

THE SERVICE of Worship

May 7, 2023
The Season of Easter
Communion
10:30 A.M.



FIRST
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH of
RICHARDSON

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

We Gather Around the Word

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

OPENING VOLUNTARY

“Pastoral”
Terry Metzger, Organist

J.S. Bach

*CALL TO WORSHIP | *Responsively*

We have come to draw near to God,
seeking the One who sees us and knows us.

We have come to draw near to God who is:

Good Shepherd and Guide,

Light and Love,

Word and Wisdom,

Way, Truth and Life,

Healer and Hope.

God is all of this and more;

we are here to dwell with God and each other.

*OPENING HYMN OF PRAISE | “Here in this Place”

Glory to God 401

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION | *Unison*

Merciful God,

**Sometimes we get so caught up in the rules and systems
that we forget there is often more than one way.**

We place you in a box and forget that you cannot be contained.

**We hold fast to the way we have always done things,
or to what feels most comfortable to us,**

forgetting that you promise resurrection and new life.

A moment for silent prayer

Forgive us, Loving Christ.

Help us to center ourselves in you

that we might remember how much you love us,

and receive the gift of peace you so freely offer.

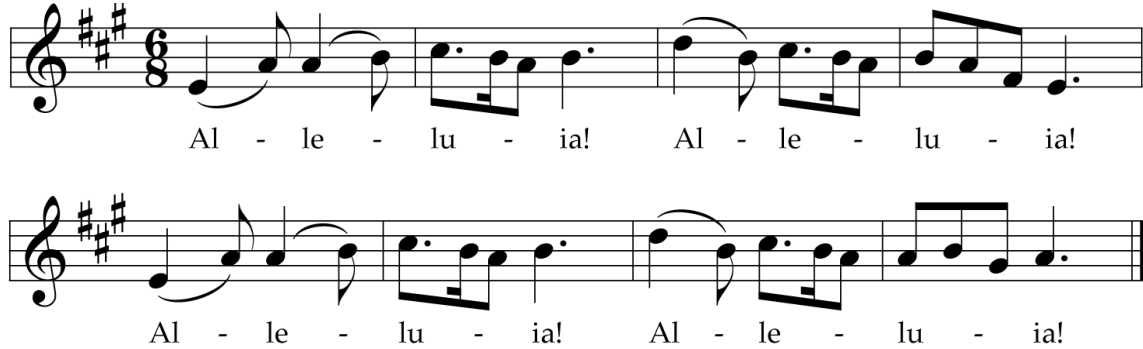
Show us the way forward, surrounded by your grace. Amen.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS | *Responsively*

Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation.
The old life has gone; a new life has begun.
Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.
Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI | Alleluia!

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*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

TIME FOR TINY THEOLOGIANs

Pastor Rebecca

We Proclaim the Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16

NRSV O.T. Pgs. 505-506

GOSPEL READING

John 14:1-14

NRSV N. T. Pgs. 108-109

SERMON

Rev. Rebecca Chancellor Sicks

We Respond to the Word

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH | *Unison*

from A Brief Statement of Faith

**We trust in Jesus Christ, Fully human, fully God.
Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor
and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children,
healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts,
forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.
Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified,
suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world.
God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life,
breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.
Amen.**

*HYMN OF RESPONSE | “Look Who Gathers at Christ’s Table!”

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CALL FOR OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“Pie Jesu”
(Merciful Jesus)
Alexandra Pingsterhaus, Soloist
Terry Metzger, Organist

From *Requiem* by Gabriel Fauré

*DOXOLOGY | “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

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**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.**

We Celebrate the Joyful Feast

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING + THE LORD’S PRAYER | *Responsively*

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Holy, holy, holy Lord... raising the dead to life.

**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.**

Thank you, Lord... Praise to you, Lord Jesus:

**Dying you destroyed our death,
rising you restored our life.
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

Spirit, come...

And now, with the confidence of the children of God,
let us boldly pray in the way Jesus taught us:

**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.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

SERVING OF THE ELDERS

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

“Panis Angelicus”
(Bread of Angels)
Alexandra Pingsterhaus, Soloist
Terry Meztger, Pianist

Ceşar Franck

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*SENDING HYMN | “I Come with Joy”

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*BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

“Thanks Be to Thee”
Terry Metzger, Organist

George Frideric Handel

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