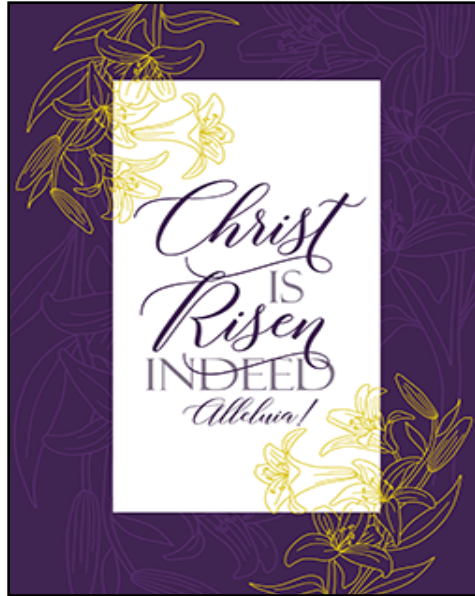


ELIZABETH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Helping people meet and walk with Jesus

Easter Sunday - April 20, 2025



*** Please stand if you are able**

CELEBRATING GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE – *“Above All”*

MELINDA HAGAN

INTROIT – *“An Easter Fanfare”*

JOHN DAHM, CHOIR & CHRYSTAL COTTRELL, ACCOMPANIST

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

MARILYN TRAVIS

GREETING ONE ANOTHER

MARILYN TRAVIS

BIND US TOGETHER SONG

CHOIR PREPARING OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP

* CALL TO WORSHIP

MARILYN TRAVIS (John 1:1-5, 14) (John 3:16-17)

Leader: In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning.

People: **Through Him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made.**

Leader: In him was life, and that life was the light of all people.

People: **The light shines in the darkness, but the darkness has not overcome it.**

Leader: The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

People: **For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.**

All: **For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him!**

*HYMN - #217

“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today”

JOHN DAHM, CHOIR & CRYSTAL COTTRELL, ACCOMPANIST

*PRAISE SONGS

“Lord I Lift Your Name On High” and “We Fall Down”

MIKE & PAM BANTA, CLARK & MELINDA HAGAN, AMY BIEWENGA, MIKE BAGGETT
BOBBIE MARCHESI & CRAIG PASTINE

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Norman Shawchuck)

MARILYN TRAVIS

My God, every fiber of my being rejoices at the touch of your grace, at the privilege of being your child. My joy at the overwhelming grace of your invitation to enter into your divine fellowship invades my being with an acute sense of your nearness to me this morning.

Yet, my Lord, I am often cold toward you. I forget to love you for long periods of time – and this to my own harm and regret. Forgive me, Lord! O God set my life aflame with love for you and you alone. I long to reflect your image throughout the world so that others may see your life in me and become convinced that you love them as well.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS – Isaiah 1:18

Leader: Come now, and let us reason together, says the Lord: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool.

People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven and accepted. Hallelujah!

CELEBRATING GRACE AND FORGIVENESS

OFFERING AND MUSIC

MARILYN TRAVIS

“Easter People Rise”

JOHN DAHM, CHOIR & CRYSTAL COTTRELL, ACCOMPANIST

DOXOLOGY

**“Praise God from Whom all blessings flow. Praise Him all creatures here below.
Praise Him above ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen”**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

MARILYN TRAVIS

MINI MESSAGE

ALLYN BADER BARCLAY

CELEBRATING COMMUNITY

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS AND PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

MARILYN TRAVIS

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.

CELEBRATING THE GOOD NEWS

MARILYN TRAVIS

Old Testament Reading: (from English Standard Version)

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

His Steadfast Love Endures Forever

Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever! ² Let Israel say, "His steadfast love endures forever." ¹⁴ The LORD is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation. ¹⁵ Glad songs of salvation are in the tents of the righteous: "The right hand of the LORD does valiantly, ¹⁶ the right hand of the LORD exalts, the right hand of the LORD does valiantly!" ¹⁷ I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the LORD. ¹⁸ The LORD has disciplined me severely, but he has not given me over to death. ¹⁹ Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD. ²⁰ This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it. ²¹ I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation. ²² The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. ²³ This is the LORD's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes. ²⁴ This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

New Testament Readings: (from English Standard Version)

John 20:1-18

The Resurrection

²⁰ Now on the first day of the week Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. ² So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." ³ So Peter went out with the other disciple, and they were going toward the tomb. ⁴ Both of them were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵ And stooping to look in, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he did not go in. ⁶ Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen cloths lying there, ⁷ and the face cloth, which had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen cloths but folded up in a place by itself. ⁸ Then the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; ⁹ for as yet they did not understand the Scripture, that he must rise from the dead. ¹⁰ Then the disciples went back to their homes.

Jesus Appears to Mary Magdalene

¹¹ But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb, and as she wept she stooped to look into the tomb. ¹² And she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had lain, one at the head and one at the feet. ¹³ 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." ¹⁴ Having said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing, but she did not know that it was Jesus. ¹⁵ Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?" 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." ¹⁶ Jesus said to her, "Mary." She turned and said to him in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means Teacher). ¹⁷ Jesus said to her, "Do not cling to me, for 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.'"

¹⁸ Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, “I have seen the Lord” —and that he had said these things to her.

1 Corinthians 15:19-26

¹⁹ If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied. ²⁰ But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

²¹ For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. ²² For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. ²³ But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. ²⁴ Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. ²⁵ For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. ²⁶ The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SPECIAL EASTER MUSIC

“He’s Alive”

Mike Banta, Praise Team & Choir

MESSAGE

“What a Marvelous Mystery”

CJ BIEWENGA

SUNG BENEDICTION

EVERYONE

“Go Now in Peace”

Go now in peace. Never be afraid. God will go with you each hour of every day.
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true. Know He will guide you in all you do.
God will be there watching from above. Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.

***PASTORAL BENEDICTION**

CJ BIEWENGA

POSTLUDE

CRYSTAL COTTRELL

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