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SERVICE OF WORSHIP

Easter Sunday

March 31, 2024

Sanctuary, 11:00 a.m.



Rev. Lisle Gwynn Garrity, *Arisen*

GATHERING

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PRELUDE

Trumpet Tune

Henry Purcell

GREETING

Amy Stertz

INVOCATION

**Mighty God, in whom we know the power of redemption,
you stand among us in the shadows of our time.
As we move through every sorrow and trial of this life,
uphold us with knowledge of that great and final morning when,
in the glorious presence of your risen Son,
we will share in his resurrection,
redeemed and restored to the fullness of life,
and forever freed to be your people. Amen.**

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 194 *Christ the Lord Is Risen Today*

EASTER HYMN

PROCLAIMING

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Leah Brown

**Father of glory, by the raising of your Son you have broken the chains of death and hell:
Fill your Church with faith and resurrection hope,
and send your Spirit now to illuminate your holy word;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Psalms 118:1-2, 14-24

*SHARING PEACE

*HYMN OF FAITH 310

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

HYMN TO JOY

*GOSPEL LESSON	John 20:1-20	Emily Floyd
The word of God for the people of God. Thanks be to God.		
SERMON	“From Grief to Joy”	Mack Dennis
ANTHEM	<i>Worthy Is the Lamb</i> from <i>Messiah</i>	G.F. Handel
CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER		
	Prayer of Consecration	(See insert)
	Sharing the Gifts of Grace	
	The Lord's Prayer	
RESPONDING		
INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP		
*HYMN OF RESPONSE (See insert)	<i>Love Divine, All Loves Excelling</i>	HYFRYDOL
CALL FOR OFFERING		
OFFERTORY	<i>Toccata sur Victimae Paschali Laudes</i>	Denis Bédard
*DOXOLOGY 707	<i>Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow</i>	OLD 100TH
*PRAYER OF DEDICATION		Kelly Belcher
*BENEDICTION		
*CHORAL RESPONSE	<i>Hallelujah</i> from <i>Messiah</i>	G.F. Handel
POSTLUDE	<i>Grand Choeur in D</i>	William Faulkes
*Those who are able please stand.		

We welcome all guests worshipping with us today. Learning experiences for preschool children and infants are offered during the worship hour in the children's building. Large print bulletins and hymns, and enhanced hearing aids are available for use in this service. An usher can assist you with these and any other needs you may have.

Today is Easter Sunday, the pinnacle of the Christian year and the day when we celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. It is the culmination of Holy Week, which is preceded by Lent, a forty-day season of prayer, reflection, and solemnity. The color white symbolizes the light and promise of eternal life through our Lord and Savior.

This morning's art is Arisen. Rev. Lisle Gwynn Garrity | A Sanctified Art LLC | sanctifiedart.org *A Sanctified Art* is a team of artists in ministry who create multimedia resources for worshipping communities of all shapes and sizes. They work collaboratively to bring scripture and theological themes to life through visual art, poetry, liturgy, curriculum, worship installation art, coloring pages, graphic design, and more.

Leaders in worship include Deacon of the Week Kelly Belcher, the First Baptist Church String Orchestra, the Adult Choir, crucifer Lenore Pratt, Bible bearer Elle Dennis, and acolytes Remy Rhodes and Hattie Shetley.

Anthem Text:

Worthy is the Lamb that was slain, and hath redeemed us to God by His blood, to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing. Blessing and honour, glory and power, be unto Him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb, for ever and ever. Amen. (Revelation 5:12-13)

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MINISTRY LEADERS

Rev. Laura Addis

Mr. Tate Addis

Rev. Leah Brown

Dr. Casey Callahan

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Mrs. Emily Floyd

Rev. Amy Stertz

Associate Pastor of Youth

Associate Director of Music and Organist

Pastor of Congregational Care

Coordinating Pastor

Senior Pastor

Pastor of Music and Worship

Pastor of Christian Formation and Children



CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

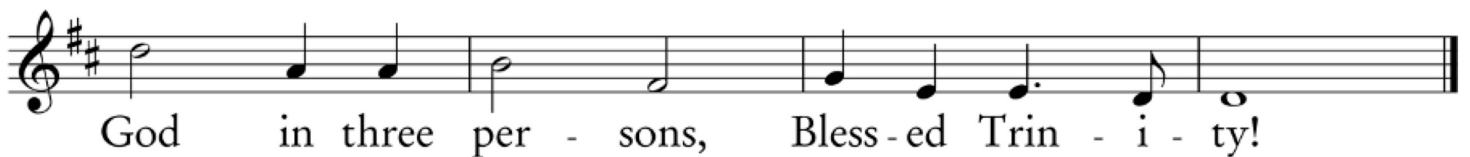
Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn.



