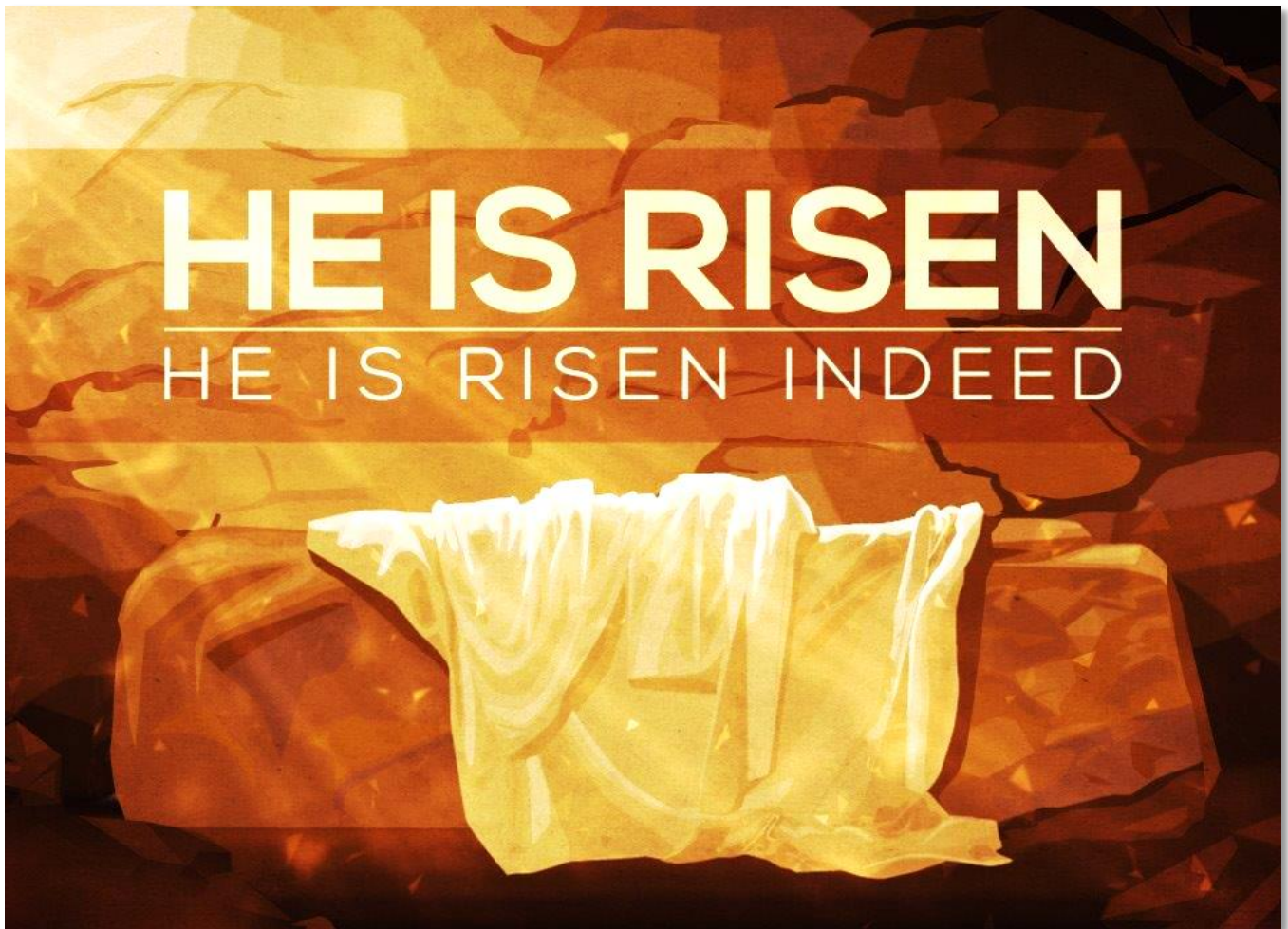




PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH
OF THE ROSES

Reaching Out with Nurturing Love to All God's People



EASTER

April 12, 2020 ~Virtual Worship

Thank you for joining us!

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE "The Blood Will Never Lose Its Power"

by Andrae Crouch

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively)

Jesus Christ is Risen!

He is risen indeed!

Oh Sing to God a new song,

For Christ is risen from the dead!

Make a Joyful noise unto God, all the earth!

Nothing in all creation can separate us from the love of God in Jesus our risen Lord!

Alleluia! Let us worship God!

*HYMN #232

"Jesus Christ is Risen Today"

Lyra Davidica, 1708

Sung by Myles and Dee Andrea Ellis

Jesus Christ is risen today,

Alleluia!

our triumphant holy day,

Alleluia!

who did once upon the cross,

Alleluia!

suffer to redeem our loss.

