



Erwin Presbyterian Church
Easter Sunday * March 31, 2024 * 11:00 a.m.
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Prelude
Ethan Thomas, organist

Easter Hymn

arr. Edward Broughton

Welcome and Announcements

The Rev. Dr. Ramy Marcos

Introit

Christus Resurrexit

*** Call to Worship**

Scott Shults

Leader: Christ is Risen! Shout Hosanna!

All: Hosanna! Hosanna!

Leader: Celebrate this day of days!

All: Hosanna! Hosanna!

Leader: Let all creation be amazed!

All: Hosanna! Hosanna! Christ is Risen!

***Hymn**

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

Red Hymnbook, #204

Call to Confession

Scott Shults

Leader: The joy of this Easter Sunday reminds us of God's resurrecting power. Let us confess all that turns us toward death, so we can know the grace of new life through Christ.

Prayer of Confession

Scott Shults

All: Savior God, forgive our life-alienating ways, our exclusion and judgment of others, and the way we evaluate and compare. Forgive our death-dealing sins, our habits that demean and degrade, and our addiction to violent and destructive behavior. Redeem us. Restore us. Resurrect us for life in Christ.

(Please take a moment of silent confession)

Assurance of Pardon

Scott Shults

Leader: "Jesus Christ is risen today. But the pains which he endured, our salvation have procured." In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Alleluia. Amen.

All: Thanks be to God.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.

***The Peace**

The Rev. Dr. Ramy Marcos

Pastor: Jesus said, “My peace I give to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not let them be afraid.” May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

All: And also with you.

Pastor: Please take a moment to greet one another and share the peace of Christ.

First Scripture Reading-John 20:1-10

Scott Shults

¹ Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance. ² So she came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved, and said, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don’t know where they have put him!”

³ So Peter and the other disciple started for the tomb. ⁴ Both were running, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵ He bent over and looked in at the strips of linen lying there but did not go in. ⁶ Then Simon Peter came along behind him and went straight into the tomb. He saw the strips of linen lying there, ⁷ as well as the cloth that had been wrapped around Jesus’ head. The cloth was still lying in its place, separate from the linen. ⁸ Finally the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went inside. He saw and believed. ⁹ (They still did not understand from Scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead.) ¹⁰ Then the disciples went back to where they were staying.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Anthem

Acclamation

Prayer for Illumination

The Rev. Dr. Ramy Marcos

Second Scripture Reading- Mark 16:1-8

The Rev. Dr. Ramy Marcos

¹ When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices so that they might go to anoint Jesus’ body. ² Very early on the first

day of the week, just after sunrise, they were on their way to the tomb ³ and they asked each other, “Who will roll the stone away from the entrance of the tomb?”

⁴ But when they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had been rolled away. 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 “Don’t be alarmed,” he said. “You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid him. ⁷ But go, tell his disciples and Peter, ‘He is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you.’”

⁸ Trembling and bewildered, the women went out and fled from the tomb. They said nothing to anyone, because they were afraid.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Sermon

Jesus Is Risen

The Rev. Dr. Ramy Marcos

Introduction

First, Lack of Understanding

Second, God Is Working

Conclusion

***Declaration of Faith (The Nicene Creed)**

Scott Shults

Leader: Let's declare our faith.

All: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayer of the People

The Rev. Dr. Ramy Marcos

Ends with The Lord's Prayer

All: 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.

Offering

Invitation to the Offering

Scott Shults

Leader: Give thanks to God for God is good. Let us gratefully give of our offerings to the glory of God and in praise of Christ's resurrecting ministry.

(may the ushers move forward and collect the offering)

Offertory Music

He Arose!

***Doxology** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* Red Hymnbook, #544

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen

***Prayer of Dedication** Scott Shults
Leader: God of the empty tomb, your grace astounds us, your generosity fills us to overflowing. Accept these offerings as signs of our gratitude and bless our work on Christ's behalf. May we love as Christ loved. May we serve as Christ served. Call us forth into your world, guided by Christ's spirit.

All: Amen.

***Hymn** *Alleluia, Alleluia!* Green Hymnal #365

***Benediction** The Rev. Dr. Ramy Marcos

***Benediction Response** *Shalom*

**Shalom to you now, Shalom my friends.
May God's full mercies bless you, my friends.
In all your living and through your loving
Christ be your Shalom. Christ be your Shalom.**

Postlude *Festal Piece* arr. G. F. Handel
Ethan Thomas, organist

Notes:

**Responses with an asterisk indicate standing. Please stand as you are able.*

Sources for Worship Liturgy: The liturgy is based on *The Presbyterian Outlook*.

Welcome Visitors: Welcome! If you are visiting, please fill out one of the green visitor's cards from the pew and put it in the offering plate. We are glad you are here! Hope to see you again soon!

Announcements:

Easter Lilies and the Helping Fund – Thank you to all who purchased Easter lilies. Please remember to pick them up today after service.

Discover Your Joy: A Study of Philippians (Wednesday, April 10, 17, and 24 at 6 p.m.) Please join us for this three-week bible study on Philippians. A light meal will be provided.

Piano Concert (Sunday, April 14 at 2 p.m.) Join us for a Magical Hour of Classical Piano Music by Jeremi Lukanus.

Mission Trip – Urban mission work in Washington, DC, for ages 13 and older, June 12 to June 16. The cost is \$50 and payment is due April 15, 2024. Please contact Nic Chambers or Sarah Shults for details.

Session Meeting (Tuesday, April 9 at 6 p.m.)

Church Directory – The updated church directory is available to you in the narthex or the church office.

Food Collection – The food pantry item for March is canned fruit.

Elder of the Month – Betty Stevens



Easter Lilies and Helping Fund

- Given by Spud & Susan Chaffin - In Memory of Our Parents
- Given by Callie & Green Faircloth - In Honor of Sandra Harrison
In Memory of Loved Ones
- Given by Richard & Carol Riggs - In Memory of Their Parents
- Given by Larry & Denise Rose - In Memory of Loved Ones
- Given by Ellen & Jack Sewell - In Memory of Christopher Sewell
- Given by Doug & Sarah Shults - In Memory of Jane Barefoot
& Bobbie Shults
- Given by Betty Stevens - In Memory of Jim Stevens,
Bill & Louise Washburn,
Maurice & Virginia Stevens

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