

The People of God Gathered to Worship As
THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF WEST SALEM
April 17, 2022
Easter Sunday

Prelude

Welcome

Prayer Requests

The Call to Worship

LEADER: He is Risen!

PEOPLE: He is Risen, indeed!

LEADER: Christ is Risen!

PEOPLE: CHRIST IS RISEN INDEED!

LEADER: The tomb has been defeated,

PEOPLE: Death has lost its sting,

LEADER: Christ is Risen!

PEOPLE: CHRIST IS RISEN INDEED!

Opening Hymn

#113 Presbyterian Hymnal
Christ the Lord is Risen Today

Prayer of Confession

Most Holy, Gracious, and Merciful God, we are a broken people in a broken world. We have failed, in so many ways, to live up to your expectations. We have not done all of the things that you would have us do, and we have done much that you would have us not do. We frequently fail to praise you with all of our lives, and we fail to love our neighbors as ourselves. We worry about propriety, even in the face of your glory. Forgive us our many sins, Lord, and hear now as we lift up our silent confessions before you

Moment of Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Prayer of Dedication

Gracious God, our gifts are small next to all that you have given us. Take our gifts, LORD, and make them holy, so that they may help to feed the hungry, grow the church, and share your Light with a world lost in Darkness. Amen.

Prayers of the People & 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.

Closing Hymn

#123 Presbyterian Hymnal
Jesus Christ is Risen Today

Benediction

Song of Sending

#354 Presbyterian Hymnal (verse 1, 4)
Guide My Feet

Pastor: Go in Peace. Serve the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

The Postlude

Gloria Patri

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son
And to the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be.
World without end. Amen, Amen.**

Passing of the Peace *(please remain in your seats)*

Let us greet one another as forgiven sinners with the peace of Christ:

*“The peace of the Lord be with you.
And also, with you.”*

A Moment with the Children – He is Risen!

Special Music – Nick Miller

Scripture Reading

Luke 24:1-12

¹ But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. ² They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, ³ but when they went in, they did not find the body. ⁴ While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. ⁵ The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, “Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. ⁶ Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, ⁷ that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again.” ⁸ Then they remembered his words, ⁹ and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. ¹⁰ Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. ¹¹ But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. ¹² But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

Prayer of Illumination

Sermon

An Idle Tale

Pastor Dan McCurdy

Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles Creed

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was
buried; He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into Heaven and is seated at the right hand of
God the Father Almighty.
From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy catholic church,
The communion of Saints, the forgiveness of sins,
The Resurrection of the Body, and the Life Everlasting. Amen.**

Bell Choir – That Easter Day With Joy Was Bright

Presentation of Tithes, Offerings, and Gifts

In the season of Lent we are reminded that Christ did not come to us for money, but rather, that Christ came for us. Jesus wants all of our lives, from the spiritual to the mundane. So remember, when we give, that we are not purchasing services, but rather taking part in worship, offering God a part of our lives that we so often see as unholy. Come, let us worship God together with our giving.

Offertory

Doxology

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God all creatures here below.
Praise God above ye heavenly hosts.
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**