

Resurrection of the Lord/Easter

April 4, 2021

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR MEDITATION

Isaiah 25: 6-9
1 Corinthians 15: 1-11

Psalm 118: 1-2, 14-24
John 20: 1-18

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples:
“I have seen the Lord!”

John 20:18

The Church Gathers To...

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Dr. Kathy Stoner-Lasala

Preparation for worship

Worshippers are invited to meditate silently during the following prelude.

Prelude

Praise Almighty God

Call to Worship

Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed!

Christ is risen!

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Christ is risen!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Let us worship our Risen Lord!

Hymn**Jesus Christ Is Risen Today**

EASTER HYMN



1. Je - sus Christ is risen to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
2. Hymns of praise then let us sing,
3. But the pains which he en - dured,
4. Sing we to our God a - bove,



Our tri - um - phant ho - ly day;
un - to Christ, our heaven - ly King,
our sal - va - tion have pro - cured.
praise e - ter - nal as God's love.



Who did once up - on the cross,
who en - dured the cross and grave,
Now a - bove the sky he's King,
Praise our God, ye heaven - ly host,

Cre-



Suf - fer to re - deem our loss.
sin - ners to re - deem and save.
where the an - gels ev - er sing.
a - tor Christ and Ho - ly Ghost.

Children's Message

Sarah Greim

Confess to a Forgiving Creator**Call to Confession***Attribution unknown*

Perhaps we have spoken words that harmed another. Or maybe we have failed to honor another of God's children. Maybe we have let our fears, our worries, our desires come between us and God. Whatever our brokenness, God waits to offer us grace and healing. Let us tell our truth to God:

Prayer of Confession

adapted from Rev. Moira Laidlaw

Eastering God, like the first witnesses to the resurrection, we come to the empty tomb with a variety of responses. We hear the good news that Christ is risen, but the evidence is difficult to detect in our lives. We proclaim that the resurrection changed the lives of those first witnesses forever, but we fail to make the risen Christ evident in our lives. And so we come to the empty tomb seeking your forgiveness. Teach us to put the risen Christ first in our lives; we ask it for your love's sake; Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

based on Psalm 118

God is our strength,
and makes us whole once again.
This is the day our God has made!
God does not give us over to death,
but welcomes us to a new way of living.
Let us rejoice and be glad!

Listen for God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

adapted from Seasons of the Spirit

God of surprises, we gather as your people on this most amazing of mornings. As we listen for your Word, may we be attentive to new insights, encounter the story anew within our hearts, and develop new understandings of how the reign of God might be; Amen.

Scripture Readings

Isaiah 25: 6-9

John 20:1-18

This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

Sermon

By Heart


Rev. Dr. Kathy Stoner-Lasala

Respond to God's Word


Hymn

Thine is the Glory

JUDAS MACCABEUS



1. Thine is the glo - ry, Ris - en, con-que- ring Son; End-less is the
2. Lo! Je - sus meets us, Ris - en from the tomb; Lov - ing - ly He
3. No more we doubt Thee, Glo - rious Prince of life! Life is nought with

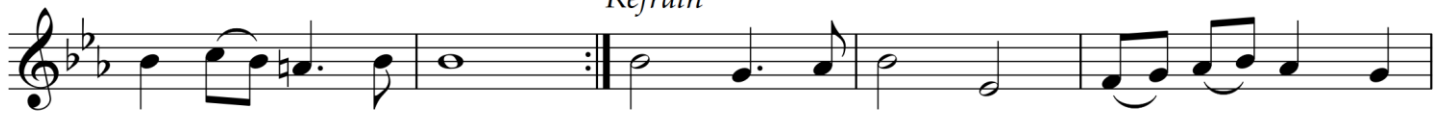


vic - tory Thou o'er death hast won. An - gels in bright rai - ment
greet us, Scat - ters fear and gloom. Let the church with glad - ness
out Thee; Aid us in our strife. Make us more than con - querors



Rolled the stone a - way, Kept the fold - ed grave - clothes
Hymns of tri - umph sing, For the Lord now liv - eth;
Through Thy death-less love; Bring us safe through Jor - dan

Refrain



Where Thy bod - y lay. Thine is the glo - ry, Ris - en, con-que- ring
Death hath lost its sting.
To Thy home a - bove.



