

**Edgewood Presbyterian Church  
Homewood, Alabama  
Easter Sunday  
Joint Service with Second Presbyterian Church  
March 31, 2024**

\*\*Please text any prayer requests to 205-924-5080 before the Sharing of the Peace.  
Please include your name unless you wish the request to be anonymous. \*\*

**Flowering of the Cross**

*Worshippers are invited to add flowers to the cross before worship  
and through the organ prelude.*

**Prayer of Preparation**

Fill my heart with the Good News! Amen.

**Chiming of the Trinity**

**Prelude**

*Christ the Lord Is Risen Today*

arr. Stephen Bulla

Madeline Cagle – French Horn

**Waters of Baptism**

*All children are invited to gather at the baptismal font.*

**Very Early on the First Day of the Week**

Mark 16: 1-8

*Christ is risen!*

**Christ is risen, indeed!**

**Hymn 236**

*The Strife Is O'er*

VICTORY

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

1 The strife is o'er, the battle done;  
the victory of life is won;  
the song of triumph has begun.  
Alleluia!

2 The powers of death have done their  
worst,  
but Christ their legions hath dispersed:  
let shouts of holy joy outburst.  
Alleluia!

3 The three sad days are quickly sped;  
Christ rises glorious from the dead:  
all glory to our risen Head!  
Alleluia!

4 Lord, by the stripes which wounded  
thee,  
from death's dread sting thy servants  
free,  
that we may live, and sing to thee:  
Alleluia!  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

## Welcome

### Call to Worship

Kelly Wood, Liturgist

This is the day that the LORD has made!

Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

**Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!**

This is the good news we have received, in which we stand,  
and by which we are saved:

**Alleluia! Christ is risen indeed!**

That Christ died on the cross and was buried,  
and rose again on the third day.

**Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!**

He appeared to the women, and to Peter, and to the twelve,  
and to many faithful witnesses.

**Alleluia! Christ is risen indeed!**

At last he came to us, that we might come to believe  
and proclaim this good news to the world.

**He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

### Prayer of the Day

#### Hymn 242

*Day of Delight and Beauty Unbounded*

IN DIR IST FRUED

*Refrain:*

Day of delight and beauty unbounded,  
tell the news, the gospel spread!

Day of all wonder, day of all splendor,  
praise Christ risen from the dead!

1 Sing of the sun  
from darkness appearing;  
sing of the seed  
from barren earth greening;  
sing of creation, alleluia!  
Sing of the stream  
from Jesus' side flowing;  
sing of the saints in water made holy;  
sing of salvation, alleluia! (*Refrain*)

2 Sing now of mourning  
turned into dancing;  
sing now the mystery,  
hope of our glory;  
sing with thanksgiving, alleluia!  
Sing now of fasting  
turned into feasting;  
sing the Lord's favor lasting forever;  
sing, all things living, alleluia!

## Invitation to Reconciliation

### Prayer of Brokenness

God of everlasting life, we confess that we continue in the ways of death.  
You have announced your new creation but we put our hope in former things.  
You have opened the door of the tomb, but we close our hearts to our neighbors.  
Forgive us, God of grace.  
Make us people of the resurrection, proclaiming the destruction of death  
and the gift of glorious new life in you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
We now share with you in silence the burdens of our hearts...

### Declaration of Forgiveness

Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel:  
**In Jesus Christ we are forgiven and restored to new life!**

### Gloria 582



1 Glo - ry to God, whose good - ness shines on me,  
2 World with - out end, 7 with - out end. A - men.

(D) (G) (C) (G) (Em7) (A7)  
F B<sup>b</sup> E<sup>b</sup> B<sup>b</sup> Gm7 C7

and to the Son, whose grace has par - doned me,  
World with - out end, 7 with - out end. A - men.

(A7) (D) (F#) (Bm)  
C7 F A Dm

and to the Spir - it, whose love has set me free.  
World with - out end, 7 with - out end. A - men.

(Bm7) (D) (Bdim7) (Em7) (Dm)(A7) (D)  
Dm7 F Ddim7 Gm7 Fm C7 F

As it was in the be - gin-ning, is now and ev - er shall be. A - men.

### Prayer for Illumination

### Hebrew Scripture Reading

### Isaiah 25: 6-9

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

- <sup>1</sup> The heavens are telling the glory of God;  
and the firmament proclaims God's handiwork.
- <sup>2</sup> **Day pours forth speech to day, and night declares knowledge to night.**
- <sup>3</sup> There is no speech, nor are there words; their voice is not heard;
- <sup>4</sup> **yet their voice goes out through all the earth,  
and their words to the end of the world.**
- In the heavens God has set a tent for the sun,
- <sup>5</sup> which comes out like a bridegroom from his wedding canopy,  
and like a strong man runs its course with joy.
- <sup>6</sup> **Its rising is from the end of the heavens, and its circuit to the end of them;  
and nothing is hidden from its heat.**
- <sup>7</sup> The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul;  
the decrees of the LORD are sure, making wise the simple;
- <sup>8</sup> **the precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart;  
the commandment of the LORD is clear, enlightening the eyes;**
- <sup>9</sup> the fear of the LORD is pure, enduring for ever;  
the ordinances of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.
- <sup>10</sup> **More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold;  
sweeter also than honey, and drippings of the honeycomb.**
- <sup>11</sup> Moreover by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward.
- <sup>12</sup> **But who can detect their errors? Clear me from hidden faults.**
- <sup>13</sup> Keep back your servant also from the insolent;  
do not let them have dominion over me.  
**Then I shall be blameless, and innocent of great transgression.**
- <sup>14</sup> Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you,  
**O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.**

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Hymn 244

## *This Joyful Eastertide*

VRUECHTEN

1 This joyful Eastertide,  
away with sin and sorrow!  
My love, the Crucified,  
has sprung to life this morrow!

*Refrain:*  
*Had Christ, who once was slain,*  
*Not burst his three day prison,*  
*Our faith had been in vain.*  
*But now has Christ arisen,*  
*arisen, arisen, arisen.*

2 My flesh in hope shall rest  
and for a season slumber  
Till trump from east to west  
Shall wake the dead in number.  
(*Refrain*)

3 Death's flood has lost its chill  
since Jesus crossed the river.  
Lover of souls,  
from ill my passing soul deliverer.  
(*Refrain*)

## Sharing of the Peace

## Announcements for the Community of Faith

### Anthem

### *A Classic Easter Alleluia*

Arr. Mary McDonald

Alleluia, Christ is risen! Alleluia, our Christ is alive! Alleluia, Christ is risen! Alleluia, our Christ is alive!  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, our Christ is alive! Alleluia, our Christ is alive!  
The Saviour lives, no more to die; He lives, the Lord enthroned on high; He lives triumphant o'er the  
grave; He lives, eternally to save.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, Christ is risen. Alleluia, our Christ is alive! Alleluia, Christ is risen.  
Alleluia, our Christ is alive! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

## Offering of Tithes and Gifts

### Doxology

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

## Invitation to the Lord's Table

## The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

## The Lord's Prayer

## Breaking of the Bread and Pouring of the Cup

### Communion of the People

#### Music at Communion

*My Lord What a Morning*

arr. Roger Wilson

### Concerns of the Church & Prayers of the People

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#### Hymn 232

*Jesus Christ Is Risen Today*

EASTER HYMN

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!

### Charge from the Steps

### Charge and Benediction

#### Postlude

*Hallelujah Chorus*  
The Cagle Family

George Freidrich Handel