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A Covenant Order
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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.

EASTER SUNDAY **April 20, 2025 – 9:00 AM**

PRELUDE “A Celebration of the Resurrection”

Robert Lowry. Arr: Don Phillips.

SILENT PRAYER OF PREPARATION

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

PREPARING OUR HEARTS “Christ the Lord Is Risen Today”

arr. Joel Rainey; Dorothy Parris-Piano,
Doraine Aggen-Organ, Celebration Singers

EASTER CALL TO WORSHIP

Jeanette Simmons

Leader: Joyful is the sound we make this morning!

People: For this day liberates us from doubt and fear.

Leader: Thankful is the song we sing!

People: For this day moves us past darkness and despair.

Leader: Hopeful is the prayer on our lips!

People: For this day awakens in us long-awaited new life.

Leader: Jesus said, “Where two or more are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”

People: Christ lives here and now. He is among us at this very moment!

Leader: May his powerful peace and presence be known to you.

People: And also, to you.

Leader: Let us worship our Risen Lord!

***HYMN OF WORSHIP "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today"** #367

Roy Nickel & Debbie Fisher - Trumpets

CALL TO CONFESSION

Jeanette Simmons

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

PRAYER FOR FORGIVENESS & RENEWAL

Jeanette Simmons

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

Jeanette Simmons

The darkness is gone! Light floods into our souls! Christ is Risen! His love and mercy are poured out for you. Rejoice! If you have placed your faith in Jesus you have been saved through the gift of Jesus Christ. Thanks be to God! Amen.

***HYMN OF PRAISE "Every Morning Is Easter Morning"**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Pastor Bob

SHARING OUR GIFTS

Pastor Bob

OFFERTORY

"Lift High The Cross"

Sydney H. Nicholson. Arr: Fred Bock

***DOXOLOGY**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Jeanette Simmons

Risen Lord, 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

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 24:1-12

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM “Worthy is the Lamb”

Pepper Choplin; Celebration Singers

SERMON "Looking in the Wrong Place" Rev Dr Bob Simmons

***EASTER RESPONSE "Hallelujah Chorus"**

George Frideric 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 A reprise of “**Hallelujah Chorus**”

George Frideric Handel; Celebration Singers

ANNOUNCEMENTS

AFTER WORSHIP BIBLE CLASS

Join us today as we continue our study, *"Who is the Holy Spirit,"* with a 25-minute video by Dr. Sinclair Ferguson. **The class starts around 10:20 AM and ends at 11:00 AM.**

No After Worship Bible Class on April 20 or 27.

AFTER EASTER BRUNCH Sunday, April 27

Join us for a delightful After Easter Brunch, hosted by Presby Pickins', on Sunday, April 27th, in the Fellowship Center following our Worship service. This year, Phil's Filling Station in Fountain Hills will be catering the event, promising a wonderful spread for all to enjoy.

Reservations:

Hilltop Hospitality will be taking reservations TODAY in the Narthex.

We look forward to seeing everyone at this special event,
proudly sponsored by Presby Pickins'.

NEW COURSE ON PRAYER BEGINS APRIL 30

The Center for Biblical Studies invites you to join us for a new seven-week study on *prayer*, beginning **Wednesday, April 30**. Sessions will be held **every Wednesday** at two times for your convenience:

- **10:00 AM** in the **Fireside Room**
- **6:00 PM** in the **Fellowship Center**

We'll be exploring *The Lord's Prayer* using a book by Tim Chester, which offers thoughtful insight into deepening our prayer lives. Books have been ordered and are expected to arrive shortly.

Come be part of this meaningful time of study, discussion, and reflection as we grow together in the practice of prayer.