

# **FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

Sunday April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2017

Easter Sunday

Please stand at items marked \* if you are able.  
Passages in **Bold Print** are to be spoken in Unison  
Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Susan Mattinson

Pianist: Muhang Dai

Music Director: Kendall House

"Be Still and know that  
I am God" (Ps. 46:10)  
Please take the time  
before the service as an  
Opportunity to quietly  
prepare your heart and  
mind for worship.

## **WE GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE**

Prelude

\*Entry of the Bible

Introit

Easter Sunday (see insert) -Janet Racey

Hymn: "Christ the Lord is risen today" #247

Opening Prayer:

**Almighty God, on the first day, you spoke. Out of chaos came creation; out of darkness came light. On the first day, Christ was resurrected and out of death came life. Praise and honour and blessing be to you! You raised Jesus from the grave and shattered the powers of sin and death. But we confess that we still remain captive to fear and are bound to ways of being that lead to narrow living. We hide in tombs of indifference and seek comfort rather than justice. We cling to hurt, resentment, and disappointment. We refuse the freedom that comes with forgiveness. Forgive us, O God, and restore us to joy and wholeness. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

Choir Anthem

\*Children's

Hymn "Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord" our song" (Sing last verse after children's time) #260

Children's Time

## **WE HEAR GOD'S WORD**

Hymn of Preparation: #64 v. 1

**"Be still and know that I am God. Be still and know that I am God. Be still and know that I am God."**

Bible Readings

Psalm 118:14-23

OT - Pg. 565

Gloria Patri:

#594

**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, amen.**

Illustrated Sermon: The Case of the Missing Saviour.

\*Hymn: "I danced in the morning/Lord of the dance" #250

## **WE RESPOND TO GOD**

Tithes and Offerings

#830

\*Offertory Response

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

\*Prayer of Dedication:

**O God, you unconditionally share your only son with all who believe in your name. On this holy day, receive our offerings as an affirmation of our commitment to be your faithful disciples. Strengthen our ability to be gifted stewards of your created world. We pray in the name of the Resurrected One, Jesus Christ, the Messiah. Amen.**

Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer (debts...debtors)

## **WE GO OUT TO SERVE**

\*Hymn: "At the dawning of salvation" #248

Blessing

Response:

**Praise the Lord from whom all blessings flow. He has washed and made me white as snow. I'm redeemed from all my sin and shame. Now and forever, praise his holy name. Praise his holy name. Praise his holy name. To God be the glory now and forever. Praise his holy name!**

Postlude