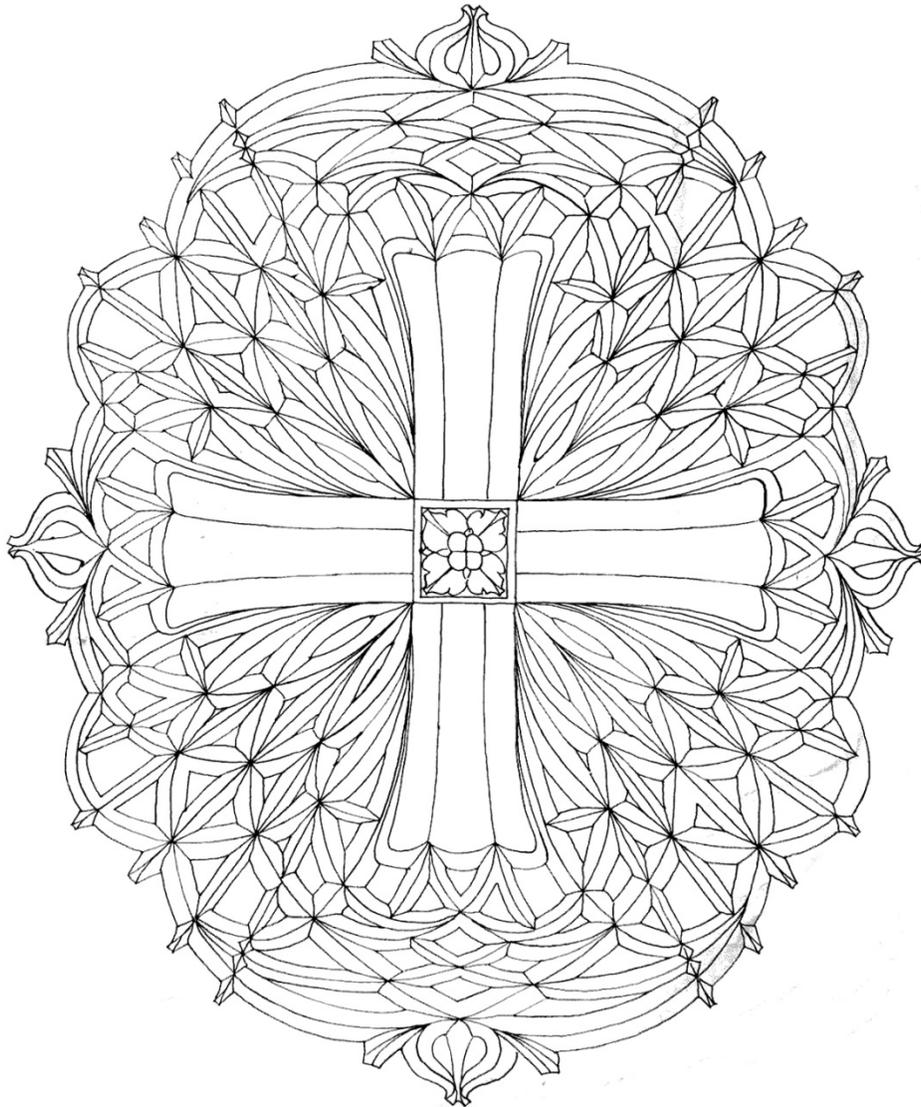


First Presbyterian Church

April 12, 2020

Easter Sunday



Serving Christ from the heart of the city to the ends of the earth with love, faith and action.

We Gather in God's Presence

Gathering Music

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

"Today, God's Only Son"

Bach

Call to Worship

Why do you seek the living among the dead, he is risen!

But we have come to tend to the body. Where have they taken him?

Death could not hold him, and the tomb could not contain him! He is risen!

He is risen indeed! To God be the glory! Alleluia! Amen!

Hymn

["Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"](#)

No. 232

Prayer of Confession

Laurie Taylor Weicher

Easter confuses us, O God, for we have grown accustomed to the power of death, and have allowed it to foster fear in our hearts. This fear has led us to seek temporary security, temporary happiness, and temporary amusements. Help us to trust that our lives are in your hands, and that not even death, can shake us loose from your embrace. Set our minds on eternal things, that we might share in the work of your kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Hear us now, in a time of silence, as we bring our own confessions to you...

Kyrie Lord, have mercy upon us, Christ have mercy upon us. Lord have mercy upon us.

Assurance of Pardon

Response to Pardon

Friends in Christ, in response to this gift of God's grace, how then shall we live?

With gratitude, following after the Lord Jesus Christ, who calls us to love

God with heart, soul, mind, and strength, and our neighbors as ourselves.

This is the way of Jesus, in whom we find life!

Solo

"Love bade me welcome" from *Five Mystical Songs*

Vaughan Williams

Andy Eaton

We Celebrate our Life Together

Joys and Concerns and Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

Judy Pidcock

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.

We Listen to God's Word

A Moment for Children

Katy Schafer

Scripture Readings

Genesis 12:1-3; John 20:1-10

Sermon

"Deployed"

Ed McLeod

We Respond to God's Word

Hymn

["Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain"](#)

No. 819

Affirmation of Faith (The Apostles' Creed)

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty, from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

An Invitation to Generosity

Offertory Solo

"Easter" from *Five Mystical Songs*

Vaughan Williams

Andy Eaton

Prayer of Dedication

We Bear God's Word into the World

Hymn

["The Day of Resurrection!"](#)

No. 233

Charge and Benediction

Benediction Response

Go with us Lord, and guide the way through this and every coming day, that in Your Spirit, strong and true, our lives may be our gift to you.

Postlude

“Toccata” from Symphony No. 5

Widor

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