



Easter Sunrise
Worship

Sunday
March 31, 2013
7 a.m.


Morningside
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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- Mitchell Bond

PRELUDE *Fantasy in E Major* Telemann
James Zellers, flutist

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Leader: On this day the Lord has acted; we will rejoice and be glad in it.

People: Thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Leader: Christ is Risen!

People: Christ is risen indeed!

*** HYMN** *Jesus Christ Is Risen Today* (verses 1 and 4)

Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!

Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!

Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!

Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!

Praise eternal as God's love; Alleluia!

Praise our God, ye heavenly host, Alleluia!

Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Alleluia!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God, in Jesus Christ you have reconciled the world to yourself. The empty tomb proclaims your redemption of all that you have made and loved. In Christ's resurrection lies the hope of our own. Hallelujah! And yet, it is so easy to roll the stone back over the tomb and live as though Easter has not happened. It is easy to retreat to fear. It is easy to continue as though the resurrection were not true. Forgive our fears, enliven our hearts, and call us to proclaim the good news that Christ is risen. He is risen indeed! Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON AND THE PEACE

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON 1 Corinthians 15:19-26

SOLO *How Great Thou Art* Swedish folk melody
Megan Mashburn, soprano

GOSPEL LESSON Luke 24:1-12

SERMON "He Arose Again From the Dead" Baron Mullis

*** HYMN** *The Strife Is O'er* (verses 1 – 3)

The strife is o'er, the battle done,

The victory of life is won;

The song of triumph has begun. Alleluia!

The powers of death have done their worst,

But Christ their legions hath dispersed:

The shouts of holy joy outburst. Alleluia!

The three sad days are quickly sped,

Christ rises glorious from the dead;

All glory to our risen Head! Alleluia!

*** CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

*** RESPONSE** *Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks* Fishel

We are delighted that you have come to worship with us and greet our risen savior in the light of this Easter dawn. Please join us for a light breakfast in our Welcome Center immediately following this Sunrise Service.

Our Easter Morning Worship Service begins at 11 a.m. in our Sanctuary. Everyone is welcome!