

Sierra View Presbyterian Church Liturgy
Easter Sunday – He is Risen!
Sunday, April 9, 2023

Welcome and Announcements

Sierra View Choir: “Risen Today”

Call to Worship

Alleluia! Christ is risen. He is risen indeed. Alleluia! Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. He has given us new life and hope. He has raised Jesus from the dead. God has claimed us as his own. He has brought us out of darkness. He has made us light to the world. Alleluia! Christ is risen. He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

—based on 1 Peter 1:3-5

Song of Adoration: Red Book #28- “See What a Morning”

Prayer of Invocation

Song of Praise: Hymn #274- “Thine Be the Glory”

Confession of Faith –

Minister: Christians, what do you believe?

Congregation: We declare with joy and trust: Christ is risen.

We declare with joy and trust: Christ has conquered sin and death.

We declare with joy and trust: Christ is Lord of all creation.

We declare with joy and trust: Christ, our risen Lord, is coming.

We declare with joy and trust: The ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

Scripture Reading: John 20:1-10

Confession of Sin

Minister: Let us confess our sin.

Congregation: Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered the power of sin and death. We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death. We overlook the poor and the hungry and pass by those who mourn; we are deaf to the cries of the oppressed and indifferent to calls for peace; we despise the weak and abuse the earth you made. Forgive us, God of mercy. Help us to trust your power to change our lives and make us new, that we may know the joy of life abundant given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Hear now the promises of God to those who truly repent of their sin and trust in Christ:

“Death has been swallowed up in victory.” “Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?” The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

—based on 1 Corinthians 15:54-57

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession – Rick Moore, Ruling Elder

Sierra View Choir: “Settled at the Cross”

Song of Preparation: Hymn #276- “Up from the Grave He Arose”

Sermon: Guest pastor: Rev. Ed Veldhuizen, “I AM the Resurrection and the Life”

Scripture: John 11:17-27.

Note: The report of the empty tomb is found in all four Gospels: Matthew 28:11-15, Mark 16:1-8, Luke 24:1-12, John 20:11-18.

Note: Setting for the 5th “I Am” statement: the raising of Lazarus from the dead and the Sanhedrin planning the death of Jesus.

Outline:

- I. The report: John 11:1-16 “Lord, He who you love is ill”, v. 3.
- II. The arrival: John 11:17-37.
Jesus is the resurrection and the life. **He is always victorious over death.**
- III. The miracle: John 11:38-44.
- IV. The results: John 11:45-57.

The Lord's Supper

Invitation to Communicants

Words of Institution

Distribution of the elements

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Collection of Tithes and Offerings

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.

Closing Song: Red Book #48- “Go Tell He Is Risen”

Benediction

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

—based on Revelation 1:4-6