.  
O what a happy day, happy day, happy day.

Mary was breathless as she told the disciples  
all she had heard and seen that morn.  
No one believed her, they were so surprised.  
So Peter ran to see with his very own eyes.

Run to the tomb, run to the tomb.  
Come and see that the stone is rolled away.  
Run to the tomb, run to the tomb. O what a happy day!

Run, run, run to the tomb.  
Come and see that the stone is rolled away.  
Run, run, run to the tomb. O what a happy day!  
Run to the tomb, run to the tomb, O what a happy day!

## THE WORD OF GOD AMONG US

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (*Unison*)

**Risen Lord, we worship you today with thanks that you meet us in the dark and shine your light brightly into our lives through your word and your presence in our lives. Thank you for your incredible gift of forgiveness and eternal life that we celebrate today. We invite you to pour your word into the parts of our lives where we most need your grace, and we receive the living water that you are and that you give so freely. Amen.**

THE FIRST READING

*Isaiah 65:17-25*

<sup>17</sup> For I am about to create new heavens and a new earth; the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind. <sup>18</sup> But

be glad and rejoice forever in what I am creating; for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy, and its people as a delight. <sup>19</sup> I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and delight in my people; no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it, or the cry of distress. <sup>20</sup> No more shall there be in it an infant that lives but a few days, or an old person who does not live out a lifetime; for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth, and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed. <sup>21</sup> They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit. <sup>22</sup> They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat; for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be, and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands. <sup>23</sup> They shall not labor in vain, or bear children for calamity; for they shall be offspring blessed by the LORD—and their descendants as well. <sup>24</sup> Before they call I will answer, while they are yet speaking I will hear. <sup>25</sup> The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, the lion shall eat straw like the ox; but the serpent — its food shall be dust! They shall not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, says the LORD.

This is the Word of the LORD!

**Thanks be to God!**

ANTHEM

*Alleluia, Praise the Risen King!*

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*The Haviland Choir*

*Lloyd Larson*

Rejoice, be glad, lift your voice and sing!  
The King of love, our glorious King,  
has conquered death and He lives again.  
Let earth and heaven ring!

On Easter morn at the break of day,  
To the tomb, the women made their way.

“He is not here,” the angel said,  
“He is risen from the dead!”  
Rejoice, be glad, lift your voice and sing!

The King of love, our glorious King,  
has conquered death and He lives again.  
Let earth and heaven ring!

The day of resurrection! Earth tell it out abroad;  
the Passover of gladness, the Passover of God.  
From death to life, from earth to sky,  
Our Christ has brought us over with hymns, hymns of victory!

Rejoice, be glad, lift your voice and sing!  
Let earth and heaven's praises ring!  
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, praise the risen King!

THE GOSPEL READING

*John 20:11-18*

<sup>11</sup> But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb, <sup>12</sup> 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. <sup>13</sup> 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." <sup>14</sup> When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. <sup>15</sup> 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." <sup>16</sup> Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). <sup>17</sup> Jesus said to her, "Do not touch 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.'" <sup>18</sup> 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.

This is the Gospel of the LORD!  
**Praise to you, O Christ!**

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD IN OUR LIVES

\*HYMN 108

*Christ Is Alive!*

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*Unison; The Apostles’ Creed*)

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.  
Amen.**

CALL TO OFFERING / OFFERTORY

*I Know That My Redeemer Liveth*

*Jan Sanborn*

*OGHS envelopes are in Pew Racks.*

*Cash offering today will go to the Board of Deacons.*

\*RESPONSE HYMN 592 (*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*)

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (*Unison*)

**Living God, we stand in awe of you today – giver of all that we  
have and all that we are. Accept and bless our offerings so that,**

through us, your cup of blessing may overflow into our community and the world. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

GOD'S WORD IS SEALED

THE INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

*All who seek the presence of the Lord Jesus Christ  
are invited to share in the Lord's Supper.*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, *including* PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION /  
THE LORD'S PRAYER (*sins*)

Glory to God in the highest,

**Peace to all people on earth.**

We praise you, we bless you, we adore you,

**We give you thanks for your amazing grace,**

Lord Jesus Christ,

**Lamb of God, Son of the Father,**

You take away the sin of the world,

**Have mercy on us.**

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the risen Lord,  
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.

