

**Edgewood Presbyterian Church
Homewood, Alabama
Third Sunday of Easter
Joint Service with Second Presbyterian Church
April 14, 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. **

Prayer of Preparation

Holy God, give me lips, feet, and hands to share the good news of resurrection. Amen.

Chiming of the Trinity

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

Prelude *On that Bright Golden Shore* Donald Lee Moore

Welcome

Call to Worship Fran Woodruff, Liturgist

When the disciples were certain that Jesus was dead,
He stood among them and said, "Peace be with you."

Let us watch for the risen Christ this day,
Bursting with new life and new hope.

Peace be with you.
And also with you.

Peace be with you.
And with your spirit.

Easter people, Christ is risen!
Christ is risen indeed!

Prayer of the Day

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!

Invitation to Reconciliation

Prayer of Brokenness

**God of all hope and joy,
we confess that we remain stuck.
We are resurrection people in a realm that is both
bent on denying death's reality and hindering new life.
We are too often afraid to speak holy peace into such a world.
Forgive us, God of grace.
Teach us to delight in your way of radical presence
in the face of death and promises of unfathomable joy.
Grant us irrational, beautiful, holy hope,
through Christ our Lord.
We share with you now 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^b E^b B^b 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.

Choral Prayer for Illumination

Hymn 456 *Listen, God Is Calling*

Psalter

Psalms 4

¹ Answer me when I call, O my righteous God!

You gave me room when I was in distress.

Be gracious to me, and hear my prayer.

² How long, you mortals, shall my honor suffer shame?

How long will you love illusions, and seek after lies?

³ **But know that the LORD takes care of the faithful;**

the LORD will hear me when I call out.

⁴ Tremble, then, and do not sin;

ponder it on your beds, and be silent.

⁵ **Offer the appointed sacrifices, and put your trust in the LORD.**

⁶ There are many who say, "O that we might see some good!

Let the light of your face shine upon us, O LORD!"

⁷ You have put gladness in my heart
more than when their grain and wine abound.

⁸ **I will both lie down and sleep in peace;
for you alone, O LORD, make me lie down in safety.**

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Lesson

Luke 24: 36b-48

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon **“Startled, Terrified, Joy, Disbelieving, Wondering”**

The Rev. Joe Genau

Hymn 776

O God, Be Gracious

TALLIS' ORDINAL

1 O God, be gracious; hear my prayer,
and answer when I cry.
You give me hope in my distress;
you will not pass me by.

2 How long, O God, will liars boast
while I am smeared with shame?
Come, set your faithful servant free;
I call upon your name!

3 When terror wakes me from my
dreams
and shakes me through and through,
teach me to pray with confidence
and put my trust in you.

4 Some fear that you will not provide;
they cry, “Show us your face!”
But you have satisfied my heart
with goodness, joy, and grace.

5 Now lay me down to sleep in peace;
in safety let me rest.
O God, within your loving care
I am forever blessed.

Sharing of the Peace

Announcements for the Community of Faith

Anthem

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

Horatius Bonar; arr. John L. Bell

THE ROWAN TREE

I heard the voice of Jesus say, 'Come unto me and rest; lay down, thou weary one, lay down thy head upon my breast'. I came to Jesus. As I was so weary, worn, and sad; I found in him a resting place and he has made me glad.

I heard the voice of Jesus say, 'Behold, I freely give the living water, thirsty one, stoop down and drink and live.' I came to Jesus, and I drank of that life-giving stream; my thirst was quenched, my soul revived, and now I live in him.

I heard the voice of Jesus say, 'I am this dark world's light; look unto me, thy morn shall rise, and all thy day be bright.' I looked to Jesus, and I found in him my star, my sun; and in that light of life I'll walk till traveling days are done.

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 *Adagio Cantabile*

Ludwig Van Beethoven; arr. Edward Broughton

Concerns of the Church & Prayers of the People

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Hymn 231*Christ Has Risen While Earth Slumbers*

SUO GAN

1 Christ has risen while earth slumbers;
Christ has risen where hope died,
as he said and as he promised,
as we doubted and denied.
Let the moon embrace the blessing;
let the sun sustain the cheer;
let the world confirm the rumor:
Christ is risen, God is here!

2 Christ has risen for the people
whom he died to love and save;
Christ has risen for the women
bringing flowers to grace his grave.
Christ has risen for disciples
huddled in an upstairs room.
He whose word inspired creation
can't be silenced by the tomb.

3 Christ has risen and for ever
lives to challenge and to change
all whose lives are messed or mangled,
all who find religion strange.
Christ is risen, Christ is present
making us what he has been:
evidence of transformation
in which God is known and seen.

Charge from the Steps**Charge and Benediction****Postlude***Fanfare for the King*

Robert J. Hughes