



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF
KIRKWOOD

WELCOME TO WORSHIP
April 20, 2025, at 11:00 a.m.
Easter Sunday

Mission: We are called to be a welcoming and supportive community whose inspiring worship of God encourages everyone to deepen their faith and to respond to the needs of the world with the compassion of Christ.



ORDER OF WORSHIP

_____ ***Please rise in body or in spirit.** _____

Chiming of the Hour

We encourage you to quiet your minds and hearts for worship at this time.

Welcome and Announcements

Sign the Friendship Register at the end of your pew and pass it to your neighbor.

Organ/Brass Voluntary "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today" arr. Robert Hobby

WE ADDRESS OURSELVES TO GOD

***Call to Worship**

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Leader: We come, like the women at the tomb, hearts heavy,
questions swirling, hoping against hope.

**People: We come seeking life, yearning for good news
in a world full of sorrow and fear.**

Leader: The stone has been rolled away. The tomb is empty.
Love has overcome death.

**People: Let us worship the Living God, who brings life from loss
and hope from despair.**

Leader: Come, let us sing resurrection songs.
Come, let us lean into the promise that nothing,
not even death, can silence Love.

People: Alleluia! Christ is risen indeed!

*** Processional Hymn** "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today" Hymn #232

***Prayer of Confession** (Unison)

**God of resurrection and renewal, we confess that we do not always
live as Easter people. We hold onto fear more tightly than hope.
We cling to the familiar tombs of despair, injustice, and cynicism.
We sometimes dismiss the good news because it seems too good
to be true. Forgive us, O God, when we forget the power of
resurrection, when we doubt that love can rise again in our lives,
when we ignore the empty tomb and stay stuck in the shadows.
Roll away the stones that weigh down our hearts. Make space in
us for wonder, for joy, for courage. In your grace, awaken us.
In your mercy, resurrect us. In your love, lead us forward.**

***Silent Confessions**

***Assurance of God's Grace**

***Response to Confession**

"We Are Forgiven"

Hymn #447

We are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

***The Passing of the Peace**

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us share that peace with one another.

A Conversation with Young Disciples

All children are invited to come forward for the children's message.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading

Acts 10:34-43; Pew Bible, N.T., pg. 129

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

"A Hymn of Resurrection"

text: Jessie Pounds | music: Gwyneth Walker

I know that my Redeemer lives, and on the earth again shall stand.

I know eternal life He gives, with grace and healing in His hand.

I know His promise of rebirth, the Word He speaks can never die.

Though death shall take my body from the earth, yet I shall see Him by and by.

I know my pathway He prepares for where He is, there I shall be.

Abiding faith, for me He cares, and He at last will come for me!

I know eternal life He gives. I know the grace and healing in His hand.

I know that my Redeemer lives! For here on earth He has come again! My Savior lives again!

Scripture Reading

Luke 24:1-12; Pew Bible, N.T., pg. 90

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Why Do You Look for the Living Among the Dead?

Rev'd. Gary Noonan

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

***Affirmation of Faith (Unison)**

In Jesus Christ, God was reconciling the world to himself.

Jesus Christ is God with humankind. He is the eternal Son of God, who became human and lived among us to fulfill the work of reconciliation. God is present in the church by the power of the Holy Spirit to continue and complete God's mission. This work of God, Son, and Holy Spirit is the foundation of all confessional statements about God, humanity, and the world. Therefore, the church calls all people to be reconciled to God and to one another.

***Hymn**

"Thine Is the Glory"

Hymn #238

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer (Unison)

**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.**

Offertory Sentences

Offertory Anthem

"Most Glorious Lord of Life"

text: Edmund Spenser (16th c.) | music: Bob Chilcott

*Most glorious Lord of life, that on this day didst make Thy triumph over death and sin,
and having hallowed hell, didst bring away Captivity thence captive, us to win.
This joyous day, dear Lord, with joy begin, and grant that we for whom thou didst die,
being with Thy dear blood clean washed from sin, may live forever in felicity:
And that Thy love we weighing worthily, make likewise love Thee for the same again;
And for thy sake, that all like dear didst buy, with love may one another entertain.
So let us love, dear Love, like as we ought; Love is the lesson which the Lord us taught.*

Prayer of Dedication

WE DEPART TO SERVE THE LORD

*Closing Hymn

"The Strife Is O'er"

Hymn #236

*Benediction

* Concluding Anthem

"Hallelujah" (Messiah)

GF Handel

*Hallelujah! For the Lord God omnipotent reigneth. Hallelujah!
The kingdom of this world is become the Kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ.
And He shall reign forever and ever.
King of Kings, and Lord of Lords. Hallelujah!*

Worship Leaders:

Rev'd. Gary Noonan, *Senior Pastor*
Rev. Linda Maconochie, *Interim Associate Pastor*

Music Ministry:

Bill Stein, *Director of Music Ministries*; Kevin Chunko, *Music Associate*;
Mary Weber and Lisa Blackmore, *trumpet*; Peter Ulfers, *horn*; George Manning, *trombone*;
Matt Kuebler, *tuba*; Chris Treloar, *percussion*

Cross Bearer: Gregor Noonan **Acolyte:** Adrienne Butler

Ushers: Julie Woodroome, Cy Woodroome, Missy Wulff, John Becker, Ven Houts, Jim Cooper,
Pam Cooper, Jeanne Earley, David Kistler

Usher Captain: Amy Freshwater **Livestream Host:** Gary Hepp