

ORDER OF WORSHIP

First Presbyterian Church  
April 21, 2019

Green Bay, WI  
10:00 A.M.

**Bold indicates congregational participation**

\*Indicates congregation standing, as you are able.

GATHERING MUSIC

“This Joyful Eastertide” – arr. Charles Evans  
“Partita on *Erschienen ist der herrlich Tag*” – Wilbur Held  
“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today, Alleluia!” – arr. Paul Davis

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

“Christ lag in Todesbanden” – Georg Philipp Telemann

THE ENTRANCE OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

Nancy Siewert

\*CALL TO WORSHIP.....Nancy Siewert

People of God, we are witnesses to these things:

**that Christ died, hanging on a cross;  
that God raised him from the dead on the third day;  
that he is coming again in glory to reign.**

This is the good news we tell to all the world:

**Jesus Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

\*PRAYER OF THE DAY.....Nancy Siewert

**Alleluia! We praise you, O God, for the power of your saving love revealed in the resurrection of our Lord. As you have raised Jesus from the dead give to us the gift of everlasting life, that we may worship you forever; through Christ, our risen Savior. Amen.**

\*HYMN #232....."Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"

TIME WITH THE YOUNG CHURCH

Pastor Randy

CALL TO CONFESSION.....Nancy Siewert

PRAYER OF CONFESSION.....Nancy Siewert

**Mighty God: by your power is Christ raised from death to rule this world with love. We confess that we have not believed in him, but fall into doubt and fear. Gladness has no home in our hearts, and gratitude is slight. Forgive our dread of dying, our hopelessness, and set us free for joy in the victory of Jesus Christ, who was dead but lives, and will put down every power to hurt or destroy, when your promised kingdom comes. Amen.**

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

\*RESPONSE IN SONG #247, Stanza 4

**When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain, your touch can call us back to life again;  
fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been: love is come again like wheat arising green.**

\*THE PEACE

Jesus said: Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. The peace of the Lord Jesus be with you.

**And also with you.**

We exchange signs of peace. (*Children stay in worship today*)

CHANCEL CHOIR ANTHEM

“All Heaven Declares”  
Noel Richards, Trisha Richards, Tom Fettke

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)..... Nancy Siewert

**Living God, by your Holy Spirit, open our eyes to see the new light of this day; open our lips to tell of the empty tomb; open our hearts to believe the good news; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT.....Isaiah 65:17-25, pg. 696

PSALM 118: A RESPONSORIAL SETTING

I will not die, I will live;  
B<sup>b</sup> F/A C<sup>7</sup> F  
this is the day that the Lord has made.

Psalm 118: 1-2, 14-24  
Melody: Robert Nickel, 2019.

**Refrain / Verses 1-2; 14-17 / Refrain / Verses 18-21 / Refrain / Verses 22-24 / Refrain**

EPISTLE.....1 Corinthians 15:19-26, (responsive)

If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

**For since death came through a human being,  
the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being;  
for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ.**

**But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ.**

Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he destroyed every ruler and every authority and power.

**For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet.**

The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL.....John 20:1-18, pg. 114

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you O Christ.**

SERMON "Easter: The Eighth Day of God's Creation"

Pastor Randy Argall

**\*THE APOSTLES' CREED, pg. 17**

**\*HYMN #241....."Woman, Weeping in the Garden"**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE . . . followed by **THE LORD'S PRAYER**, pg. 35

OFFERING AND ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING.....Nancy Siewert

OFFERTORY MUSIC "The Power of the Cross" – arr. Richard A. Nichols

**\*RESPONSE #717**

**For the life that you have given, for the love in Christ made known,  
with these fruits of time and labor, with these gifts that are your own:  
here we offer, Lord, our praises; heart and mind and strength we bring;  
give us grace to love and serve you, living what we pray and sing.**

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION.....Nancy Siewert

**\*HYMN #246....."Christ Is Alive"**

PASSION TO PROMISE: THE SYMBOLS

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Toccata on *Gelobt Sei Gott*" – Gilbert Martin

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Thanks to the brass ensemble for enhancing our Easter worship:  
*Trumpet* – John Nielsen, Nicholas Carncross; *Euphonium* – Bruce Deadman, Mary Nickel.

Thanks to the Worship Committee for purchasing flowers. You are welcome to take flowers home today.

Thanks to everyone who participated in the Palm Porkie Pancake Breakfast last Sunday.  
The youth raised \$577 toward their trip to Triennium!