Son; End - less is the vic - tory Thou o'er death hast won.

ffirmation of Faith

from 1 Corinthians 15: 1-11

“[This is the] good news ... which you ... received, in which you stand, through which you are being saved Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and he was buried, and was raised on the third day ... and appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to someone untimely born, he appeared also to me.... [By] the grace of God I am what I am, and God's grace towards me has not been in vain....”

Offering Our Gifts and Lives to God with the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering

based on Psalm 118

"O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good! God's steadfast love endures forever!"

With thankful hearts, we give of our life and labor to the risen Lord.

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross
Sanctuary Choir

arr. Gilbert M. Martin

Presentation of Our Gifts and Lives to God

Please sing the Doxology - Hymn Tune: Lasst Uns Erfreuen,

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use the link: <https://bit.ly/2V8nEgm>, or mail your check in to the church office.

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise God, all creatures here be -
low. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise God, in Je - sus ful - ly
known: Cre - a - tor, Word and Spir - it one. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Prayer of Thanksgiving

adapted from Feasting on the Word Lenten Companion

Risen Christ, you stand beside us and call us by name. And that's not all. You shower us with gifts so abundant that we cannot measure them. Bless these gifts that they might proclaim resurrection again and again in the life of the world; Amen.

The Lord's Supper

The Invitation to the Table

adapted from <https://thesimplepastor.co.uk/invitation-to-the-table>

Come to this table:
not because you must but because you may,
not because you are strong but because you are weak.
Come, because you love the Lord a little
and yearn to love him more.
Come when you are fearful to be made new in love.
Come when you are doubtful to be made strong in faith.
Come when you are regretful to be made whole.
Here, there is room for all.

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is truly right....

...and with the saints of every age, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

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

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

... we ask it for your love's sake, using the words Jesus taught us:

The Lord's Prayer

Words of Institution

Communion of the People

We partake of the elements that we brought with us tonight.

If you have no elements with you, for everyone's safety in these pandemic times, we extend a blessing to you:

May you always remember:

God is with you, just as with those Hebrew ancestors so long ago.

God is with you, just as with Jesus and his friends that night on which he was betrayed.

May you always remember:

Even in pandemic times, you are still God's beloved.

You are still the followers of Jesus, who washes our hearts of doubts and fears.

You are still comforted by the Spirit, in whom you trust, you hope, you live.

May you always remember:

God is with you . . . God is with you . . . God is with you ...

... in remembrance; Amen.

adapted from Thom M. Shuman

Prayer Following Communion

Book of Common Worship, PC(USA) 2018

Gracious Jesus, here at this table we celebrate resurrection and give you thanks. By the witness of your word and the sharing of this meal you have opened our hearts to the presence of Christ among us. Now send us from this place by the power of your Spirit to tell your good news to the world: The Lord is risen indeed!

Go To Serve With God's Blessing

Charge and Blessing

based on 1 Cor. 16:13; 2 Tim. 2:1; Eph. 6:10; 1 Th 5:13-22; 1 Pet 2:17

Go out into the world in peace;
Have courage;
Hold on to what is good;
Return no one evil for evil;
Strengthen the fainthearted;
Support the weak and help the suffering;
Honor all people;
Love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

May the love of the risen Christ nourish and sustain you; *adapted from Seasons of the Spirit*
May the eternal light of the world renew and inspire you to lives of care and compassion;
May you go forward to be the body of the risen Christ.

Choral Blessing

The Lord Bless You and Keep You

Peter C. Lutkin

Postlude

V. Toccata from *Organ Symphony No. 5 in F Minor, Op. 42*

Charles-Marie Widor

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JOYS AND CONCERNS

In Our Prayers: Jolene Keeney and family (*death of mother*); Bev Koos; Rebecca Koos; Lasala family (*loss of Frank's father, Felice*); Barb Thede; families and victims of abuse, addiction, violence, loss, suicide, COVID-19, and all recent natural disasters; FPC members and all others receiving the COVID vaccine.

Starting Sunday, April 11, Outdoor Worship Service Begins at 9:00 AM

As is our custom during the warm months, next Sunday we will change the start of our outdoor worship service to 9:00 AM. This change allows more time for the commencement of post-service activities, and ensures cooler weather for our in-person attendees during the summer. As always, the live-stream broadcast of our service will be available anytime on Facebook or the church website.

