



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF FENTON

To be a loving community of faith dedicated to helping people know Jesus Christ and grow, share and serve as his disciples.

Easter Sunday

April 17th, 2022 10:00 a.m.

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE “Christ the Lord is Risen Today *with Grieg’s Concerto in A minor Theme*”
“The Power of the Cross” Bob Chappelle, Pastor Robbie Carnes & Chancel Choir

WELCOME

INTROIT “Christ is Alive” Chancel Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
his love endures forever.

In our anguish we cried to the LORD,
and he answered by setting us free.

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
his love endures forever.

The LORD is our strength and our song;
he has become our salvation.

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
his love endures forever.

We will not die but live,
and will proclaim what the LORD has done.

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
his love endures forever.

The stone the builders rejected has become the capstone;
The LORD has done this; and it is marvelous in our eyes.

This is the day the LORD has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

OPENING PRAYER

O living Lord, on the first Easter Day you stood in the midst of your disciples as the conqueror of sin and death and spoke to them your peace. Come to us, we pray, in your risen power and make us glad with your presence, and so breathe your Holy Spirit into

our hearts that we may be strong to serve you and spread abroad your good news, for the glory of your great name. Amen.

HYMN PH#123

“Christ the Lord is Risen Today”

Handbell hymn introduction lead by the Sunday School children

CALL TO CONFESSON

Jesus is raised from the grave, shattering the power of sin and death. While we remain captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death, we have a savior who has done everything for our freedom. Let us confess together...

PRAYER OF CONFESSON (In Unison)

Almighty God, you have raised Jesus from the grave and crowned him Lord of all. We confess that we have not bowed before him or acknowledged his rule in our lives. We have gone along with the way of the world and failed to give him glory. Forgive us and raise us from sin, that we may be your faithful people, obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ, who rules the world and is head of the church, his body. Amen.

DECLARATION OF PARDON

You are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Lord, we do not always find it easy to recognize your coming to us. Come, reveal yourself to us. Meet us in the breaking of the bread. Set our heavy hearts on fire with love for you, and send us on our way rejoicing. For your name's sake, Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Isaiah 55

1“Come, all you who are thirsty,
 come to the waters;
and you who have no money,
 come, buy and eat!
Come, buy wine and milk

- without money and without cost.
- 2 Why spend money on what is not bread,
and your labor on what does not satisfy?
Listen, listen to me, and eat what is good,
and you will delight in the richest of fare.
- 3 Give ear and come to me;
listen, that you may live.
I will make an everlasting covenant with you,
my faithful love promised to David.
- 4 See, I have made him a witness to the peoples,
a ruler and commander of the peoples.
- 5 Surely you will summon nations you know not,
and nations you do not know will come running to you,
because of the Lord your God,
the Holy One of Israel,
for he has endowed you with splendor.”
- 6 Seek the Lord while he may be found;
call on him while he is near.
- 7 Let the wicked forsake their ways
and the unrighteous their thoughts.
Let them turn to the Lord, and he will have mercy on them,
and to our God, for he will freely pardon.
- 8 “For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
neither are your ways my ways,”
declares the Lord.
- 9 “As the heavens are higher than the earth,
so are my ways higher than your ways
and my thoughts than your thoughts.
- 10 As the rain and the snow
come down from heaven,
and do not return to it
without watering the earth
and making it bud and flourish,
so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater,
- 11 so is my word that goes out from my mouth:
It will not return to me empty,
but will accomplish what I desire
and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.
- 12 You will go out in joy
and be led forth in peace;
the mountains and hills
will burst into song before you,
and all the trees of the field

will clap their hands.

13 Instead of the thornbush will grow the juniper,
and instead of briars the myrtle will grow.

This will be for the Lord's renown,
for an everlasting sign,
that will endure forever."

ANTHEM "I Know that My Redeemer Liveth" Mary Mexicotte, soloist

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON John 20:1-8

1 Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. **2** So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." **3** Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. **4** The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. **5** He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. **6** Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, **7** and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. **8** Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; **9** for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. **10** Then the disciples returned to their homes.

SERMON

"New Life"

Pastor Lindsey Carnes

What does it mean to you to have 'new life'?
Is there something in your life that needs resurrection today?

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

OFFERING

What can we offer that could compare to the glorious riches that we have received in Christ? Only what is given freely, with a generous heart. Let us consider together what we might give to further the ministry and mission of God in this household of faith.

(If you would like a written prayer request included in our prayers today, please indicate that and an usher will collect them)

(Financial Offerings can be placed in dropbox located in the New Narthex)

OFFERTORY “Glorious Is Thy Name” Mary Mexicotte and Michelle Carter, vocalists

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Good Shepherd, you spread a table before us. We offer you our gifts, signs of your gracious love and tokens of our grateful hearts. Nourish us at the feast of the Lamb, that we may proclaim to all the world your triumphant love in Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

DOXOLOGY

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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

[DO NOT PRINT words for prayer in bulletin or screen] We worship you, Jesus, our Savior; you conquered death by your cross: you are the stone rejected by the builders; you have become the cornerstone: make all of us living stones in your church. We pray to you for Christians: may they live in the joy of the resurrection and be a visible sign of your presence by their mutual love. We pray to you for the leaders of your church: as they celebrate your resurrection with all your servants, may they be strengthened for your service. We pray to you for the leaders of the nations: may they exercise their office as servants of justice and peace. We pray to you for all who are suffering from illness, grief, old age, and exile: may your resurrection be a source of comfort and aid for them. Amen.

