

Easter Sunday weekend, 4/4/2021:

Call to Worship -- "THE LORD HAS RISEN!" from Luke 24:56; 1 Corinthians 15:54-55, 57; John 11:25-26 (NIV)

READER 1: Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; the Lord has risen!

READER 2: He has risen indeed!

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READER 1: Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?

READER 2: Death has been swallowed up in victory!

BOTH: Christ has risen indeed!

READER 1: Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life.

He who believes in Me will live, even though he dies;
and whoever lives and believes in Me will never die."

BOTH: Thanks be to God!

READER 2: He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

READER 1: The Lord has risen!

BOTH: He has risen indeed! Alleluia!

Prayer of Confession

Mighty God: by your power is Christ raised from death to rule this world with love. We confess that we have not believed in him, but fall into doubt and fear. Gladness has no home in our hearts, and gratitude is slight. Forgive our dread of dying, our hopelessness, and set us free for joy in the victory of Jesus Christ, who was dead but lives, and will put down every power to hurt or destroy, when your promised kingdom comes. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Rejoice and be glad! Our God is full of mercy, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love. Jesus Christ entered this world to rescue sinners. He bore in his body on the cross, our sin, so that we might be dead to sin and be alive to all that is fresh and good. Friends, in Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Dare to believe in the gift of a new beginning, and be at peace.

Hymn: "Christ the Lord is Risen Today!" sung by the Joslin Grove Choral Society - from Islington Baptist Church {sing along with the word on the screen} (click on link below) --

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nzy7jFNUc3w>

The Nursery Kids celebrate the Joy of Easter Morning

<https://www.facebook.com/nwpresbyterian/videos/480595463288982>

Scripture Lesson: John 20:1-18 Read by Gloria Lindell on video (click on link below) --

<https://www.facebook.com/nwpresbyterian/videos/497279481681349>

Sermon: "I Have Seen the Lord!" by Pastor Buddy Ward on video (click on link below) --

<https://www.facebook.com/nwpresbyterian/videos/1705969882944570>

Hymn: "Christ Arose" Arranged and Performed by: www.hymncharts.com from CelebratingHolidays
{sing along with the word on the screen} (click on link below) --

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0arouoCJ8es>

Benediction - Hebrews 13:20-21

"Now may the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, 21 equip you with everything good for doing his will, and may he work in us what is pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen."

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