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Presbyterian  
Church of Monroe

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The mission of the First Presbyterian Church is to be ambassadors for Jesus Christ and to proclaim his salvation in worship, education, and outreach.

# Resurrection of the Lord / Easter Sunday

*\*We invite all who are able to stand where there is an asterisk.*

SILENCE

OPENING WORDS

Christ is risen.

**He is risen indeed!**

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Christ is risen for us today.

**Halleluia, halleluia, halleluia!**

PRELUDE “St. Anthony Chorale”

Johannes Brahms

*Brass Quartet*

“Crown Him with Many Crowns”

B. Kenyon

*Sanctus Handbell Choir*

“Largo”

G. F. Handel

*Brass Quartet*

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Let there be songs of victory to you, O God, let the whole assembly sing of your salvation.

**You are our strength and our salvation, O Lord; we have cried to you, and you have answered.**

You are our God, and we will give thanks to you. You are our God, who has given us life.

**Give thanks to God for the Lord is good, God’s steadfast love endures forever.**

\*HYMN ★232 “Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”

CALL TO CONFESSION

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered the power of sin and death. You became our bridge to the Father. You gave us access through the Son. Yet, we confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear. We are weak in our Christian witness, timid about our faith, and hesitant to declare your victory in our own lives.**

**Forgive us, God of mercy, for letting you down in more ways than one. Help us to trust your power to change our lives and make us new, that we may know the joy of abundant living in the ways of Jesus Christ, the risen Lord.**

## SILENT CONFESSION

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

### \*PASSING THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

*We greet one another with words and signs of the peace of Christ.*

### \*SONG OF AFFIRMATION ★620 “Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven” v. 1

***Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;  
to his feet your tribute bring;  
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,  
evermore his praises sing:  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise the everlasting King.***

## CHILDREN'S BLESSING

## PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

### FIRST READING — Acts 10:34-43

NT p. 129

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### SECOND READING — John 20:1-18

NT p. 114

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

SERMON “I Have Seen the Lord”

HYMN ★238 “Thine Is the Glory”

OFFERING

*Please take a moment to sign the Friendship Registry*

OFFERTORY “On the Third Day”

Allen Pote

Sanctuary Choir, Brass Quartet, Handbell Choir

*Jesus was crucified. He died and was buried. On the third day Christ arose. He ascended into heaven and sitteth at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. His kingdom will have no end. Christ is risen, Alleluia! He is alive, Alleluia! Christ has conquered death and sin, Alleluia! Died for us our souls to win, Alleluia! On the third day Christ arose!*

\*DOXOLOGY ★607

\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**O God, full of compassion, I commit and offer myself to you, in whom I am, and live, and think. Be the goal of my pilgrimage, and my rest by the wayside. Let my soul take refuge from the crowding turmoil of worldly thought beneath the shadow of your wings. Let my heart take delight and find peace in you, O God. Amen.**

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**This is the good news which we have received,  
in which we stand,  
and by which we are saved,  
if we hold it fast:  
that Christ died for our sins  
according to the scriptures,  
that he was buried,  
that he was raised on the third day,  
and that he appeared  
first to the women,  
then to Peter, and to the Twelve,  
and then to many witnesses.**

**We believe that Jesus is the Christ,  
the Son of the living God.  
Jesus Christ is the first and the last,  
the beginning and the end;  
he is our Lord and our God. Amen.**

From the *Book of Common Worship*

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

### LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*HYMN ★248 “Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!”

\*CHARGE AND BLESSING

\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE “The Day of Resurrection!” vs. 1  
*The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad,  
the Passover of gladness, the Passover of God.  
From death to life eternal, from sin's dominion free,  
our Christ has brought us over with hymns of victory.*

POSTLUDE “Toccata”

Louis Vierne

## **TODAY**

### **One Great Hour of Sharing**

Today, we take up the One Great Hour of Sharing offering. One Great Hour of Sharing is an offering that makes the love of Christ real for individuals and communities around the world who suffer the effects of disaster, conflict, or severe economic hardship, and for those who serve them through gifts of money and time. Today, projects are underway in more than 100 countries, including the United States and Canada. In the 1990s, receipts have exceeded \$20 million annually. While specific allocations differ in each denomination, all use their One Great Hour of Sharing funds to make possible disaster relief, refugee assistance, development aid and more. About thirty Protestant denominations participate in this offering.

