

PARK CENTRAL
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



AND VERY EARLY ON THE
FIRST DAY OF THE WEEK,
WHEN THE SUN HAD RISEN,
THEY WENT TO THE TOMB.

+ MARK 16:2



Easter Sunday

EASTER SUNDAY
APRIL 4, 2021 10:30 AM

Chiming of the Hour

The ringing of the bell invites us to quiet our hearts & minds as we gather for worship.

Words of Welcome & Announcements

Welcome to worship at Park Central Presbyterian Church! May you experience God's grace and love within the worship service.

Please wear a mask and maintain 6 feet of distance from other household groups.

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE

“Christ Hath Burst His Prison!”

Sandra Murphy, *guest organist*
Gilbert Martin

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Alleluia! Christ is risen!
This is the day that the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.
Alleluia! Christ is risen, indeed!

***HYMN 115 Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain**

ST. KEVIN

There will be no congregational singing. Only the soloist will sing.

*Come, ye faithful, raise the strain
Of triumphant gladness;
God hath brought forth Israel
Into joy from sadness;
Loosed from Pharaoh's bitter yoke
Jacob's sons and daughters;
Led them, with unmoistened foot,
Through the Red Sea waters.*

*'Tis the spring of souls today;
Christ hath burst His prison,
And from three days' sleep in death
As a sun hath risen.
Now rejoice, Jerusalem,
And with true affection
Welcome in unwearied strains
Jesus' resurrection!*

CALL TO CONFESSION

**Please stand if you are able to comfortably*

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Glorious and powerful God,
We confess that, even on this most holy day,
we are slow to believe in the victory over death
shown to us in the resurrection of Jesus Christ.
We confess our utter dependence on you not only for life
but also for faith, hope, and love.
Without your astonishing appearance to our ancestors
and your stunning presence throughout the ages,
we would be lost.
Forgive us and transform us,
that in every way our work and prayer will
make whole what is broken and give peace on the earth. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

PASSING OF THE PEACE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

THE FIRST LESSON

Acts 10:34-43

³⁴ Then Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality,
³⁵ but in every nation anyone who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to God.
³⁶ You know the message God sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus
Christ, the one who is Lord of all. ³⁷ That message spread throughout Judea, beginning
in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸ how God anointed Jesus of
Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how Jesus went about doing good and
healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹ We are witnesses
to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put Jesus to death by hanging
him on a tree; ⁴⁰ but God raised Jesus on the third day and allowed Jesus to appear,

⁴¹ not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with Jesus after the resurrection from the dead. ⁴² Jesus commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that Jesus is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³ About this one all the prophets testify that everyone who believes in Jesus Christ receives forgiveness of sins through Jesus' name."

Leader: This is the word of God.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

MUSICAL MEDITATION

Kent Bradshaw, *baritone*

Awake All Ye People

J. S. Bach

from: Cantata No. 15, *Wenn du wirst meine Seele nicht in der Hölle lassen*

*Awake all ye people, for now ye are free,
Your Savior has risen from the dead, your Savior lives.
For he hath destroyed the last enemy. For God hath put all things under his feet.
Your God is life, and all in all.*

*If ye then be risen, be risen with Christ,
Then seek ye those things which are above.
Set not your affections on things on the earth, but set your affections on things above.
Your life is hid with Christ in God.*

THE SECOND LESSON

Mark 16:1-8

¹ When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. ² And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. ³ They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" ⁴ When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. ⁵ As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. ⁶ But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. ⁷ But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you." ⁸ So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

Leader: This is the word of God.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SILENT MOMENT OF REFLECTION

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

SHARING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

The offering plate will not be passed. You may place gifts to the church in the offering plate as you exit.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN 118 The Day of Resurrection

LANCASHIRE

There will be no congregational singing. Only the soloist will sing.

*The day of resurrection!
Earth, tell it out abroad;
The Passover of gladness,
The Passover of God.
From death to life eternal,
From this world to the sky,
Our Christ hath brought us over
With hymns of victory.*

*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 hath no end.*

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“Carillon on ‘Easter Hymn’”

Sandra Murphy, *guest organist*
Gordon Young

*During the postlude, we will have a controlled exit through the Fayette Street doors.
There will be no fellowship hour for the foreseeable future.*

*Please fill out the contact tracing slip and place it and the pen in the box as you exit.
Take this bulletin with you when you leave.*

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Liturgist.....Susan Stinson
Soloists..... Kent Bradshaw and Michael Spencer

It is the hour to rend thy chains, the blossom time of souls.

~ Katharine Lee Bates

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