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GATHERING

Prelude

Greeting

God is good.
All the time.
 And all the time.
God is good.

Call to Worship

We have seen, and we have heard:
Christ is risen!
 The cross and tomb are empty.
Christ is risen!
 The disciples saw his hands.
Christ is risen!
 They saw his side.
Christ is risen!
 Love has come to life.
We come to worship the risen Christ who is risen indeed!

***Hymn #254 That Easter Day With Joy Was Bright**

<p>1. That Easter day with joy was bright; the sun shone out with fairer light when, to their longing eyes restored, the apostles saw their risen Lord.</p> <p>2. He bade them see his hands, his side, where yet the glorious wounds abide,</p>	<p>the tokens true which made it plain their Lord indeed was risen again.</p> <p>3. From every weapon death can wield, your own redeemed forever shield; O Lord of all, with us abide in this our joyful Eastertide.</p>
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***Prayer of the Day**

Redeeming God, Christ commissioned disciples to offer peace and forgiveness in his name. As we celebrate the good news of resurrection, empower us to be better able to testify to the life that is revealed in Christ. May we find forgiveness and peace this day. Amen.

***The Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.
 (A sign of peace is exchanged.)

Response: #589 Alleluia, Alleluia*Alleluia, alleluia.****Alleluia, alleluia.****Alleluia, alleluia.****Now the Lord is risen indeed.****Aleluya, aleluya.****Aleluya, aleluya.****Aleluya, aleluya.****El Señor resucitó.****THE WORD****Prayer for Illumination****First reading: Acts 4:32-35**

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The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.**Children's Chat**

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Second Reading John 20:19-31

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The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.**Sermon***Resurrection, Forgiveness and Love*

Rev. Dr. Rick Boyer

***Hymn #253 Alleluia! Christ Is Risen**

Refrain:

Alleluia! Christ is arisen.**Bright is the dawning of the Lord's day.****1 Run, faithful women, to the graveside.****Marvel, the stone is rolled away!****Hear from the angel, "He is risen."****Christ goes before you all the way.(Refrain)****2 Rise, Magdalena, from your weeping;****Christ stands before your very eyes.****Quickly return to the disciples;****bear the good news: "He is alive." (Refrain)****3 Gather, disciples, in the evening:****suddenly Christ your Lord appears.****"Look, it is I, your wounded Savior.****Peace be with you, and do not fear."(Refrain)****4 Thomas, where were you on that evening?****"I'll not believe unless I see."****Christ comes again, and every Lord's day:****"Touch me and see; have faith in me."(Refrain)*****A Brief Statement of Faith****In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.**

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church.

The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism,

feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church.

In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

***Gloria Patri (Response # 581 Glory Be to the Father)**

**Glory be to the Father
and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning,
is now and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, amen.**

Prayers of the People

Offering

Musical Offering

***Doxology**

***Prayer of Dedication and Lord's Prayer**

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

SENDING

Sending the Church into Mission

Minute for Stewardship

Dick Lunde

The Mission of Prospect Church

To be a family in Christ reaching out to all with love, prayer, and service. Through worship, education, mission, and fellowship, we experience God's love, forgiveness, grace, and call.

*Hymn #817 We Walk By Faith

**1. We walk by faith and not by sight;
with gracious words draw near,
O Christ, who spoke as none e'er spoke:
"My peace be with you here."**

**2. We may not touch your hands and side,
nor follow where you trod;
but in your promise we rejoice,
and cry, "My Lord and God!"**

**3. Help then, O Lord, our unbelief;
and may our faith abound
to call on you when you are near
and seek where you are found.**

**4. And when our life of faith is done,
in realms of clearer light
may we behold you as you are,
with full and endless sight.**

*Benediction and Congregational Response

**Thine is the glory, Risen, conquering Son;
Endless is the victory, Thou o'er death hast won.**

Postlude