

[Prayer continues]

*Christ Has Died (all sing)*



[Prayer concludes]

LORD'S PRAYER

BLESSING, SERVING AND RECEIVING THE BREAD  
AND THE CUP AT THE OPEN TABLE

COMMUNION

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

*Amazing Grace* PATRICIA SANDERS COTA  
*Jesus Christ is Risen Today* ARR. BY PETER HILLIARD

\* PRAYER AFTER ALL HAVE COMMUNED (*unison*)

**Eternal God, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his body and blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**SENDING FORTH TO BE GOD'S PEOPLE**

\* HYMN OF COMMITMENT 312 *Christ Is Alive!*

\* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION, CONCLUDING WITH  
*Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Amen!*

\* CHORAL BENEDICTION (*all sing*) *Go Now In Peace*

**Go now in peace; go now in peace! May the love of God surround you everywhere, everywhere you may go!**

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN PRAYS FOR:**

**PRAYERS FOR OUR MEMBERS:** Tom Cople Family. John Lipe. Garry Grau. Peggy Burger, Brenda Long.

**PRAYERS FOR FAMILY & FRIENDS :** Jonnathan Roberson sister, Chrisse. Cameron Clark, friend of Mavis Whitten. Alyssa Lawson, friend of Renee Clements. FPC Choral Scholar Zihan Liu. Paul Vega, a friend of Yolanda Garcia's son. Laura Nurse, daughter of Mary Massingill. Lee Smith, brother of Rick McDowell. Stephanie, a friend of Karen Cople.

**PRAYERS FOR THOSE GRIEVING:** Richard Putnam on the death of his mother.

Prayers for this church in transition.

*Many thanks to the congregational care team for their ministries of care, including updating prayer concerns.*

**Calendar of Events**

**Monday, 4/1**  
Office Closed

**Monday, 4/8**  
1:00 pm Canasta Card group

**Wednesday, 4/3**  
7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

**Wednesday, 4/10**  
7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

**Sunday, 4/7**  
8:30 am United Methodist  
worship Service  
9:30 am Morning Study—  
*The Path to the Cross*  
10:30 am Worship

**Sunday, 4/14**  
8:30 am United Methodist  
Worship Service  
9:30 am Morning Bible Study  
*The Path to the Cross—*  
10:30 am Worship



**WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY:**

*Pastor:* Rev. Dr. Robert P. Reno, MDiv, Ph.D.  
*Liturgist:* Rick McDowell *Director of Music:* Alexa Brown  
*Pianist:* Dr. Spencer Hartman *Violinist:* Dr. Isaias Ferreira  
*Handbells:* Brianna Brady, Michelle Crawford, Edward Funderburke, Madison Hanson, Gavin Perez



**FIRST  
PRESBYTERIAN  
LUBBOCK**

**ORDER OF WORSHIP  
RESURRECTION OF THE LORD  
EASTER SUNDAY  
MARCH 31, 2024 10:30 AM**

*As a church family, we strive to connect people to God and to one another as we follow Christ.*



“The Appearance of Christ to Mary Magdalene,”  
by Laurent de la Hyre (1656)  
oil on canvas, Musee des Beaux Arts, Grenoble, France

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# GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS JULIE BESSEMER

PRELUDE *Christ Arose* ROBERT LOWRY, ARR. K. L. PHILLIPS

\* CALL TO WORSHIP (*responsively*)

Glory to you, O God:

**On this day, you won victory over death,  
raising Jesus from the grave and giving us  
eternal life.**

Glory to you, O Christ:

**For us and for our salvation you overcame death  
and opened the gate to everlasting life.**

Glory to you, O Holy Spirit:

**You lead us into truth.**

Glory to you, O Blessed Trinity:

**You are the God of new beginnings,  
now and forever. Amen.**

\* HYMN OF PRAISE 288 *Christ the Lord is Risen Today*

CALL TO CONFESSION

When we come into the presence of the Lord, we feel lonely and afraid, for we know that we have sinned in many ways. But the good news is this: Through the love of Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven. Let us pray together trusting in God's great mercy.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

**Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered the power of sin and death. We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death. We overlook the poor and the hungry and pass by those who mourn; we are deaf to the cries of the oppressed, and indifferent to calls for peace; we despise the weak and abuse the earth you made. Forgive us, God of mercy. Help us to trust your power to change our lives and make us new, that we may know the joy of life abundant. Hear our prayer, O God, even as we continue to pray in the silence of this moment.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Brothers and sisters, hear the good news! Satan, sin, and death could not overcome the love of Christ who was raised on the third day, bringing life, and love, and hope to all who claim him as Lord. In the name of

Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

**Thanks be to God!**

The peace of God be with you all.

**And also with you!**

Let us offer signs of peace and reconciliation.

\* PASS THE PEACE

\* GLORIA 732 (*sung responsively*)

*Glory to God, Glory in the Highest*

## PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (*unison*)

**Gracious God, we do not live by bread alone, but  
by every word that comes from your mouth.  
Make us hungry for this heavenly food, that it may  
nourish us today in the ways of eternal life;  
through Jesus Christ, the bread of heaven. Amen.**

FIRST LESSON

ACTS 10: 34-43

CHORAL MEDITATION SIR CHARLES VILLERS STANFORD

*When Mary Thro' The Garden Went*

SECOND LESSON

JOHN 20: 1-18

SERMON "Why Are You Weeping?" REV. ROBERT RENO

CHORAL ANTHEM

ARR. STEVEN STRITE

*Resurrection Hymn (See What a Morning)*

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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**We believe in one God, the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth, and of all that is, seen  
and unseen. And 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 whom all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down  
from heaven, was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of  
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 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.**

HANDBELL ANTHEM *Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia*

TANZANIAN HYMN ARR. SANDRA EITHUN

## GIVING THANKS TO GOD

*Come to the table as an offering of yourself, a re-commitment to  
faith. You may also bring your tithes and other offerings. Take  
a piece of bread, dip it in the juice and consume both at  
once. Gluten free option available. All are welcome.*

\* CALL TO COMMUNION

Friends, this is the joyful feast of the people of God!  
They will come from east and west,  
And from north and south,  
And sit at the table in the kingdom of God.

According to Luke,  
When our risen Lord was at table with his disciples,  
He took the bread, and blessed and broke it,  
And gave it to them.  
Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him.

This is the Lord's table.  
Our Savior invites those who trust him  
To share the feast which he has prepared.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (*be seated*)

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**  
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

[Prayer continues]

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*Holy, Holy, Holy Lord (all sing)*