In you all things have their being and all things resound with  
your grace. With the people of God through every age, in  
every nation we praise you:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,**

**heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. 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 BREAD AND SHARING OF THE CUP

*The bread and the cup will be received by coming forward and given a piece of bread, taking the cup, and returning the cup to a tray. If you cannot come forward, you will be served in the pew.*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (*Unison*)

**Thank you, O Christ, for this feast of life. We are fed by your glory, we are strengthened by your life. We are sent forth into this world to live your way and share your joy. We are now commissioned by the risen Christ – to feed as we have been fed, to forgive as we have been forgiven, and to love as we have been loved. Thanks be to God. Amen.**

WE ENTER THE WORLD AS GOD'S PEOPLE

\*HYMN 118 (*vss. 1, 2*)

*The Day of Resurrection!*

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE (*Hymn 118, vs. 3*)

Now let the heavens be joyful,  
Let earth the song begin,  
Let the round world keep triumph,  
And all that is therein;  
Let all things seen and unseen  
Their notes of gladness blend,  
For Christ the Lord is risen,  
Our joy that has no end.

*Please remain standing as the Light of Christ  
is carried into the world.*

POSTLUDE

*Rejoice, The Lord Is King*

*Cindy Berry*

\*Please stand if you are able.

## Questions for thought:

1. Where in your life are you still waiting for Easter to come and God to forgive you?
2. Where and to who do you need to offer grace to in your life?
3. Who would be the first person you would share the resurrection with if you were at the empty tomb? Who can you now share this good news with?

*As you leave worship today, please take one of the Butterfly Stakes at the Sanctuary entrances (not the plants), from the Congregational Care Committee.*

**Head Ushers:** Wanda Navoyosky, Sandy Quinn

**Liturgist:** Ray Cox

**Light-Bearer:** Joseph Seefeldt

**Bulletins** have been given by Tim and Melissa Costa in loving memory of Nick and Georgiana Costa. “Those we love don’t go away. They walk beside us every day. Unseen, unheard, but always near. Still loved, still missed, and very dear.”

## EASTER PLANTS

Plants have labels with names.

*Kathie Baker in Honor of Family and Friends*

*Bob and Sharon Bortz in Memory of Our*

*Parents and Grandparents*

*Scott and Deb Boyd in Memory of Loved Ones*

*Mary Bryan in Memory of Loved Ones*

*Mickey Buck in Memory of My Parents, Norm and Jeanne Smith*

*Amy and Brian Chivers in Honor of Our Children – Joshua, Jarod,  
and Noah Cannon; Cassia, Brennan, and Lydia Chivers  
Kara and Jason Craig in Memory of Ruth Varkonda  
Fred and Phyllis Denton in Memory of Our  
Daughter-in-Law, Terri  
Lois Dunn in Memory of Wendell Dunn and Our Loved Ones  
Barb and Paul Fennema in Honor of Grandchildren –  
Haley, Braydon, and Lilly  
John Krauss to the Glory of God  
Ken and Sue Kyser in Memory of Loved Ones  
Marilyn Loudon and Julie Johnson in Memory of “Hayden”  
Ellen Maticcik in Memory of Alan Knizat, Frank Maticcik,  
Carol Maticcik, Richara and Ruth Speidel  
Bill and Cheryl McDevitt in Memory of Loved Ones  
Bob and Susan Merry in Memory of Family  
Steve and Wanda Navoyosky in Memory of  
George and Pearl Phillis, and Steve and Mary Navoyosky  
Jim and Ruth Newman to the Glory of God  
Annie and Ben Parker in Honor of Mike Suhan  
Michael and Sandra Quinn to the Glory of God  
Roch and Denise Reiter in Memory of Loved Ones  
Carol and Sam Ricciardi in Memory of Vesta and Charles  
Wellendorf and Maria and Giuseppe Ricciardi  
Lorin and Marcia Shepard in Memory of Our Son Michael and  
his Grandparents*