Alleluia!

Hymns of praise then let us sing,

Alleluia!

unto Christ, our heavenly King,

Alleluia!

who endured the cross and grave,

Alleluia!

sinner to redeem and save.

Alleluia!

*CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER (unison)

Living God, we confess that we look for the living among the dead. You send Jesus on ahead of us, but we stay behind, studying the tomb, analyzing its truth, doubting your victory. You reveal to us your heavenly glory, but we set our minds on earthly things. Forgive us for we know not what we do. Open us up to new life in you. Connect and

heal us with your living breathing love so we can love ourselves and others. Amen.

*WORDS OF AFFIRMATION

Through Christ we are made a new creation, the old life has passed, the new life has begun. For with Christ we receive abundant new life through God's amazing grace. We lift up our heartfelt thanks in the name of Jesus Christ, our Risen Lord! **Amen**

OFFERTORY by Althea Wright

"Shout to the Lord"

Darlene Zschech

HYMN #238

"Thine Is the Glory"

George Frederick Handel, 1748

*Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son;
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
kept the folded graveclothes where thy body lay.*

*Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son;
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.
Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;
lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom.*

*Let the church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,
for the Lord now liveth; death hath lost its sting.
Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son;
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.*

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 136:1-9, 23-26

Elder, Chris Rhodes

ANTHEM: Sung by Myles Ellis

"Alleluia! Give the Glory"

by Bob Hurd

GATHERING OF THE CHILDREN

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: John 20:1-18

SERMON

"We Didn't Plan For This!"

Rev. Dr. Cindy Alloway

*LITANY PRAYER FOR EASTER

Risen One, come, meet us in the garden of our lives.

**Reassure us of your resurrection, revive our silent hopes,
revitalize our dormant dreams.**

Raise up our gratitude and reinvigorate our tired enthusiasm.

Give new life to our faltering relationships.

Roll back the stone of our indifference.

Unwrap the apathy in our spiritual lives and energize our faith.

Send us forth into the world as disciples of your unwavering love.

Give us your strength to be as you want us to be.

May we become messengers of your unlimited joy with unconditional love for all.

Resurrected One, may we become ever more convinced that your presence lives on and on, in and around us, even when all hope seems lost.

Awaken gratitude for the life within us, because you are alive!

Help us live for you.....

Let us lift up all those affected around our planet by the CoVid 19 pandemic:

We pray for ...

those who are sick and suffering;

those who are grieving the loss of loved ones;

medical personnel and church leaders who work to help and heal;

those who are subjected to racist abuse and discrimination;

those whose livelihood is threatened by business closures;

families learning to live, work, and learn together in close quarters;

those who are not safe in their homes; the hungry, the fearful;

those who are struggling with isolation, loneliness, or addiction;

those separated from loved ones due to travel and border restrictions;

churches seeking to discern how to be faithful in times like this;

and wisdom for the world leaders as they seek to respond to this crisis.

We lift these intercessions up to the Lord as we pray the prayer Jesus taught us:

(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.**

HYMN

*"This Easter Celebration" Text by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette, 2020
Tune by Samuel Sebastian Wesley, 1864*

This Easter celebration is not like ones we've known.

We pray in isolation, we sing the hymns alone.

We're distant from our neighbors — from worship leaders, too.

No flowers grace the chancel to set a festive mood.

Our joy won't come from worship that's in a crowded room

but from the news of women who saw the empty tomb.

Our joy comes from disciples who ran with haste to see—

who heard that Christ is risen, and then, by grace, believed.

*We thank you that on Easter, your church is blessed to be
a scattered, faithful body that's doing ministry.
In homes and in the places of help and healing, too,
we live the Easter message by gladly serving you.*

***BENEDICTION**

Now that you have heard the good news spoken and sung, what will you do? **We will go into the world, showing by our lives that Christ is Risen indeed! Alleluia, Amen.**

POSTLUDE *"Go Tell Everybody, I Know that My Redeemer Lives, Great Day!!!"*
Medley from (The Song of Easter) by Roy Ringwald

We encourage you to also watch a special Easter Worship service developed by our PCUSA. Check out "PC(USA) Easter Worship" from Presbyterian Mission Agency on Vimeo, available at <https://vimeo.com/405049970>

Ways to Give: Volunteer to deliver food at the Redwood Empire Food bank, go online and give to our church for the CoVid 19 Fund.

**We have put the Easter Cross on the church lawn.
People are welcome to go individually to the church and decorate it with
flowers if they keep a distance from others.**

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Liturgist: *Chris Rhodes*
Music by *Althea Wright, Myles and Dee Andrea Ellis*
Worship service video producer: *Steve Yeager***

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