

FAIRFIELD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

April 9, 2023

Resurrection of the Lord/Easter

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

Prelude

The Risen Christ

E. S. Hosmer

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome & Announcements

Introit

Peals of Praise
Fairfield Ringers

arr. Edwards

Call to Worship

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Leader: God has answered us!

People: God has come to earth to become our salvation!

Leader: This is the day the Lord has made:

People: let us rejoice and be glad! Alleluia!

WE PRAISE GOD TOGETHER

***Hymn # 295**

Jesus Christ is Risen Today

Prayer of Confession

Resurrected Christ, there is nothing we can do to deserve the grace you give us. There is no way we can earn your love, there is no way we can be worthy of your forgiveness. And yet you shower these mercies on us. You have taken away the sting of death, meet us where we are, in our doubt and fear, in our regrets and shame, in our delight and awe. Meet us here in this place, and call us once again to trust you. Amen. (*Silent prayer and reflection*)

Words of Assurance

Leader: Friends, in Jesus Christ our sins are forgiven!

People: **Thanks be to God!**

***Gloria Patri #734**

"Glory Be to the Father"

Psalter Reading (insert)

Psalm 118: 1-2, 14-24

Time for Children

Vicky Beamer

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Anthem

Christ Victorious

Young

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Scripture Lesson

John 20: 1-8

Pew Bible p. 114 - New Testament

**Sermon Series
Message**

Good Question!
"Where To?"

Dr. Steve Starzer

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

***Hymn of Response #298**

The Day of Resurrection

Affirmation of Faith

adapted from the Confession of 1967

L: Christ is Risen

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Offering

(Please sign and pass the Friendship Pads during this time)

Offertory

Because He Lives
Fairfield Ringers

Gaither, arr. Dobrinski

*The Doxology #44

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

*Prayer of Dedication

*Closing Hymn # 287

Lift High the Cross

*Benediction

*Postlude

"Toccata" from Symphony 5

Charles Marie Widor

* Those who are able, please stand.

This morning's prelude, "The Risen Christ," is the resurrection story in musical form. Each of the 4 movements describes a different part of the story.

Movement 1 is "Very early morning," depicting the stillness of early morning and the song of the first birds. The second movement, "The earthquake," is very loud and tumultuous; frightening us awake as the stone is rolled away from the tomb. The calm melody of the third movement is the message of the Angel to Mary, "Fear not!" We are asked "why do we seek the living among the dead. He is not here, he is risen!" The fourth and final movement carries our joyous exclamations of "Alleluia! The strife is o'er." With this hymn tune, we (along with Mary and the other women) carry the good news of the resurrection back to the disciples and the rest of the world.