



FOUNTAIN HILLS
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Our Vision: Growing in love for God and others we make disciples for Jesus.

Our Mission: Love God – Love People – Make Disciples.

March 31 , 2024

9:00 AM

RESURRECTION DAY

PRELUDE

“The Heavens are Telling”

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Franz Josef Haydn (1732-1809)

(from "The Creation") Arr: *Martha Powell Setchell*

Dorraine Aggen—Organ

Dorothy Parris—Piano

SILENT PRAYER OF PREPARATION BEFORE WORSHIP

Fill our worship with grace, Lord Jesus Christ, that every thought, word, and deed may be acceptable to you, our Rock and our Redeemer. Amen.

WORDS OF WELCOME

Pastor Bob

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN**

“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today”

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Roy Nickel-Trumpet

Deb Fisher-Trumpet/Euphonium

Jim Lindau-Clarinet

Phil Katz-Tenor Saxophone

PREPARING OUR HEARTS

“Praise the Lord our God Forever”

Words and Music by Amadeus Mozart

Celebration Singers

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Ilene Berg

Leader: This day dawns brightly!

People: **Hope is restored!**

Leader: Christ is Risen!

People: **He has conquered death!**

Leader: Come, open your hearts and lives to the joyous Good News!

People: **Let us celebrate the greatest victory of all time. Christ is Risen! Amen!**

OPENING PRAYER (unison)

Ilene Berg

God of glory, fill your Church with the power that flows from Christ’s resurrection so that, in the midst of the sinful world, it may signal the beginning of a renewed humanity, risen to new life with Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

***HYMN OF WORSHIP**

“Every Morning is Easter Morning”

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CALL TO CONFESSION (not on the screen)

Ilene Berg

Please join with me in the prayer for forgiveness and renewal....

PRAYER FOR FORGIVENESS AND RENEWAL (unison)

Ilene Berg

Gracious God, you have walked patiently with us throughout our Lenten journey. You have celebrated our successes and our growing understanding of your love; and you have mourned our failures and rejections of your healing mercies. On this day, as we have gathered to celebrate the joy of Easter, let us remember that we are to become “Easter People”, people of the Resurrection; people who know that what was thought to be impossible has been conquered. Forgive our stubbornness and fears. Fill us with your healing love and help us to become the disciples that you need to serve in this world. For we ask this in the name of our Risen Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE (not on the screen)

Ilene Berg

Darkness is gone! Light floods into our souls! Christ is Risen! His love and mercy are poured out for you. Rejoice! You have been saved through the gift of Jesus Christ. AMEN.

***HYMN OF PRAISE**

“Christ Arose”

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (not on the screen)

Pastor Bob

Why is it, Lord, that we rush headlong into holidays? The store shelves have been filled with bunnies, eggs, candy, and all the trimmings of the secular Easter, and we are drawn to planning for that day. We feel a sense of urgency, and yet you have called us to be on this journey, gradually coming with Christ to the Cross and beyond. Slow us down. Help us to look more closely at our own lives, at the many ways in which they are driven, and demands are placed upon them. Remind us again of the ministry and mission of Christ, who came that we might have life. We have offered prayers for family and friends, for situations near and far. We have asked for your help, healing, and blessing. Make us ready to receive these precious gifts. Walk with us on this pathway. Help us look at the barriers that have prevented us from following Christ and guide us through them that we may become stronger in our faith and our service to you, for we ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Risen Lord. Amen.

SHARING OUR GIFTS

Pastor Bob

OFFERTORY

“Worthy is the Lamb Who Was Slain”

*Pepper Choplin
Celebration Singers*

***DOXOLOGY**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION (not on the screen)**

Ilene Berg

God of great gifts: This morning we give you praise, we give you glory, we give you thanks! With resurrection humming in our hearts, our minds are tuned to your song of peace! We joyfully present these gifts to you, a tangible chorus of thanksgiving, a harmony of hope for your kingdom come! We offer you this prayer in the name of Jesus who taught us to pray saying, "Our Father...."

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen

SCRIPTURE READING: MATTHEW 27:62-66; 28:1-10 (NIV)

Ilene Berg

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God

SERMON

"The Man the Grave Could Not Keep"

Pastor Bob

***AN EASTER AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (unison)**

Pastor Bob

God remembered his promise to reconcile the world to himself; he has come among us in Jesus Christ, the eternal Word made flesh. He is the long-awaited Savior, fully human and fully divine, conceived by the Spirit of God and born of the virgin Mary. Being both God and man, Jesus is the only Mediator between God and his people. He alone paid the debt of our sin; there is no other Savior! In him the Father chose those whom he would save. His electing love sustains our hope: God's grace is free to save sinners who offer nothing but their need for mercy. Amen!

***HALLELUJAH CHORUS**

*George Frederic Handel
Celebration Singers*

***EASTER BENEDICTION**

Pastor Bob

Pastor: Go forth in joy to love and serve God in all that you do.

People: **We are sent in the name of the Risen Christ.**

Pastor: Let us bless our Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

Pastor: May the God of peace, who raised to life the great shepherd of the sheep, make us ready to do his will in every good thing, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever.

People: **Alleluia! Amen.**

POSTLUDE

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2024 EASTER FLOWERS TRIBUTE

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| Jane Allen | <i>“In honor of grand daughters Kaia, a transplant survivor;
and Liana, pool accident survivor”</i> |
| Dewey / Sue Anderson | <i>“In memory of Vern & Hannah Anderson; Stan and Jane Harris”</i> |
| Bob / Ilene Berg | <i>“In Memory of our parents”</i> |
| Babaian Family | <i>“In memory of Mr. & Mrs. Tokman Babaian”</i> |
| Joe & Jill Gregory | <i>“In memory of our parents Mr & Mrs Pepe; Mr & Mrs Gregory”</i> |
| Connie Harris | <i>“In Memory of our parents”</i> |
| George/Mary Holtan | <i>“In memory of parents & Brothers; In Honor of Grandchildren”</i> |
| Kachadorian Family | <i>“In memory of Mr & Mrs Carnick Kachadorian“</i> |
| Joyce Leo | <i>“In memory and honor of my loved ones”</i> |
| Jean Linzer | <i>“In memory of family members”</i> |
| Jackie Miles | <i>“In memory of Jerry Miles“</i> |
| Roy / Mary Ann Nickel | <i>“In Honor of our 5 wonderful grand children; 1 special great
grand daughter”</i> |
| Norm Nominee /
Sandi Thompson | <i>“In memory of our family who passed”</i> |
| Ruby Pearson | <i>“In memory of my mother”</i> |
| Paulette Roland | <i>“In Honor of Mr. & Mrs. Sam Roland; Paul Warrington; Lucille &
George Brucer”</i> |
| Terri Schmidt | <i>“In memory of Mom & Dad; and all those members who have
passed”</i> |
| Art & Jo-Ann Spalding | <i>“In memory of our parents”</i> |
| Keith & Kay Spicer | <i>“In memory of our loved ones”</i> |



Chancel Flowers Given To the Glory of God...

“In Honor of our Congregation”