



adorn yourself with your tambourines and go forth in the dance of the merrymakers.

<sup>5</sup> Again you shall plant vineyards on the mountains of Samaria; the planters shall plant and shall enjoy the fruit. <sup>6</sup> For there shall be a day when sentinels will call in the hill country of Ephraim: "Come, let us go up to Zion, to the Lord our God."

### ***A MOMENT WITH CHILDREN – Alleluia!***

### **Welcoming New Members**

### ***Choral Anthem – Low In The Grave He Lay***

### **SECOND SCRIPTURE READING**

#### **Matthew 28:1-10**

<sup>1</sup>After the Sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. <sup>2</sup>And suddenly there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. <sup>3</sup>His appearance was like lightning and his clothing white as snow. <sup>4</sup>For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. <sup>5</sup>But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. <sup>6</sup>He is not here, for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. <sup>7</sup>Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you." <sup>8</sup>So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy and ran to tell his disciples. <sup>9</sup>Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. <sup>10</sup>Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers and sisters to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

### **PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

**Sermon - Risen, Indeed**

**Pastor Dan McCurdy**

### **Prayer of Confession**

Merciful God, we are sinful people living in a sinful world. All around us, everyday we see more and more signs of how the world requires your love, your power, and your beauty. We have not done all that you call us to do, and we do many things you tell us not to do. We have not loved you with all of our heart, soul, and might, nor have we loved our neighbors as ourselves. We struggle to earn righteousness, forgetting that it is your Word that makes us righteous. Forgive us, LORD, hear our cry for you to come and set all that is wrong right, and listen to the silent confessions of our hearts.

## **Moment of Silent Confession**

## **Assurance of Pardon**

## **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.**

## **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.**

## **Presentation of Tithes, Offerings, and Gifts**

The Gifts of God are all around us, our lives and our homes, our talents and our joys, our family and friends, and the greatest gift of all was the Salvation promised, the life of Christ seeking to end our division from God and each other. When we give, we do not do so to purchase anything... for the gifts of God were already given. Instead, we give in imitation of our LORD, offering what we have to support others, and to be ourselves the gift that God gives the World, so let us worship God with our Giving.

## **Offertory – *Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia***

## **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.**

## **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.**

## **THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

Invitation

Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord's prayer (Debts/Debtors)

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your Hearts.

**We lift them up to the LORD!**

Let us give thanks to the LORD our God!

**It is right to give our thanks and praise!**

Most holy and gracious God, we praise you who has gathered us around this table... and who forever sing to the glory of your name;

**Holy, holy, holy LORD, God of Power and Might,**

**Heaven and Earth are full of your glory,**

**Hosanna in the highest!**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD,**

**Hosanna in the highest!**

Forgiving God, we call upon you in our times of fear and doubt... for great is the mystery of the faith:

**Christ has died,**

**Christ is Risen,**

**Christ will come again!**

And while we wait on that day when we will share this meal in heaven with you, we say the prayer that Jesus taught us to pray, saying...

**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.**

**Receiving The Elements**

**Closing Hymn**

***Because He Lives***  
***#358 Celebration Hymnal***

**Benediction**

**Song of Sending**

***Alleluia! Alleluia!***  
***#365 Celebration Hymnal***

**Pastor:** Go in Peace. Serve the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

**The Postlude – *Christ Arose - #357 Celebration Hymnal***

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Music Director	Vicki Arndt
Accompanist	Lisa Jones
Sound Room	Carter Hill
Usher	Richard Calvetti

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**Tabitha Circle**

**1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays**

**11:30am – 2:30pm**

**Bring a lunch**

**Would you like a visit from the Pastor?**

**You are important to the Presbyterian Church of West Salem. Please contact the church office if you would like a pastoral visit or to set up an appointment with the pastor.**

**Call 608-786-0910**

**Or [preschurchws@gmail.com](mailto:preschurchws@gmail.com)**

The ongoing mission of The Presbyterian Women is to support the Salvation Army and WINN (What I Need Now) by collecting needed items (lists are on tables and Lamplighter. All items can be placed in the purple tote at the back of the sanctuary. Money donations are accepted as well.

Exercise Group  
9:00 to 10:00 am  
Fellowship Hall

**COME CELEBRATE!**

**Jim Beebe's 96<sup>th</sup> Birthday!**

A light meal will be served following the Sunday, April 12<sup>th</sup> Worship Service

Support the West Salem Food Pantry  
Please bring food and home donations and place them in the shopping carts between the entryway doors.

**Community Dinner**

**April 22nd**

**5-6 pm**

**Blood Drive**

**Fellowship Hall**

**July 30th**

**11:30am – 4:30 pm**

**Name tags are available for everyone.**

**Name tags are on back table in the Sanctuary before service.**

**Membership and Evangelism will be there to help!**

**Per Capita for 2026 is \$45 per member.**

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