



SAINT LUKE'S  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

March 27, 2016  
Easter Sunday

SUNRISE



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## Welcome

David Lower

### \* Call to Worship

Leader: This is the good news: the grave is empty – Christ is risen!

People: *(loud)* **Hallelujah!**

Leader: This is the good news: the light shines in the darkness,  
and the darkness can never put it out!

People: *(louder)* **Hallelujah!**

Leader: This is the good news: because Christ lives, we too shall live!  
Let us rejoice and be glad!

People: *(loudest)* **Hallelujah! Hallelujah!**

All: **Amen.**

\* Hymn In the Darkness of the Morning *KAS DZIEDAJA*



1 In the dark - ness of the morn - ing, just be -  
 2 Days be - fore, she faced his suf - fering; she stayed  
 3 As she wept, the warmth of sun - rise filled the  
 4 Asked the man, "Why are you weep - ing?" in a  
 5 "Mar - y!" said the smil - ing strang - er as her



fore the hint of dawn, Mar - y Mag - da - lene dis -  
 with him as he died. See - ing now his tomb was  
 wait - ing world with light. Then she turned and saw a  
 voice she vague - ly knew. "He is gone, and I must  
 vi - sion was re - stored. She cried "Teach - er!" and she



cov - ered Je - sus Christ, her friend, was gone.  
 emp - ty, she re - mained out - side and cried.  
 strang - er, though her tears ob - scured her sight.  
 find him," she re - plied as morn - ing grew.  
 touched him: Je - sus Christ, her ris - en Lord.

## \* Call to Confession

Phil Brown

Leader: This is the day that you have made, O Lord of Life, let us rejoice and be glad in it!

People: **Joining with angels and archangels and the chorus that is rising throughout all the earth, we rejoice!**

Leader: With the light of the risen Christ upon us,

People: **we see that we have fallen short of the way you have shown us in Him.**

Leader: With the grace of the risen Christ given to us,

People: **we see that you have set us free to live as you have shown us in Him.**

Leader: Let us pray together the prayer of confession. The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray...

## \* Prayer of Confession *prayer by Nancy Townley*

Gracious God, You have walked patiently with us throughout our Lenten journey. You have celebrated our successes and our growing understanding of Your love; and You have mourned our failures and rejections of Your healing mercies. This day, as we gather to celebrate the joy of Easter, let us remember that we are to become “Easter People,” people of the Resurrection. Forgive our stubbornness and fears. Fill us with Your healing love and help us to become the disciples that You need to serve in this world. Hear now the silent prayers of our hearts... *(time of silent confession)*

Leader: Lord, in Your mercy,

All: **Hear our prayer, Amen.**

## \* Assurance of Forgiveness

### \* Song of Praise      Thine Is the Glory *JUDAS MACCABEUS*

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

## Morning Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Shannon Dill

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.

## New Testament Reading

Luke 24:1-12

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

## Sermon

Discovery

David Lower

## \* Affirmation of Faith

Emily Wilmesherr

Leader: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,

**All: maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

Leader: We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,

**All: 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 from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and became truly human.**

Leader: 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;

**All: 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.**

Leader: We believe in the Holy Spirit,

**All: the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son is worshipped 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.**

## Offering

## \* Hymn

### Woman Weeping in the Garden *KINGDOM*

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1 Wom - an, weep - ing in the gar - den, who has  
2 Wom - an, wait - ing in the gar - den, af - ter  
3 Wom - an, walk - ing in the gar - den, Je - sus  
4 Wom - an, weep - ing in the gar - den, weep for  
5 Wom - an, danc - ing from the gar - den, find the



pushed the stone a - side? Who has tak - en Je - sus'  
men have come and gone, af - ter an - gels give their  
takes you by sur - prise; when the gar - dener calls you,  
joy, for you have seen Je - sus, the Mes - si - ah,  
oth - ers and pro - claim Christ is ris - en as he



bod - y, Je - sus Christ the cru - ci - fied?  
wit - ness, si - lent - ly you watch the dawn.  
"Mar - y!" faith and joy meet in your eyes.  
ris - en; Christ, of whom the proph - ets dream.  
prom - ised; tell the world he knew your name!

## \* Passing of the Peace

Leader: The Lord be with you,

People: And also with you.

## \* Easter Litany

Leader: Alleluia

People: **Alleluia, Christ is Risen!**

Leader: Lord God, early in the morning when the world was young, you made life in all its beauty; you gave birth to all that we know. Alleluia!

People: **Alleluia, Christ is risen!**

Leader: Early in the morning, when the world least expected it, a newborn child crying in a manger announced that you had come among us, that you were one of us. Alleluia!

People: **Alleluia, Christ is risen!**

Leader: Early in the morning, surrounded by respectable liars, religious leaders, anxious statesmen, and silent friends, you accepted the penalty for doing good, for being God: you shouldered and suffered the cross. Alleluia!

People: **Alleluia, Christ is risen!**

Leader: Early in the morning, a voice in a guarded graveyard and footsteps in the dew proved that you had risen, that you had come back to those and for those who had forgotten, denied, and executed you. Alleluia!

People: **Alleluia, Christ is risen!**

Leader: This morning, in the company of your church on earth and in heaven, we celebrate your creation, your life, your death and resurrection, you love for us and your redemption of all creation! Alleluia!

People: **Alleluia, Christ is risen!**

## \* Benediction



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