And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in
Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving
as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's
offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.



Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy church,
all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

Amen.

EASTER LILIES ARE GIVEN IN MEMORY OF

Matthew Arnold by Vicki Arnold
Bob and Jean Baker by Rob and Tricia Baker
Kathy Baley Atkinson by The Baley Family
Glenn and Marilyn Bissett by Aaron, Christie, Jack, and James Dresback
Terry and Jackie Blackmon by David and Susan Blackmon
Dr. Tommy Bratton by Elaine Loutzenheiser
Dell Morgan Bromley by Ron Bromley
Cathy Butler by The Life Class
Cathy Butler by Gil and Jeanne Dresback
Frances Elisabeth Chapman by her brothers Jess and Jim
Dr. and Mrs. Jesse Chapman, Jr. by their sons Jess and Jim
Michael G. Cook by Sandra Cook
Virginia Carol Cox by Kaye Cox-Andrews
Bob, Al, Bill, John, and Lewis Daniels by Mary and Jess Chapman
Roy Feringa by Mary Feringa
Cornelia Garbee by Pat, Wayne, and Julie Jewsbury
Cornelia Garbee by The Life Class
Cornelia Garbee by Gil and Jeanne Dresback
Cornelia H. Garbee by Hank and Sarah Garbee, Thomas and
Emma Garbee, and Wesley Garbee
Bill and Kaye Gold by Barry Gold
Hampton, Cotter, and McCarter Family Members
by Dot and Wade Hampton and Joel and Carole Cotter
Dot Hart by The Hart and Busey Families
Bob Heyward by Penny Heyward and Family
Gail Holpp by The Pilgrim Class
David Killen by The Blackmon Family
Dr. David G. Kogut by Maxine Parsons-Kogut
Robert Land by The Pilgrim Class
Sung Bok Lee by Chang and Hannah Lim
Bob Lewis by Linda Lewis and Family
Hubert Lovell by David and Susan Blackmon
Hubert Lovell and Terry and Jacqueline Blackmon
by Liz, Cody, and Ella Jones
Jeremy Maristany by The Blackmon Family
Shadie McCord and Lois Graves by Rob and Tricia Baker
Aileen McCrain by Tina and George Bashor

Larry Moore by Elaine Moore and Alan Stevens
Jeanne Morelock by Hillis Morelock
Louise P. Murray by Candy and Doug Murray
Colette Parker by Anne and Bill Parker
Max Price by Shirley Lewis
Anthony Ruvolo and Theresa Galletta by Vita and Dru Ruvolo-Wilkes
Astrid Schleider by The Pilgrim Class
James L. (Larry) Sullins by The Pilgrim Class
Ken Sylvester by Chris Sylvester
Thomas J. Cole by The Cole Family
Mr. Neal Tomlinson by Barry Gold and Greg Kirby
Tim Towery by Aaron, Christie, Jack, and James Dresback
Roger and Adeline Wilkes by Dru and Vita Ruvolo-Wilkes
Pat Woody by Ron Bromley

EASTER LILIES ARE GIVEN IN HONOR OF

Randall, Lisa, and Valerie Barnett by Anne and Bill Parker
Tommy and Mary Bashor by George and Tina Bashor
The Body of Christ Class by Ed and Brenda Graham
The Church Staff by The Personnel Committee
Everette W. Clark by His Grandchildren: Barry and Stephanie King,
Madeline Lipe and John Williams, and Marshall and Katie Lipe
Julia F. Clark by Her Grandchildren: Barry and Stephanie King,
Madeline Lipe and John Williams, and Marshall and Katie Lipe
Ed Graham by Sandra Frempong
Richard Hart by The Hart and Busey Families
Stephanie Kiser by The Deacon Officers
Donna Lewis by The Singles Connection Class
Our Grandchildren: Carrick, Halsey, Lucy, Hannah, and Jackson
by Martha and Jim Worley
The Polaris Bible Study by Christie Dresback
Sarah Whitlock and Heather Swanson by Anonymous