



# WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH EASTER SUNDAY

12 April 2020 + 10:00 a.m.

## Ringing of the Bell

### Introit

Easter

Ralph Vaughan Williams

Rise heart; thy Lord is risen. Sing his praise without delays,  
Who takes thee by the hand, that thou likewise with him may'st rise;  
That, as his death calcined thee to dust,  
His life may make thee gold, and much more, Just.

Awake, my lute, and struggle for thy part with all thy art.  
The cross taught all wood to resound his name who bore the same.  
His stretched sinews taught all strings, what key is best to celebrate this most high day.

Consort both heart and lute, and twist a song pleasant and long:  
Or since all music is but three parts vied and multiplied;  
O let thy blessed Spirit bear a part, and make up our defects with his sweet art.

Tenor: Adam Miller

### Welcome

Rev. Dr. Blythe D. Kieffer

### Call to Worship

Christ is risen!

**Christ is risen indeed!**

This is the day that the Lord has made;

**Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

Let us worship our Risen God.

### Hymn 232

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!

Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!  
praise eternal as God's love. Alleluia!  
Praise our God, ye heavenly host, Alleluia!  
Father, Son, and holy Ghost. Alleluia!

**Prayer of Confession** God of endless possibility, we confess that we do not always perceive the opportunities you place before us. Caught up in our own hopes, plans, and dreams, and crushed when they disappoint us, we are slow to recognize you and to see the pathways before us. Open our eyes, that we may see the new life you offer and reflect the resurrection of Jesus Christ in the living of our lives. Hear now our silent prayers of confession.

**Declaration of Pardon**

Leader: Friends, believe the good news.

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

**Passing of the Peace**

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And those with whom we worship.

Leader: Thanks be to God. Amen.

**Children's Easter Sermon**

**Scripture Reading**

Matthew 28:1-10

Rev. Trajan McGill

*After the Sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you." So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."*

**Anthem**

That Easter Day With Joy Was Bright

*Puer Nobis Nascitur*

That Easter day with joy was bright. The sun shone out with fairer light,  
When, to their longing eyes restored, the Apostles saw their risen Lord.

O Jesus, King of gentleness, do thou our inmost hearts possess:  
And we to thee will ever raise the tribute of our grateful praise.

Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of all, in this our Easter festival,  
From every weapon death can wield, thine own redeemed, thy people shield.

All praise, O risen Lord, we give to thee, who, dead, again dost live:  
To God the Father equal praise, and God the Holy Ghost, we raise. Amen.

Tenor: Adam Miller

**Sermon**

Relentless Resurrection

Rev. Dr. Blythe D. Kieffer

*Text: "Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."  
Matthew 28:10*

**Music** I Know that my Redeemer Liveth George F. Handel  
I know that my redeemer liveth  
And that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth.  
And though worms destroy this body,  
Yet in my flesh shall I see God.  
For now is Christ risen from the dead,  
the first fruits of them that sleep.  
Soprano: Eleanor VanDeventer

## The Church at Prayer

**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.

**Affirmation of Faith** 1 Corinthians 15

This is the good news which we have received,  
in which we stand, and by which we are saved,  
if we hold fast: that Christ died for our sins  
according to the scriptures, that he was buried,  
that he was raised on the third day,  
and that he appeared to the women,  
then to Peter, and to the Twelve,  
and then to many faithful witnesses.  
We believe that Jesus is the Christ,  
the son of the living God.  
Jesus Christ is the first and the last,  
the beginning and the end;  
He is our Lord and our God. Amen.

**Anthem** Hallelujah George F. Handel  
Hallelujah! For the Lord God Omnipotent reigneth.  
The kingdom of this world is become the Kingdom  
of our Lord and of His Christ;  
and he shall reign for ever and ever.  
King of Kings and Lord of Lords. Hallelujah!  
Words: Revelation 11 and 19

## Charge and Benediction

**Voluntary** Toccata from the Fifth Symphony C. M. Widor

### IN MEMORIAM

Rosalee Preckwinkle 05/10/19XX – 04/03/2020  
United with Westminster 02/07/1937

### IN MEMORIAM

George B. Johnson 12/20/1924 – 04/06/2020  
United with Westminster 02/25/2007

## Worship Participants

Rev. Dr. Blythe D. Kieffer, Pastor and Head of Staff  
Rev. Trajan I. McGill, Associate Pastor for Parish Life  
Rev. Christian K. Choi, Associate Pastor for Family Ministry  
Dale T. Rogers, Organist and Director of Music and the Arts  
Adam Miller, Tenor    Eleanor VanDeventer, Soprano    Lyle VanDeventer, Bass  
Bob Fox, Videographer

## EASTER MUSIC FUND

In memory of Donna Wolaver by Sandy Bellatti  
In loving memory for the life of Heather Huitt by Robert, Julie, Brian and Sarah Blythe  
In loving memory of Terry Wells by Julie, Robert, Brian and Sarah Blythe  
In loving memory of his parents, William and Ruth Cross by John Cross  
Kathleen Kenyon  
In loving memory of Dr. Ann Johanson by Blythe and Peter Kieffer  
In honor of Dale Rogers and the Choir by Bill Post  
In memory of Ellis Hutcheson with love from the Robbs family  
In loving memory of Rosella & Harold Rogers from Dale T. Rogers  
In memory of Bill Cordes and Hugo & Ann Spada by Suzie & Tom Spada

## EASTER DECORATION FUND

In memory of Robert Bellatti by Sandy Bellatti  
In loving memory of Fred and Betty Blythe by Robert, Julie, Brian and Sarah Blythe  
In loving memory for the life of James Blythe by the Blythe family  
In memory of our grandparents by Meridith & Jim Bryans  
In loving memory of my father, Arthur C. Cragoe, by Cathy Cragoe  
In memory loved ones by Marci & Bill Irvine  
In memory of our parents and sister by Mary & Charlie King

## EASTER MUSIC AND DECORATION FUNDS

Katrina Archer  
In memory of Morris D. Cooper, Sr. by Virginia Cooper and family  
Ellen & Rance Carpenter  
Dr. Roland & Mrs. Sue Cull  
William Deemer, Jr.  
In memory of Mary & Bill Schnirring and Harvey & Helen Dungan by Carolyn & Dan Dungan  
In memory of Jack Fixmer by Gale and their children  
Ann & Keith Hamilton  
Pat & Al Hymans  
In honor of Dr. George Maer and Rev. and Mrs. Ralph Kluge by Priscilla & Tim Kluge  
In memory of Mary Alice Bale & George Bale by Kathy & Bill Meriwether  
In loving memory of Dr. Glen Pittman by Jeanne Pittman and family  
In memory of our parents by Marilyn & James Rigney  
In memory of John, Gail & Ruth by Betsy Ruklick  
Jo Ann & Eric Schmidt  
In memory of loved ones by Nancy & Lon Scott  
To the glory of God and in memory of loved ones by Susan & Michael Shaw  
Dr. James and Mrs. Mary Anne Singleton  
In gratitude for our church family and friends by Jeanne and Pete Van Gieson  
Dr. Elvin and Mrs. Sharon Zook