

WELCOME TO  
THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
OF FARMINGTON

April 12, 2020

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Easter Sunday

Gathering Around the Word of God

Ringling of the Bell

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Leader: Just like the women who were first to encounter the risen Christ and first to proclaim the good news, let us again proclaim: Jesus Christ is risen!

**All: He is risen, indeed!**

Leader: When the Apostles encountered the risen Christ, they suddenly realized what the women already knew: Jesus Christ is risen!

**All: He is risen, indeed!**

Leader: Let all of creation proclaim again the Good News: Jesus Christ is risen!

**All: He is risen, indeed!**

Hymn Jesus Christ is Risen Today!

Call to Confession

Leader: Even in the wilderness of our lives, Christ calls us home. Scripture reminds us that we are never left to carrying the weight of our sins and burdens alone. Christ calls us home, asking us to let go of the burdens we carry unnecessarily. Let us confess together...

Unison Prayer of Confession

All: Almighty God, Creator of the heavens and earth, we confess that we do not always live into your message of hope and salvation, the promise of eternal life. We live in ways that make the here and now more important than the future. We live in ways that put ourselves and our own success first over the needs of others and the long-term needs of the world. Forgive us for our selfish ways and call us into the path of Christ, who humbled himself and gave himself up for us on the cross, so that death might be no more and that all can share in the joy of salvation and eternal life. Hear us now in these moments of silent prayer and reflection...

Moment of Silence to Confess our Sins

Pastor Andy...Amen

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Believe the good news. The grave is empty. Grace and love have won. We are forgiven. We are beloved. We are the sacred children of the God who has conquered death forever. Thanks be to God. Alleluia and Amen!

Proclamation God's Word

Children's Lesson

Pastor Andy

Greek Testament Reading

Acts 10:34-43 (CEB)

<sup>34</sup> Peter said, "I really am learning that God doesn't show partiality to one group of people over another. <sup>35</sup> Rather, in every nation, whoever worships him and does what is right is acceptable to him. <sup>36</sup> This is the message of peace he sent to the Israelites by proclaiming the good news through Jesus Christ: He is Lord of all! <sup>37</sup> You know what happened throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism John preached. <sup>38</sup> You know about Jesus of Nazareth, whom God anointed with the Holy Spirit and endowed with power. Jesus traveled around doing good and healing everyone

oppressed by the devil because God was with him. <sup>39</sup> We are witnesses of everything he did, both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They killed him by hanging him on a tree, <sup>40</sup> but God raised him up on the third day and allowed him to be seen, <sup>41</sup> not by everyone but by us. We are witnesses whom God chose beforehand, who ate and drank with him after God raised him from the dead. <sup>42</sup> He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one whom God appointed as judge of the living and the dead. <sup>43</sup> All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

Gospel Lesson

John 20:1-18 (CEB)

20 Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. <sup>2</sup>So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.” <sup>3</sup>Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. <sup>4</sup>The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. <sup>5</sup>He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. <sup>6</sup>Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, <sup>7</sup>and the cloth that had been on Jesus’ head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. <sup>8</sup>Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; <sup>9</sup>for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. <sup>10</sup>Then the disciples returned to their homes. <sup>11</sup>But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; <sup>12</sup>and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. <sup>13</sup>They said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping?” She said to them, “They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.” <sup>14</sup>When she had said this, she turned around and saw

Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. <sup>15</sup>Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?” Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.” <sup>16</sup>Jesus said to her, “Mary!” She turned and said to him in Hebrew, “Rabbouni!” (which means Teacher). <sup>17</sup>Jesus said to her, “Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’” <sup>18</sup>Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, “I have seen the Lord”; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

Message

“He is Risen!”

### Responding to God’s Word

Joys/Concerns/Lord’s Prayer

Offertory

Hymn Thine is the Glory

\*Charge and Benediction

Leader: Depart from this place to do God’s will. Carry your discipleship out into the world.

**All: Our spirits rejoice in God’s grace. Our lives have been equipped to meet the world.**

Leader: Greet strangers as you have been greeted here. Feed them as you have been fed by a living God.

**All: We welcome all in this place.**

Leader: May the love of God surround you, the peace of God dwell in you, and the justice of God compel you. Go in peace. Amen.