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.

BEARING THE WORD OUT INTO THE WORLD

BAPTISM

INTRODUCTION [DO NOT PRINT]

Brothers and sisters in Christ, through the Sacrament of Baptism we share in the death and resurrection of Christ, and are incorporated into Christ's holy church. Baptism proclaims the faith of the church.

By the sign of water God cleanses from sin, renews life, and prefigures the reconciliation of all things promised in Christ. In Baptism we are given the Holy Spirit as a pledge of

this reconciliation. The same Spirit binds us to each other and joins us to Christ's ministry of love, peace, and justice.

PRESENTATION OF THE CANDIDATES [DO NOT PRINT]

A sponsor presents the candidate in these or similar words:

I present Tyler Bard to receive the sacrament of Baptism.

The minister addresses each candidate, using these or similar words:

Putting your whole trust in the grace and love of Jesus Christ, do you desire to be baptized?

The candidate responds:

I do.

The minister addresses the congregation:

People of God, will you promise to uphold and support Tyler in his life in Christ?

All respond:

We will, with God's help.

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER [DO NOT PRINT]

Water is poured visibly and audibly into the font. The people may stand.

One of the following thanksgivings is offered by the minister:

We thank you, almighty God, for the gift of water. Over water the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation.

With water you destroyed evil in the days of Noah. Through water you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In water your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Christ, that he might lead us through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, loving God, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in the resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we receive into the community of faith those whom you have called and justified. Pour out your Holy Spirit, that as

Tyler is made a new creation through these baptismal waters, he may preach good news to the poor,

proclaim release to the captives and set at liberty those who are oppressed. To Christ, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.

THE BAPTISM [DO NOT PRINT]

The minister pours water three times upon the candidate, saying:

Tyler, I baptize you
in the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

LAYING ON OF HANDS [DO NOT PRINT]

The minister holds hands outstretched over the newly baptized, or places one or both hands on the head of each one, and says:

All-powerful God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
we give you thanks for freeing your son
from the power of sin and for raising him up to a new life of grace.
Sustain him with your Holy Spirit:
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the spirit of counsel and might,
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord,
the spirit of joy in your presence.
Amen.

GIVING OF THE LIGHT [DO NOT PRINT]

Baptismal candles may be lighted from the paschal candle.

These candles may be given to the baptized with the words:

Receive the light of Christ;
you have passed from darkness to light.
You have been enlightened by Christ;
Walk always as children of the light.

WELCOME [DO NOT PRINT]

The minister says:

With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you
into Christ's one holy catholic and apostolic church.

COMMUNION

[DO NOT PRINT the words in the bulletin or screen] Hear the words of the institution of the Holy Supper of our Lord Jesus Christ: The Lord Jesus, on the night of his arrest, took bread, and after giving thanks to God, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, “Take, eat. This is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

In the same way he took the cup, saying, “This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood, shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me.”

Every time you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the saving death of the risen Lord until he comes. With thanksgiving, let us offer God our grateful praise.

Congregation of Jesus Christ, the Lord has prepared his table for all who love him and trust in him alone for their salvation. All who are truly sorry for their sins, who sincerely believe in the Lord Jesus as their Savior, and who desire to live in obedience to him as Lord are now invited to come with gladness to the table of the Lord. The gifts of God for the people of God.

Elements are distributed

COMMUNION REFLECTION “The Lord’s Prayer” Mary Mexicotte, soloist

COMMUNION PRAYER [DO NOT PRINT]

Nourished at this table, O God, may we know Christ’s redemptive love and live a new life in him. Help us who recognize our Lord in the breaking of bread to see and serve him in all whose lives are broken. Give us who are fed at his hand grace to share our bread with the hungry and with the hungry of heart. Keep us faithful in your service until Christ comes in final victory, and we shall feast with all your saints in the joy of your eternal realm. Through Christ, all glory and honor are yours, almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit in the holy church, now and forever. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN “Hallelujah Chorus” *(choir and congregation invited to join in singing)*

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

As Christ burst forth from the tomb, may new life burst forth from us and show itself in acts of love and healing to a hurting world. And may that same Christ, who lives forever and is the source of our new life, keep your hearts rejoicing and grant you peace this day and always.

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

We are sent in the name of the risen Christ.

Let us bless our Lord.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

POSTLUDE “Thine Be the Glory *with Arrival of the Queen of Sheba*” Rebekah Ratza

Peace be with you!

...and also with you!

Easter Lily

Given By

Fran Moore

Marilee Smiley

Heidi Roberts

George Hameline

Sally Bagnall

The Wenzel Family

Steve & Sharlyn Sutton

Patti Thompson

Janet Stork

In Memory Of...

Dean Moore & Patrick Moore

Ken Smiley & Mark Smiley

Tom Roberts

Beth & Dan Hameline

Richard Bagnall

Richard Bagnall

Joshua K. Sutton

My Parents

John Stork

Given By

The Wenzel Family

In Celebration Of...

Returning to the Sanctuary