

# THE SERVICE of Worship

August 2, 2020  
Communion Sunday  
10:30 A.M.



FIRST  
PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH of  
RICHARDSON  
established 1870

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*Responding to God's love and grace, we WORSHIP with joy, NURTURE with faith, and SERVE others with love.*

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OPENING VOLUNTARY

“I Come With Joy”  
Edwin Walker, Organist

Arr. David Cherwien

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

CALL TO WORSHIP | *Responsively*

God who gathers us together across miles and distance,

**weave us into holy community as we sing, pray, and give thanks.**

God who enlivens the stories of scripture,

**bring the words of our ancestors to life and help us hear them anew.**

God who accompanied Mary Magdalene to the tomb,

**make us witnesses to the resurrection and help us share the good news.**

HYMN OF GOD'S COVENANT | “O God, Who Gives Us Life”

*Glory to God 53*

1. O God, who gives us life and breath, who shapes us in the womb,  
who guards our lives from birth to death, then leads us from the tomb:  
deliver us from fears that kill the life we have from you.  
Help us to know your Spirit still is making all things new.

2. O God, who calls our people out to venture and to dare,  
to plumb the bleak abyss of doubt and find you even there:  
when we despair in wandering through wastes of empty lies,  
refresh us with the living spring of hope that never dies.

3. O God of covenant and law, revealed in cloud and flame,  
your mighty deeds evoke our awe; we dare not speak your name.  
Yet we by faith are drawn to you and will your people prove,  
as on our hearts you write anew the covenant of love.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION | *Unison*

**God of new life, we confess that we often fail to recognize  
the miracles of new life in our midst.**

**We protect ourselves from disappointment by remaining skeptical  
and critical, by lowering our expectations.**

**We confess that we look for reasons to be cynical about the state of the world,  
and in the meantime, we overlook signs of new life.**

**Interrupt our skepticism and open our hearts to hope for more.**

**Remind us of the power of resurrection,  
and help us live in anxious anticipation of new life. Amen.**

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS | *Responsively*

Just as God rolled the stone away from the tomb and raised Jesus from the dead,  
God longs for each of us to experience new life.

**In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and made new. Thanks be to God! Amen.**

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

TIME FOR CHILDREN

Rev. Bev.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

GOSPEL READING

Mark 16:1-11

SERMON

Rev. Beverly Hughes

A HYMN OF CHRIST'S TABLE | "I Come With Joy"

*Glory to God 515*

1. I come with joy, a child of God, forgiven, loved and free,  
the life of Jesus to recall, in love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.

2. I come with Christians far and near to find, as all are fed,  
the new community of love in Christ's communion bread, in Christ's communion bread.

3. As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each proud division ends.  
The love that made us, makes us one, and strangers now are friends, and strangers now are friends.

4. The Spirit of the risen Christ, unseen, but ever near,  
is in such friendship better known, alive among us here, alive among us here.

5. Together met, together bound by all that God has done,  
we'll go with joy, to give the world the love that makes us one, the love that makes us one.

APOSTLES' CREED | *Unison*

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,  
and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;**

**who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;  
he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of  
God the Father Almighty;**

**from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints;  
the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting.**

**Amen.**

CALL FOR OFFERING

OFFERTORY

"The Lord is My Light"  
Jenny James, Soloist

Frances Allitsen  
Psalm 27

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

COMMUNION

THE LORD'S PRAYER | *Glory to God Pg. 35*

BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

"I Know That My Redeemer Lives"  
Edwin Walker, Organist

George Shearing