*Joe and Joe Skiba in Memory of Joe, Regina and Mark Skiba, and  
Clarence and Joan Reed*

*Alan and Darlene Votaw in Memory of Art and Gladys Votaw*

*The Winch Family in Memory of Donald Winch*

**THANK YOU** to those who donated plastic eggs for the Preschool Easter Egg Hunt. *Carol Ricciardi, Preschool Board of Trustees*

### **Earth Sunday – April 27**

The theme this year is, “Celebrating our First 10 Years with More to Come”. Please wear either green or very colorful clothes that day in celebration of the beauty of our world. The Western Reserve Brass with Timpani will be sharing music during the service.

### **Daytimers – Wednesday, May 7**

Come join us at 12 Noon for a covered dish luncheon in Fellowship Hall. The speaker will be Steve Griffith speaking about “The Jail Ministry”. They go every week to the jail and minister to the inmates.

### **Nature Walk – Sunday, May 10**

All you bug enthusiasts, mark your calendars! The Environmental Team is planning an outing to the Huston Brumbaugh Nature Center at the Mount Union College on May 10 from 1:00 to 2:00. Participants will go out into the center with nets and collecting jars to gather up any little critters you might find. We will then gather back together and learn about our findings. More information will be announced closer to the date.

**Limited Deacon Scholarship Funds** are available for students from our church who are enrolled in College or University and who have not previously received Deacon assistance. Requests should be sent to the Church Office stating the name of the college or university attending, and course of study, if known, by June 30.

**Chime Project** – An electronic system will be installed in our bell tower that not only chimes the time, but also plays over 3000 spiritual songs and is controlled remotely. The estimated remaining cost after a member donation is approximately \$3,100. Donations will be received through May 30, 2025 to fully fund the project. A chart showing donations is in Fellowship Hall.

### **Interested in Overseeing Garage Sale????**

Contact Bill Penfold, 330-831-2673 or [exmatch@neo.rr.com](mailto:exmatch@neo.rr.com).

**Pollinator Garden** – As part of the requirements for becoming an Eagle Scout, a scout must plan, develop, and lead a significant service project that benefits the community. Sydney Thompson has chosen to create a beautiful and vital pollinator garden to be housed on our church property. This pollinator garden will serve as a crucial habitat for bees, butterflies, and other essential pollinators that play a vital role in our ecosystem and food production. The garden will not only look beautiful, but it will also provide an educational opportunity for community members of all ages to learn about the importance of pollinators and how to support them. To bring this important project to fruition, Sydney is seeking financial donations from our church members to support the purchase of essential materials for the pollinator garden. Your support will not only help Sydney achieve this personal goal, but will also leave a lasting positive impact on our church, our community and the environment. Please make any checks out to the church, and in the Memo Line add Pollinator's Garden so that they can go towards Sydney's garden.

### Vision Statement

*To glorify God and share the Spirit and love of Christ  
with our community and the world.*

Monday, April 21

10:00 Tai Chi (Fellowship Hall)  
12:00 Holy Yoga Class (Fellowship Hall)

Wednesday, April 23

10:00 Tai Chi (Fellowship Hall)  
6:15 Carillon Ringers (200)  
7:00 Haviland Choir (Sanctuary)

Thursday, April 24

12:00 Holy Yoga Class (Fellowship Hall)

Earth Sunday, April 27

9:00 Adult Class (Library) / Youth Class (209)  
10:00 Coffee Hour (Fellowship Hall)  
10:30 Lord’s Day Worship – *Brass and Timpani*  
6:00 Scout Blue and Gold Banquet (Fellowship Hall)

Monday, April 28

10:00 Tai Chi (Fellowship Hall)  
12:00 Holy Yoga (Fellowship Hall)  
6:30 Troop 3 (Basement) / Troop 2003G (209)

Wednesday, April 30

10:00 Tai Chi (Fellowship Hall)  
**5:30-7:00 Preschool Open House**  
6:15 Carillon Ringers (200)  
7:00 Haviland Choir (Sanctuary)

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