Highlights from March 2021 Session Meeting

- Welcomed Rev. Dr. Kathy Stoner-Lasala to her first FPC Session meeting as our Moderator.
- Heard from the Darren Long and the Building and Grounds Committee about a long list of repairs and deep cleaning that has been accomplished in the time that the building has been largely unused.
- Heard a report from the Commissioners to the 196th Stated Meeting of Presbytery. Concerns at Presbytery included the low receipts from Per Capita and the recent closing of several small congregations. Camp Wyoming is accepting registration for summer camps. Alex Gilson provided beautiful music for the meeting's worship service. Thanks, Alex.
- The Personnel Committee is currently working on annual staff performance reviews. They anticipate completing these soon.
- Approved funding for equipment that will allow for live streaming of outdoor worship and other outside events.
- Reviewed the Synod Administrative Review Committee final report. Approved immediate distribution of the report to the congregation. Links to this report will be provided over the next several weeks in the bulletin and E-news. Copies will be mailed on request.

Motion 1 - Distribution:

- Whereas, the Synod Administrative Review Commission (SARC) told Session that it is Session's decision about if and how to distribute their report to the congregation, and
- Whereas, the Presbytery of East Iowa made the SARC report available to all who receive their e-news on Monday, March 8, 2021, and
- Whereas, many members of the congregation of First Presbyterian Church – Davenport have keen interest in the SARC report,
- Session directs Staff to make the SARC report available as quickly and widely as possible. Session expects that distribution will include, but not be limited to, placing the report or a link to the report on the church website, including a link to the report in the next 4 e-news distributions, mentioning the SARC report in the weekly bulletin over the next 4 weeks, mentioning the SARC report in the next edition of the broadcaster, posting the SARC report physically on at least one bulletin board in the church, and mailing a physical copy to anyone who requests it.
- Session further directs that no commentary be attached to the report when it is distributed.

Please visit the FPC website (fpcdavenport.org) to view the Synod Administrative Review Commission (SARC) report.

Adult Christian Education (ACE): Sundays, 10:45-11:45 AM

Today:	ACE is IN RECESS	April 11:	Testimony Series – God in Relationship
April 18:	Testimony Series – God Who Saves	April 25:	Testimony Series – God of Action

The goal of the Testimony Series is to free people to live their Reformed faith by remembering, reclaiming and rearticulating what we believe about who God is and who we are so the patterns of our lives embody the liberating love and grace of Jesus Christ.

We will continue to meet via Zoom at 10:45 AM on Sunday mornings:

<https://zoom.us/j/91539050753?pwd=b2JYN0VyOW52N0ZESHQ2YUhyelhtUT09>

Meeting ID: 915 3905 0753, Passcode: ACE

Bible Basics 201 - Tuesdays, 6:15 PM

We have begun reading through the Minor Prophets. They are considered minor only because they are short in length but the message can be powerful. Below is our schedule for April. Please contact Mark Jones (mkjones@mchsi.com) for more information. Join in anytime.

April 6: Amos **April 13:** Hosea **April 20:** Nahum **April 27:** Zephaniah

The Zoom address will stay the same. Join online:

<https://zoom.us/j/98965381440?pwd=TUdyMXltRTMrRXdFWnBEZ0NEKzBYUT09>

Meeting ID: 989 6538 1440 Passcode: 240979

Because We Are the Church Together

One Great Hour of Sharing

Oh God, your grace has been poured out on us in extravagant and inexplicable ways. As we receive the **One Great Hour of Sharing** offering today in gratitude and hope, may our gifts overflow with mercy and love to repair the world. Through this **One Great Hour of Sharing**, may our individual contributions combine to raise up foundations for many generations. May those who live with hunger be fed, may those who endure oppression go free and may those experiencing homelessness be housed. Amen



*To donate to One Great Hour of Sharing, please visit the FPC website and click on "Donate Online."
If you are making your contribution with a check, please put One Great Hour of Sharing on the memo line.*



One Great Hour of Sharing Fish Banks

It's been a tradition for children and youth to use "Fish Banks" to gather their offerings (the Fish banks can hold coins, paper money and checks) for the One Great Hour of Sharing. We will receive the filled Fish Banks today.

Christian Education for Youth (CEFY) Spring 2021

Kirkwood Club - Grades 1-5

Save the dates for our upcoming Kirkwood Club activities! We'll meet Wednesday, April 28 from 6:00-6:45 PM. Hope to see you there! To get Kirkwood Club updates, email Sarah Greim (sgreim@gmail.com), or text @fpcdkids to 81010.

Youth Events - Grades 6-12

Until COVID rates go down, Youth Group will be meeting monthly for games and activities. Save the dates for youth group fellowship activities! Everyone is welcome. We'll also have service activities, time and date *To Be Announced* depending on the project. We'll meet Sunday, April 18.

