



## ***Easter Sunrise Service***

**First Presbyterian Church  
April 20, 2025  
7:00am**

Prelude

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

PASSION CHORALE

Music: Hans Leo Hassler. Public Domain.

*Cindy McMillin and Danny Clark*

Opening Prayer

Jesus Christ, Lord of the morning,  
rising with the sun of the new day.

**In the garden still damp with  
early-morning dew  
we find an empty tomb –  
you are not here!**

**You stand beside us risen  
and glorified.**

You have destroyed death.

You have broken the chains of  
oppression.

**You have gone before us  
into the darkest places  
and have made them holy.**

Jesus Christ, the same yesterday,  
today and forever,  
yours is the victory.

**In this place, as earth begins  
to wake,**

**we welcome you,**

**Jesus Christ our guest.**

**Be with us this day and  
forevermore. Amen.**

Text: John of Damascus, 8th cent., trans. John Mason Neale. Music: Henry Thomas Smart.  
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1 The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad;  
the passover of gladness, the passover of God.  
From death to life eternal, from earth unto the sky,  
our Christ hath brought us over, with hymns of victory.

2 Our hearts be pure from evil, that we may see aright  
the Lord in rays eternal of resurrection light;  
and listening to his accents, may hear, so calm and plain,  
his own "All hail!" and, hearing, may raise the victor strain.

3 Now let the heavens be joyful! Let earth the song begin!  
Let the round world keep triumph, and all that is therein!  
Let all things seen and unseen their notes in gladness blend,  
for Christ the Lord hath risen, our joy that hath no end.

St Francis' Canticle of the Sun (abridged)

Most high, all powerful, all good Lord!

All praise is yours, all glory, all honor, and all blessing.

To you, alone, Most High, do they belong.

No mortal lips are worthy to pronounce your name.

Be praised, my God, through all your creatures,  
especially through my Brother Sun,

who brings the day; and you give light through him.

And he is beautiful and radiant in all his splendor!

Of you, Most High, he bears the likeness.

Be praised, my God, through Sister Moon and the stars;  
in the heavens you have made them, precious and beautiful.

Be praised, my God, through Brothers Wind and Air,  
and clouds and storms, and all the weather,  
through which you give your creatures sustenance.

Be praised, my God, through Sister Water;  
she is very useful, and humble, and precious, and pure.

Be praised, my God, through Brother Fire,  
through whom you brighten the night.

He is beautiful and cheerful, and powerful and strong ...

+Gospel Reading: John 20:1–18

Sermon: "I have seen the Lord " *Rev. Dr. Felipe Martinez*

Special Music: "Amazing Grace"  
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+Walk to Columbarium

+Benediction

Give thanks that God is good  
**Let us celebrate with joy!**

Give thanks that Jesus is risen  
**Let us celebrate with joy!**

Give thanks that we are alive  
**Let us celebrate with joy!**

Glory to God  
**Jesus is risen. Alleluia!**

Glory to God  
**What more can we say?!**

Glory to God  
**Jesus: your life is our story.**

Glory to God  
**Jesus: your love is our way.**

+Hymn 248

“Christ is Risen! Shout Hosanna!”

HYMN TO JOY

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adapt. Edward Hodges.

1. Christ is risen! Shout Hosanna! Celebrate this day of days!  
Christ is risen! Hush in wonder: all creation is amazed.  
In the desert all-surrounding, see, a spreading tree has grown.  
Healing leaves of grace abounding bring a taste of love unknown.
2. Christ is risen! Raise your spirits from the caverns of despair.  
Walk with gladness in the morning. See what love can do and dare.  
Drink the wine of resurrection, not a servant, but a friend.  
Jesus is our strong companion. Joy and peace shall never end.
3. Christ is risen! Earth and heaven nevermore shall be the same.  
Break the bread of new creation where the world is still in pain.  
Tell its grim, demonic chorus: "Christ is risen! Get you gone!"  
God the First and Last is with us. Sing Hosanna everyone!

**Thank you to Danny Clark and Cindy McMillin for sharing their gift of music!**

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