

# FAIRFIELD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

April 20, 2025

Resurrection of the Lord/Easter

## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

**Prelude**

*The Risen Christ\*\**  
(see back page of bulletin)

Elmer Samuel Hosmer

**Chiming of the Hour**

**Introit**

*Christ is Risen! Shout Hosanna!*

arr. Smoke

**Welcome & Announcements**

**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

**L:** Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever.

**P:** **Let Israel say: "His love endures forever."**

**L:** The Lord is my strength and my defense, he has become my salvation.

**P:** **Shouts of joy and victory resound in the tents of the righteous:  
"The Lord's right hand has done mighty things!"**

**L:** The Lord's right hand is lifted high; the Lord's right hand has done mighty things!

**P:** **I will not die but live, and will proclaim what the Lord has done.**

**L:** The Lord has chastened me severely, but he has not given me over to death.

**P:** **Open for me the gates of the righteous; I will enter and give thanks to the Lord.**

**L:** This is the gate of the Lord through which the righteous may enter.

**P:** **I will give you thanks, for you answered me; you have become my salvation.**

**L:** The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone;

**P:** **The Lord has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes.**

**L:** The Lord has done it this very day; let us rejoice today and be glad.

**Anthem**

*He Lives on High*

arr. McKinney

**WE HEAR GOD'S WORD**

**Scripture Lesson**

Matthew 28: 1-10

Pew Bible p. 90 - New Testament

**Sermon Series**

From Wilderness to Glory

**Message**

"Jesus in Glory"

Dr. Steve Starzer

**WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

**Hymn of Response #298**

*The Day of Resurrection*

**\*Affirmation of Faith**

**L:** Christ is Risen

**P:** **He is Risen indeed.**

**L:** Christ is Risen!

**P: He is Risen indeed!**

**L: Christ is Risen!!**

**P: He is Risen indeed!!**

## **Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer**

### **Offering**

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

#### **Offertory**

*Christ the Lord is Risen Today*

arr. Edwin T. Childs

**\*The Doxology #44** *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*

#### **\*Prayer of Dedication**

**\*Closing Hymn # 287**

*Lift High the Cross*

#### **\*Benediction**

#### **\*Postlude**

*'Thine is The Glory'*

arr. Anna Laura Page

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\* Those who are able, please stand.

*\*\*This morning's prelude, "The Risen Christ," is the resurrection story in musical form. Each of the four movements describes part of the story. Movement one is "Very early morning," depicting the stillness of early morning and the songs of the first birds. The second movement, "The earthquake," is **very loud and tumultuous**; it frightens us awake while 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.*