

### For Prayer & Contemplation

"Finally, when he had to choose between being killed and changing his loving ways, he chose to keep on loving." - *Carolyn C. Brown*

### Welcome & Sharing Information

Prelude "Easter Song" - arr. Te Velde

### Call to Worship (*adapted from 1 Corinthians 15*)

One: Believe the good news of the resurrection! What is sown is perishable,

**All: what is raised is imperishable!**

One: It is sown in dishonor,

**All: it is raised in glory!**

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**All: it is raised in power!**

One: It is sown a physical body,

**All: it is raised a spiritual body!**

One: Just as we have borne the image of the people of dust,

**All: we will also bear the image of the one of heaven.**

One: So we can proclaim with boldness,

**All: Death has been swallowed up in victory!**

One: Where, O death is your victory?

**All: Where, O death, is your sting?**

\*Hymn No. 232 "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"

### Prayer of Confession (*The Worshipbook*)

**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.**

### Moment of Silence

### Words of Assurance (*1 Peter 2:25*)

One: All of us, like sheep, have gone astray, but now we have returned to the shepherd and guardian of our souls.

**All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Amen**

\*Hymn No. 581 "Glory Be to the Father"

**"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."**

### \*Passing of Peace

One: May the Peace of Christ be with you.

**All: And also, with you.**

Anthem "Christ Now Is King" - Carter Sanctuary Choir

### Time with Children (Dismissal to Sunday School)

Pastor: It is time for you to depart.

**Adults God be with you there.**

**Children: God be with you here.**

### Scripture

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: *Psalms 90: 1-17*

**Old Testament** pgs. 547-548, LP pgs. 673-674

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: *Matthew 28: 1-10*

**New Testament** pgs. 33-34 LP pg. 41

Sermon "Quality of Eternal Life" – *Rev. Drew Harrison*

### \*Affirmation of Faith (*Nicene Creed*)

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

### Invitation to Offering

### Offertory

\*Doxology No. 606 "Praise God...All Blessings Flow"  
**"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. Amen."**

### \*Unison Prayer of Dedication

**Good Shepherd, you spread a table before us. We offer you our gifts, signs of your gracious love and tokens of our grateful hearts. Nourish us at the feast of the Lamb, that we may proclaim to all the world your triumphant love in Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

### The Sacrament of Communion

### Invitation to Communion

### Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All: It is right to give our thanks and praise to God.**

Pastor: It is right and a good and joyful thing... therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

### The Prayers of the People

*Maureen St. John, Roxanne Somers, Terri D'Onofrio, The Family of Mike Savage, Terry Savage, Peggy Price, Meg Yanefski, The Family of Joe Bradley, The Family of Ryan McCleery, The Family of Susan Hans, Ellorah Maeve, Erin Fitzpatrick, The Family of John Clayton, Caroline, David, Jamie, Hayden, Cindy Sudano, Sue Hummel*

### The Lord's Prayer

**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**

**Prayer after Communion**

Merciful Lord, thank you for feeding us with the bread of life and cup of salvation. Send us out to tell everyone about your grace and love. Amen.

\***Hymn No. 246** "Christ Is Alive!"

**Benediction**

\***Benediction Hymn No. 243** "Be Not Afraid"

**"Be not afraid; sing out for joy! Christ is risen, alleluia!  
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**Postlude** "Songs of Thankfulness and Praise" - arr. Hobby

\*\*\*\*\* \*\*\*\*\* Please stand as you are able. \*\*\*\*\*

<b><i>Thank you to our Worship Servers</i></b>	
<b>Usher</b>	Bev Donofrio & Bobbi Wilkins
<b>Liturgist</b>	Darlene Jacobson
<b>Acolyte</b>	Emory Wichart



Today's prelude is Rebecca Groom Te Velde's 2015 arrangement of the hymn tune "Lasst uns erfreuen," featuring the trumpet stops of the organ. It was written to celebrate the 125th anniversary of the First Presbyterian Church of Stillwater, Oklahoma, where Ms. Te Velde serves as Director of Music and Organist. The anthem is John Carter's adaptation of the hymn tune "Sine Nomine" by British composer Ralph Vaughan Williams. The Easter text is by Mary Kay Beall. The anthem is scored for choir accompanied by organ and three trumpets.

The trumpet parts will be played on the organ by Helen Stanley. The postlude is Robert Hobby's 2002 setting of the tune "Salzburg." We thank the Sanctuary Choir for sharing special music with us this morning.



<b><i>This Week's Calendar</i></b> <b>April 9 – April 16</b>	
<i>Sunday</i> <b>April 9</b>	10 AM Worship Service Sanctuary/Livestreaming, Sunshine Singers 11:15am
<i>Monday</i> <b>April 10</b>	Boy Scouts Social Hall 7pm, Property Committee 7pm
<i>Tuesday</i> <b>April 11</b>	PW Core Meeting 9:30am, Girl Scouts – Social Hall 6:30pm, I&O Committee 7pm
<i>Wednesday</i> <b>April 12</b>	Sparrow Chorale – Music Room, 6:30pm
<i>Thursday</i> <b>April 13</b>	Joy Circle 10am, Bell Choir 7pm, Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal 8pm
<i>Friday</i> <b>April 14</b>	Theology On Tap 7pm
<i>Saturday</i> <b>April 15</b>	Grace Circle 9:30am
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***This Week's Birthday***

- April 11** Bob Langlois
- April 12** Marilyn Scanlon
- April 13** Barbara Wallace & Charlie Capanna
- April 14** Will Enever
- April 15** Liz Contarino & Sarah Donofrio



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April 9, 2023  
Easter Sunday  
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