

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**  
**Resurrection of the Lord**  
**March 31, 2024**  
**10:30AM**

PRELUDE

*Freu dich sehr, o meine Seele*  
Mary Jo Cox, organ

Georg Böhm

WORDS OF GREETING

One: Let this place resound with joy.

**All: Christ is risen! Alleluia!**  
**Thanks be to God.**

WELCOME

\*PROCESSION OF THE LIGHT AND THE WORD

*Come All You People*

**Come all you people, come and praise your Maker;**  
**come all you people, come and praise your Maker;**  
**come all you people, come and praise your Maker;**  
**come now and worship the Lord.**

*(Choir 1st time, Congregation joins 2nd and 3rd time)*

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Zach Russell

One: Look! A sliver of light across the horizon—  
the miracle of a new day.

**All: See! The stone is rolled away, and  
the angel calls from within.**

One: Feel! The freedom of our soul and  
the wonder of the Messiah's gift of new life.

**All: Hear! The hallelujahs as we declare to the world,  
"Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed!"**

\*HYMN No. 232

*Jesus Christ Is Risen Today*

\*CALL TO CONFESSION

(Silent Confession)

\*UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**All-knowing, all-powerful God, we confess that, even on this most holy day, we are unable to believe in the victory over death shown to us in the resurrection of Jesus Christ, our Lord. 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 earth. Amen.**

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE

\*RESPONSE No. 238

“Thine is the Glory” (v.1)  
**Thine is the glory,  
risen, conquering Son;  
endless is the victory  
thou o'er death hast won.  
Angels in bright raiment  
rolled the stone away,  
kept the folded grave-clothes  
where thy body lay.**

**Thine is the glory,  
risen, conquering Son;  
endless is the victory  
thou o'er death hast won.**

#### CHILDREN'S OFFERING; BLESSING

**Congregation: May the Lord go with you as you  
worship and learn together.**

Children: May the Lord be with you as you  
worship here.

**Congregation: Go in peace.**

Children: We go in peace. Amen.

*During the response to the Passing of the Peace, newborns through 5th grade are invited to come forward to the chancel steps for the blessing. After the blessing, they will be dismissed to the Nursery and to the Children's Worship Center in the lower level for the Children and Worship time. Please pick up your child from the Nursery or Worship Center when they have finished their time of worship.*

#### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

#### FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 118: 1-2, 14-24

Amen. **Amen.**

#### ANTHEM

*The Day of Resurrection*

Brian Wentzel

#### SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

John 20:1-18

The Gospel of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

#### REFLECTION

“When and How Do You Believe”

Andrew Miller

Question of the day: What are your thoughts on believing?

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *From Scripture*

**This is the good news which we have received,**

**in which we stand, and by which we are saved,  
if we hold it fast: that Christ died for our sins  
according to the Scriptures, that he was buried,  
that he was raised on the third day,  
and that he appeared first to the women,  
then to Peter, and to the Twelve,  
and then to many faithful witnesses.**

**We believe that Jesus is the Christ,  
the Son of the living God.  
Jesus Christ is the first and the last,  
the beginning and the end;  
he is our Lord and our God. Amen.**

\*HYMN No. 240

*Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks*

MORNING PRAYER AND 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 sins, as we forgive those who have sinned against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

\*HYMN No. 826

*Lift High the Cross  
(Choir only vs. 2&3)*

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE No. 260 *Alleluia! Sing to Jesus (v.1)*

**Alleluia! Sing to Jesus; his the scepter, his the throne;  
Alleluia! His the triumph, his the victory alone!  
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion thunder like a mighty flood:  
"Jesus out of every nation has redeemed us by his blood."**

\* POSTLUDE

*Voluntary on "O God, Beyond All Praising"*

Kevin Uppercue

Notes:

\*Stand in body and spirit.

Worship Leaders: Mary Jo Cox; Zach Russell; The Chancel Choir; Andrew Miller; Trenton Laskey and Braeden Clark, trumpets; Riley Beernink and Sydnee Abt, trombones

The Prayers and Concern of the Congregation are extended to:

J T Schmitt (Barb Lindley's son-in-law), Nick Baker, Wendy Shugert, Mike McNabb, Scott Campbell (Andrew & Martha Miller's friend), Betty Gempel, Jillian & Flynn Gray, Martha Loubert (sister-in-law of John, Pete, and Sheri Loubert), Lois Miller, Jaime Love (brother of Kevin Love), Louisa Ellis (Jeff & Cam Ellis granddaughter), Olivia Geisthardt (friend of Anna Clare Miller), Suzanne Hand, Charles Loubert, Jim Gilbert, Peter and Verna Russell, Lois Kerr, Sarah Gilbert, Joyce McNabb, Colleen Long, Lavona Osborne. Cathy Chang, Juan Lopez, and

Noah Lapp, Vowles Elementary, First Presbyterian Church, Alma, MI, Christian Church in South Sulawesi, and Alma College.

Offering

If you are joining us for worship in-person and would like to give an offering, please place your offering in an offering plate. You can also give your pledge, per capita payment, or offering by mailing it to the church office: First Presbyterian Church, 1250 Watson Road, Mt. Pleasant, 48858. You can also give an offering by going to the church's website, [www@fcmp.org](http://www@fcmp.org) and hit the "Give Now" button or use the QR Code,



If you purchased Easter flowers for the Sanctuary for this worship service, please take one home. If left, they will be planted around the church grounds.