Kirkwood Choir Schedule – Wednesdays, 6:00-6:30 PM

The tentative Kirkwood Choir Early Spring 2021 schedule is listed below. The Club meets on scheduled Wednesdays from 6:00-6:30 PM via Zoom. Please contact Linda Bengfort for further information.

April 7 April 14 April 21 April 28

To get youth group updates, email Sarah Greim (sgreim@gmail.com), or text @612thgra to 81010 (or add @612thgra on the Remind app).

New Committee: Congregational Marketing and Growth Committee

In November 2020, the Session approved the formation of a new standing committee, the Congregational Marketing and Growth Committee. This new committee is tasked with developing a strategic plan for marketing and communications, acting as a liaison between various committees of the Session and Deacons in an effort to coordinate a uniform marketing strategy to grow the congregation, and hosting events throughout the Quad Cities aimed at promoting the work of FPC and drawing potential new members into our congregation by building individual relationships. Committee members include Mike Bawden, Jenny Ferrell, Jim Keenan, and Jim Middleton, with Jeff Ehrmann and David Bowles Edwards as co-chairs; Matt Bishop is the staff liaison.

The committee has met a few times since January, and is reviewing current marketing materials and staffing questions, enhancements to the website and live-streaming capabilities, and has begun the process of creating a long-range marketing and rebranding plan for the church consistent with our current needs, desire for growth, and feedback provided by the congregation in the Envisioning 20/20 report and subsequent mission studies.

Join Online: Worship Watch Party - Today, 9:30 AM; *beginning next Sunday, April 11, 9:00 AM*

For more information, see the e-news, church website or Facebook.

Sunday School is Online!

Attention parents! Join us on Zoom for Sunday School! We meet from 10:30-11:00 AM every Sunday for Bible stories, sharing, and learning together. For security, the Zoom link is being emailed - please be sure to register for Sunday school (or contact Paula Hartmann; ppelhartmann@aol.com) so we can get your kids involved!

Cherubs and MusikGarten – Sundays, 10:30 AM and 11:00 AM

Cherubs and MusikGarten meet on Zoom to coincide with our Sunday School schedule. MusikGarten will meet from 10:30-11:00 AM. Infants through three year-olds and their parents are invited to come to MusikGarten. Cherubs will meet from 11:00-11:15 AM following their Sunday School class that begins at 10:30 AM. Cherubs are in pre-school and Kindergarten. If you have questions about either group, contact Kathy Middleton (kathrynbl5@gmail.com; 563-505-0471.)

Quad City Interfaith Virtual Trivia – Friday, April 9, 6:00 PM



Quad City Interfaith (QCI) invites you to join us on April 9 for a fun night of Virtual Trivia. This is a fundraiser for QCI. We appreciate your investment in QCI and your support of our mission to transform our society and bring about justice and human dignity locally and regionally.

We plan some challenging questions, some silly answers and fun, fun, fun!! It's virtual so bring your treats and a liquid refreshment of your choosing. Each team of 6-8 players will spend time in your own breakout room socializing and playing 5 rounds of 8 questions. Whether your team is made up of co-workers, friends, neighbors or family you will get a chance to catch up on all the news. Just think about those friends or family that are far flung across the country that you have not seen in over a year - now you can play one of the favorite group games, actually see one another and catch up on all the latest with family and friends. Below you will find a flier with all the information you need and how to register.

Should you have any questions please call the QCI office, 563-241-2969.



Easter Flower Garden

*The Easter flowers are in memory or honor
of those whom the donors hold in dear and grateful affection:*

In Loving Memory of

Jeffrey Francois, given by Mary Ann and Family.

Robert Francois, Sr., given by Mary Ann and Family.

Christine Johnson, given by Brian, Kathlynn, Aiden and Keian Price.

Kenneth L. Kinney and **Dorothy K. Kinney**, given by Rob and Kathy Lamb.

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Ken and **Joan McKay**, given by Dan and Shelly Meracle.

Kathy Price, given by Brian, Kathlynn, Aiden and Keian Price.

Phil Schwister, given by Ann Schwister and the Grothusen and Bayer families.

Cathy Spitzfaden, given by Tom Spitzfaden and children.

In Honor of

Karla and **Mark Jones**, faithful clerks, given by Anonymous.

*Following the service, donating families may pick up a plant.
The Chancel Guild wishes to thank those that have donated to the Easter Garden this season.*

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