

**PROSPECT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

**ORDER FOR WORSHIP**

**EASTER SUNDAY 10:30 AM SERVICE**

**April 21, 2019**

**GATHERING**

**Prelude**                      *Chorale Prelude on "Christ, the Lord, Is Risen Today"*                      arr. Sy Brandon  
Brass Ensemble

**Processional**                      *A Repeating Alleluia*                      by Calvin Hampton  
Chancel Choir

**Call to Worship**

God has promised: "I am about to create new heavens and a new earth; the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind.

**"Be glad and rejoice forever in what I am creating; for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy, and its people as a delight.**

"I will rejoice in Jerusalem and delight in my people; no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it, or the cry of distress.

**"No more shall there be in it an infant that lives but a few days, or an old person who does not live out a lifetime.**

"They shall build houses and inhabit them. They shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit.

**"They shall not labor in vain, or bear children for calamity... They shall not hurt or destroy on my holy mountain." Says God.**

**Come, then, people of God, let us raise an "Alleluia" for the new thing God is doing in our lives. Alleluia! Praise God.**

**\*Hymn 232 *Jesus Christ Is Risen Today***

**1. Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!  
our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!  
who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!  
suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!**

**2. Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!  
unto Christ, our heavenly King, Alleluia!  
who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!  
sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!**

**3. But the pains which he endured, Alleluia!  
our salvation have procured. Alleluia!  
Now above the sky he's King, Alleluia!  
where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!**

**4. 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 the Day**

**Alleluia! We praise you, O God, for the power of your saving love revealed in the resurrection of our Lord. As you have raised Jesus from the dead give to us the gift of everlasting life, that we may worship you forever; through Christ, our risen Savior. Amen.**

**\*The Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.** (A sign of peace is exchanged.)

**\*Response: #591 Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!**

Halle, halle, hallelujah!  
Halle, halle, hallelujah!  
Halle, halle, hallelujah!  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

## THE WORD

### Prayer for Illumination

#### First Reading Isaiah 65:17-25

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The Word of God for the people of God.  
Thanks be to God.

#### Musical Response

“The Trumpet Shall Sound” from *The Messiah*  
Christophersen Nomura, solo  
Michael Willensky, trumpet

G.F. Handel

### Children's Chat

Rita Boyer, Certified Christian Educator

#### Second Reading John 20:1-18

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### Sermon

*Mary's Courage*

Rev. Dr. Rick Boyer

### \*Hymn #241 *Woman Weeping In The Garden*

1. Woman, weeping in the garden,  
who has pushed the stone aside?  
Who has taken Jesus' body,  
Jesus Christ the crucified?

2. Woman, waiting in the garden,  
after men have come and gone,  
after angels give their witness,  
silently you watch the dawn.

3. Woman, walking in the garden,  
Jesus takes you by surprise;  
when the gardener calls you, “Mary!”  
faith and joy meet in your eyes.

4. Woman, weeping in the garden,  
weep for joy, for you have seen  
Jesus, the Messiah, risen;  
Christ, of whom the prophets dream.

5. Woman, dancing from the garden,  
find the others and proclaim  
Christ is risen as he promised;  
tell the world he knew your name!

**\*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 Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children,**

**healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.**

**Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.**

**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**

**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 Introduced by Rick**

Musical Offering

*Risen Today!*  
Chancel Choir  
Melanie Smith, piano

Dan Forrest

\*Doxology #608

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Christ, all people here below;  
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;  
Praise Triune God, whom we adore.**

\*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**

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 #248 Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!

**1 Christ is risen! Shout Hosanna!  
Celebrate this day of days!  
Christ is risen! Hush in wonder:  
all creation is amazed.  
In the desert all-surrounding,  
see, a spreading tree has grown.  
Healing leaves of grace abounding  
bring a taste of love unknown.**

**2 Christ is risen! Raise your spirits  
from the caverns of despair.  
Walk with gladness in the morning.  
See what love can do and dare.**

**Drink the wine of resurrection,  
not a servant, but a friend.  
Jesus is our strong companion.  
Joy and peace shall never end.**

**3 Christ is risen! Earth and heaven  
nevermore shall be the same.  
Break the bread of new creation  
where the world is still in pain.  
Tell its grim, demonic chorus:  
"Christ is risen! Get you gone!"  
God the First and Last is with us.  
Sing Hosanna everyone!**

\*Benediction and Congregational Response

"Hallelujah Chorus" from *The Messiah*

G. F. Handel

**Postlude**

*Tocatta* by Eugene Gigout