



First Presbyterian Church

A Stephen Ministry Congregation

April 12, 2020

10:00 a.m.

Easter Sunday

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

The mission of First Presbyterian Church of St. Petersburg is to be and make disciples of Jesus Christ, who know God and, through love, serve the Lord and others. We will accomplish our mission by practicing radical hospitality, passionate worship, intentional faith development, risk-taking mission, and extravagant generosity.

PREPARATION

(Please use the prelude as a time for reflection and preparation for worship.)

PRELUDE

“Easter Victory”

Charles Callahan
(b. 1951)

Jack Rain, organ

OPENING HYMN 232 “Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”

EASTER HYMN

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Dawn Conti

PRAYER OF THE DAY

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Alleluia” from *Exsultate, jubilate*
Linda Holloway, soprano; Jack Rain, piano

W. A. Mozart

PROCLAMATION

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Christie Vetter

ANTHEM

“Hallelujah” from *Messiah*
Kevin Clark and Ben Jarvis, trumpet

G. F. Händel

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Psalms 118:1-2:14-24

Dick Oliver

PRAISE SONG

“Glorious Day (Living He Loved Me)”

Mark Hall
John Wilbur Chapman
Michael Bleeker

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 28:1-10

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Dr. Dawn Conti

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

“The Promise of Hope”

Dr. Dawn Conti

RESPONSE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER

(concluding with) **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 (from a Brief Statement of Faith, section 11.2)

We trust in Jesus Christ, full human, full God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain, and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

PRAISE SONG

“How Great Thou Art” arr. by Austin Vickrey
Austin Vickrey, alto saxophone

PRESENTING OUR GIFTS – INVITATION AND PRAYER

SENDING

CHARGE & BENEDICTION

DOXOLOGY

OLD HUNDREDTH

*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.*

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Amen” from *Messiah*
Kevin Clark and Ben Jarvis, trumpet

G. F. Händel

POSTLUDE

"Toccata" from *Symphonie No. 5*

Charles-Marie Widor
(1844-1937)