### **About Today's Musicians**

We would like to thank the members of the Brass Quartet for playing in worship on this glorious Easter morning. They are: Ian McKenny and Ningrui Wei, trumpets; Alan Stahl and Aaron Fields, trombones

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Welcome to FPC of Monroe!** We are glad you are here today! We hope you find this a community of faith where you experience God in Jesus Christ. Childcare is always provided on Sunday mornings and the nursery is located near the parking lot entrance of the church. Hearing assistance is available.

### **Sermons**

Printed copies of the weekly sermon are available in the church office in the mailbox labeled Sermons.

### **Prayer Requests**

Please contact Diane Adams with specific prayer requests. A few members of our Prayer Team will be available to pray with you on every first Sunday of the month (which generally is communion Sunday) after worship.

### **Pastor Annemarie Out of Office**

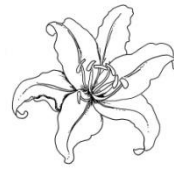
Pastor Annemarie will be on study leave from April 17 through May 1. Diane Adams will be available for pastoral care needs.

### **Community of Needs Meal Donations**

The kitchen needs your plastic grocery bags for the food we get from MCOP to pass out on Thursday nights.

## THIS WEEK

MONDAY	5:00	AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
TUESDAY	11:00	Staff
WEDNESDAY	9:30	Chair Yoga
THURSDAY	10:00	Bible Study
	6:00	Community of Need Meal (Fellowship Hall)
	6:00	TOPS
FRIDAY	9:00	TOPS
	8:00	Heroin Anonymous
SATURDAY	5:30	Socialites
SUNDAY	9:30	Adult Class with Dallas Dieckmann
	11:00	Worship
	12:15	Fellowship



## **Easter Flowers**

(Please feel free to take your plant home after the Worship Service)

### **Presented by:**

Ann Orwin

Barb Pillarelli

Bob & Nancy Douglas

Charlotte Frary

Anne Todd

George & Alice Kostoff

Alan & Helyn Schroeder

Randy Stiffler

Henry & Kathy Bourbina

Theresa Arist

Mr. & Mrs. Ron Pope

Mark Baker

### **In Loving Memory Of:**

The Rev. Dr. & Mrs. Wallace  
Robertson

The Rev. Dr. David Robertson

Tony Pillarelli

Seth & Dorothy Oliver

Frank & Wilma Taylor

Dale & Arlene Douglas

'Mac' & Joan McClain

McKenzie Orde

Caralee Stevens Hoffmeyer

Leona Todd

Stuart & Wanda Todd

Robert Todd

George & Jean Kostoff

Our Parents

Ana & Jessie Flack

Richard Stiffler

Robert & Marge Cornoyer

Sue Naki

Claudette Goff

Sara Bourbina

Clyde & Mary Hasley

Angela 'Mae' Arist

Mr. & Mrs. William Pope

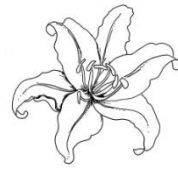
Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Haynes

Peggy Baker

Evelyn Dobson

Esther Gensler





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Jonathon & Kate McCoppin  
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Alan & Helyn Schroeder  
Theresa Arist  
Bill & Winnie Findley  
Arlene Turnbull

### **In Honor Of:**

Our Church Family  
Bud & Bonnie Allison  
Virginia & Dale Hooper  
Marie Hooper  
Kay Wise  
Fay McCoppin  
Sue Moxley  
The Schroeder Families  
My Parents, Ed & Kathy Berg  
Our Family in Alaska  
My Family



APRIL 16, 2017  
EASTER SUNDAY

**Christ is risen!**

### **DAILY BIBLE READINGS**

These readings are related to the Lectionary readings for this Sunday.  
We invite you to take time each day to read the assigned Bible passages.

