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FHPC VISION & MISSION STATEMENTS

Our Vision: Living God's love.

calls us to . . .

Our Mission : Reach out to all with faith and love.

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A Covenant Order
of Evangelical
Presbyterians

April 12, 2020

9:00 AM

EASTER

SILENT PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Adapted from Walter Brueggemann

Ruler of the Night, Guarantor of the Day,

Easter us to joy and energy and courage and freedom;

Easter us that we may be fearless for your truth.

Come here and Easter [us] with mercy and justice and peace and generosity.

We pray in the name of the Risen One.

PRELUDE

“Lift High the Cross”

arr. Fred Bock

Dorothy Parris, Piano & Dorraine Aggen, Organ

AN EASTER PROCLAMATION

WE SING OUR JOY “Christ the Lord Is Risen Today”

Debbie Fisher, Trumpet

Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!

Sons of men and angels say: Alleluia!

Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!

Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply: Alleluia!

Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!

Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!

Dying once, He all doth save, Alleluia!

Where thy victory, O grave? Alleluia!

Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!

Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!

Death in vain forbids Him rise, Alleluia!

Christ has opened paradise, Alleluia!

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**Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!
Praise eternal as His love; Alleluia!
Praise Him, all ye heavenly host, Alleluia!
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!**

WE PROCLAIM THE WONDERS OF GOD'S MIGHTY LOVE

Rev. Bob Simmons, Liturgist

Leader: Christ is Risen!!

People: **He is Risen, Indeed!!**

Leader: Early in the morning, before the break of dawn,

People: **Darkness hugs the hills, water laps the shore.**

Leader: An eerie stillness, a pregnant moment is unfolding.

People: **God is at work, bringing light,
rolling away stones of doubt,
setting loose new possibilities.**

Leader: God is at work, awakening hope, wiping away tears,
calling each of our names.

People: **God is at work this Easter morning.**

Leader: Christ is Risen!

People: **He is risen indeed!**

Leader: Changing our lives and bringing us hope and joy!

People: **Easter is here!**

CHRIST AROSE **Up from the grave He arose,
With a Mighty Triumph o'er His foes:
He arose a victor from the dark domain,
And He lives forever with His saints to reign;
He arose! He arose! Hallelujah! Christ arose!**

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 11:1-6 (ESV)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

“Worthy Is the Lamb”

Recording of the Celebration Singers

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 28:1-10 (NRSV)

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God

People: **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN

“Every Morning Is Easter Morning”

**Every morning is Easter morning from now on!
Every day's resurrection day, the past is over and gone!**

**Good-bye guilt, good-bye fear, good riddance!
Hello, Lord, Hello, sun!
I am one of the Easter People! My new life has begun!
Every morning is Easter morning,
Every morning is Easter morning,
Every morning is Easter morning,
From now on!**

SERMON

Series: The Soul Felt Its Worth
“The New Thing”

Bill Good

RESPONDING IN COMMITMENT

OFFERTORY

Dorothy Parris, Piano & Dorraine Aggen, Organ

“The Holy City”

Last night I lay asleeping there came a dream so fair
I stood in old Jerusalem Beside the Temple there
I heard the children singing and ever as they sang
Me thought the voice of Angels from Heaven in answer rang
"Jerusalem, Jerusalem! Lift up your gates and sing,
Hosanna, in the highest, Hosanna to your King!"

And then me thought my dream was chang'd the streets no longer rang
Hushed were the glad Hosannas the little children sang.
The sun grew dark with mystery the morn was cold and chill
As the shadow of a cross arose upon a lonely hill
"Jerusalem, Jerusalem! Hark! How the Angels sing,
Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna to your King!"

And once again the scene was changed, new earth there seemed to be
I saw the Holy City beside the tide less sea
The Light of God was on its streets the gates were open wide
And all who would might enter and no one was denied
No need of moon or stars by night or sun to shine by day
It was the new Jerusalem that would not pass away
"Jerusalem, Jerusalem! Sing for the night is o'er
Hosanna in the highest Hosanna for evermore!"

THE APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, 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 rose 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 commun
ion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body;
and the life everlasting. *Amen.***

AN EASTER 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.***

DEPARTING IN SONG

“Now Thank We All Our God”

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Now thank we all our God, with heart and hands and voices,
who wondrous things hath done, in whom this world rejoices;
who from our mothers' arms has blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us;
and keep us in His grace, and guide us when perplexed;
and free us from all ills, in this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given;
the Son, and Him who reigns with them in highest heaven;
the one eternal God, whom earth and heaven adore;
for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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Listen for the Word of God as we read from the Gospel According to Matthew Chapter 11, verses 1-6 (ESV)

When Jesus had finished instructing his twelve disciples, he went on from there to teach and preach in their cities.

Now when John heard in prison about the deeds of the Christ, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, “Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?” And Jesus answered them, “Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised up, and the poor have good news preached to them. And blessed is the one who is not offended by me.”

L: This is the word of the Lord

P: Thanks be to God.

Listen for the Word of God as we read from the Gospel According to Matthew, Chapter 28, verses 1-10 (NRSV)

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.”

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People: Thanks be to God.