

***First Presbyterian Church***  
***Rev. Dr. Michael Fitzsimmons***  
***Easter Sunday April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2009***

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Head Usher: Peggy Fitzsimmons   Greeters: Vickie and Tiffini Worley  
Offering Collectors: Hannah Fitzsimmons and Sondra Hines  
Organist: Sally Patten

Easter Sunday is the principal feast of the liturgical year-the day Christians celebrate Jesus' resurrection from the dead on the third day after his crucifixion. The resurrection of Christ has been a focal point of Christian confession since the early church; it has always been understood to be the central witness of God's radical action in human history. Jesus, God incarnate, went to the depths of the earth and overcame the power of death that we might have life eternal.

**GATHERING**

<b>Prelude</b>	<i>"Early Bells on Easter Morn"</i> <i>"Welcome, Happy Morning"</i>	<b>Mansfield Ritter</b>
<b>*Greeting</b> Leader: Christ is risen! <b>People: He is risen indeed!</b>		
<b>*Hymn</b>	<b>"Christ the Lord is Risen Today"</b>	<b>Blue Hymnal #113</b>

**PROCLAMATION**

**Prayer of Illumination (*in unison*)**  
**God of life, through Jesus Christ you have bestowed upon the world the light of life. As we hear your word today sanctify this new fire and grant that our hearts and minds may also be kindled with holy desire with the brightness of the Risen Christ. Amen.**

Psalm-Psalm 118:14-24

Leader: The Lord is my strength and my power; the Lord has become my salvation.

**People: There are joyous songs of victory in the tents of the righteous:**  
Leader: The right hand of the Lord does valiantly; the right hand of the Lord is exalted.

**People: The right hand of the Lord does valiantly!**

Leader: I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the Lord.

**People: The Lord has chastened me sorely, but has not given me over to death.**

Leader: Open to me the gates of righteousness that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord.

**People: This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it.**

Leader: I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.

**People: The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.**

Leader: This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

**People: This is the day which the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

\*Gloria

\*Peace

New Testament Lesson-Acts 10:34-43

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

\*Hymn                    *"Thine is the Glory"*                    **Blue Hymnal #122**

\*Gospel Lesson-John 20:1, 11-18

**Sermon**

**RESPONSE**

\*The Apostles' Creed

**Welcoming of New Members** – Hannah Oxley and Allyn Oxley

Prayers of the People

Offering of our Tithes and Gifts

**Offertory**                      *“Easter Morn”*                      **Higgins**

\*Doxology

THANKSGIVING

\*Prayer of Thanksgiving

\*The Lord’s Prayer

**SENDING FORTH**

\***Hymn**                      *“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”*                      **Blue Hymnal #142**

\*Benediction

**Prelude**                      *“Resurrection Joy”*                      **Sewell**

Wednesday, 7th <sup>th</sup>	Committee Meeting 7pm Heavenly Kids Club 6:00-7:00
Thursday, 8th <sup>th</sup>	Guild @ Pizza Ranch 11:30am
Wednesday, 14 <sup>th</sup>	Bingo @ Carroll Health Center 2pm Session Meeting 7pm Last Heavenly Kids Club Meeting of the season –Pizza Ranch 6pm

**Thanks to all who donated and helped with the Easter Egg Hunt! Pictures will be on the website soon!**

Your Church family  
  
**Wishes you a  
Happy Celebration!**

3rd	Brad Ruhnke
4th	Lelah Peters



Easter Lilies donated by Bob Woodhouse