Sunday	Matthew 28:1-10	He is risen!
Monday	John 20:1-18	Mary Magdalene sees the Lord
Tuesday	1 Corinthians 15:1-26	Christ has been raised
Wednesday	Mark 16:1-8	Women go to the tomb
Thursday	Colossians 3:1-4	Raised with Christ
Friday	Acts 10:34-43	God shows no partiality
Saturday	Psalms 118	The Lord is merciful
Sunday	John 20:19-31	Thomas sees and believes

### **SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK**

The angel said to the women, "Don't be afraid! I know you are looking for Jesus, who was nailed to a cross. He isn't here! God has raised him to life, just as Jesus said he would." **Matthew 28:5-6 (CEV)**

### **SAY, PRAY AND BLESS:**

#### **A Prayer for the Week:**

Risen Lord Jesus, please take away our fears. Help us to go wherever you send us. Amen.  
(Matthew 28:10)

#### **Mealtime Prayer:**

Risen Lord Jesus, we praise you for the gifts of this table and our celebration of Easter joy. Fill us with your love and life. Amen.

#### **A Blessing to Give:**

May the risen Lord Jesus replace your fears with joy, and raise you to new life with him.  
(Matthew 28:10; Colossians 3:1)

### **HYMN OF THE WEEK:**

*Jesus Christ is Risen Today*

## **CARING CONVERSATIONS**

Discuss in your home or small group:

- Tell about an experience that changed your life.
- Christ's death and resurrection is an earth-shaking experience (Matthew 28:2-4). How does this unique moment in history make a difference in your life?
- How does the resurrection impact your relationship to those around you?

## **DEVOTIONS**

Read: John 20:1-18.

Mary Magdalene's life is changed by her encounter with the resurrected Jesus. She is known by Jesus and called by name. He speaks to her and she recognizes him. Mary is sent to the other disciples to tell them what she has seen and heard. She now says, "I have seen the Lord." Her own life as a disciple of the resurrected Jesus has begun. Reflect on how you have seen the Lord in your life and how you have been known, named, and sent as a disciple of Jesus. Conclude the reflections and conversations with the Lord's Prayer. If you are with others, use "A Blessing to Give" found in this Taking Faith Home.

## **SERVICE**

God's beauty in creation, especially colorful flowers are a sign of new life and a symbol of the resurrection. Gather some flowers together and give them to someone with the words, "Christ is risen. Alleluia."

## **RITUALS AND TRADITIONS**

Have an Easter egg hunt. Begin with the following words.

Leader: **This is the day the Lord has made.**      All: **Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

Leader: **Christ is risen!**      All: **He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Leader: **Lord, you give us new life.**      All: **Alleluia!**

Leader: **Lord, you give us your creation  
and all that is in it.**      All: **Alleluia!**

Leader: **Lord, you give us each other.**      All: **Alleluia!**

Leader: **Christ is risen!**      All: **He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Leader: **Let us pray. Dear God, we thank you for this day and for these Easter eggs, a sign of new life and a symbol of the resurrection. May our joy and laughter reflect the power of new life through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

All: **Amen.**

## **Sermon Notes:**

### **Staff:**

**Pastor:** Rev. Dr. Annemarie Kidder; **Director of Music Ministry:** Susan Barker;  
**Christian Education Director:** Diane Adams; **Financial Secretary:** Sue Bondie;  
**Administrative Assistant:** Kelly Vergowven; **Sexton:** Gary Bogedain; **Childcare:** Sue Bondie, Amy Morgan; **Custodian:** Lori Lewis

**Pastors Emeriti:** Rev. Dean McGormley, Rev. Dr. Ellen McGormley

### **Worship Leadership Today:**

**Liturgist:** Diane Adams; **Ushers:** Bill Barnes, Mark Eby, Jim Crammond, Helyn Schroeder