



SUN 11AM
APR 7, 2024

Worship Service for THE LORD'S DAY
FOX CHAPEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Welcome to Worship

Words printed in **bold** are for the congregation to speak in unison.

* An invitation to rise in body or spirit.

PRELUDE

O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing
This Joyful Eastertide

*Wilbur Held
Andrew Clarke*

WELCOME AND INVITATIONS

Rev. Ginger Thomas

MINISTRY MINUTE

Positive Painting Project

Bryan Bass-Riley

INTROIT

This Joyful Eastertide

Vruechten

This joyful Eastertide, away with sin and sorrow! My Love, the Crucified, hath sprung to life this morrow. Had Christ, that once was slain, ne'er burst his three-day prison, our faith had been in vain; but now is Christ arisen.

* CALL TO WORSHIP AND OPENING PRAYER

Rev. Rebecca DePoe

When Jesus speaks, our hearts burn within us;

our eyes are opened when he breaks the bread.

Beloved, we are God's children now;

when Christ is revealed, we will be like him.

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain.

Blessing and honor and glory to God!

Let us pray:

Almighty God, through your only Son you overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life. Grant that we who celebrate our Lord's resurrection, may, through the renewing power of your Spirit, arise from the death of sin to the life of righteousness; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

* HYMN 234

Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain

St. Kevin

CALL TO CONFESSION AND SILENT PRAYER

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, you have raised Jesus from the grave and crowned him Lord of all. We confess that we have not bowed before him or acknowledged his rule in our lives. We have gone along with the way of the world and failed to give him glory. Forgive us and raise us from sin, that we may be your faithful people, obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ, who rules the world and is head of the church, his body. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Blessed be the Lord, who has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

Thanks be to God! Amen.

*** PASSING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

All are invited to exchange signs of reconciliation and peace with others.

Children attending Kids' Church may meet in the Narthex at this time.

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 24:13-35 (NT, pg. 90)

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Rev. Roger Owens

OFFERING

Please complete a connect card and place it in the offering plate.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Since by Man Came Death (*Messiah*)

George Frideric Handel

Since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall be made alive. (1 Corinthians 15:21)

*** DOXOLOGY**

Lasst uns erfreuen

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God above, ye heav'nly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*** PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

This is Christ's table, and all who seek to follow Christ are welcome at this table, regardless of their age or understanding. Parents are encouraged to bring their children to participate in the sacrament. The opportunity to eat and drink with Christ is not a right bestowed upon the worthy but a privilege given to the undeserving who come in faith, repentance, and love.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Blessing God, you walk with us from the Jerusalem of our failure...

...and all the company of heaven, singing the hymn of your unending praise:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er, God of might,
 hea - ven and the earth are full of your glo - ry, love, and light.
 Bles - sed is the one who comes in your ho - ly name, O Lord.
 Ho - sa - na in the high - est! Ho - sa - na in the high - est!

Breaking God, when your Son sat at the table with his crestfallen disciples...
 ...”Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.” Great is the mystery of faith:

Dying, you de - stroyed our death; ri - sing, you re - stored our life.
 O Lord Je - sus, come in glo-ry! Ho - sa-na in the high - est!

Sharing God, in the power of your Holy Spirit repeat among us your Son’s actions...
 ...in the presence and companionship of your Holy Trinity, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, ever one God.

A - men, a - men, a-men. Al - le - lu - ia!

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.

SHARING THE BREAD & CUP

Today we will receive communion by intinction. Starting with the front row, come forward by the center aisle. The pair of servers will offer you a piece of bread, which you will dip into the juice and eat. If you prefer pre-sealed, gluten-free elements, they are available from the server on the end of each side. After receiving, return to your seat by the outer aisles. Those seated in the balcony will be served while seated in the balcony. For those on the main sanctuary level with difficulty coming forward, a server will bring communion elements down the center aisle; please indicate with a lifted hand at that time that communion is desired.

COMMUNION HYMN 515	I Come with Joy	Dove of Peace
COMMUNION HYMN 527	Eat This Bread	Berthier

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

You have given yourself to us, Lord.
Now we give ourselves for others.
 You have raised us with Christ and made us a new people.
As people of the resurrection, we will serve you with joy.
 Your glory has filled our hearts.
Help us to glorify you in all things. Amen.

* HYMN 233	The Day of Resurrection!	Lancashire
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*** BENEDICTION**

* BENEDICTION RESPONSE	Had Christ, That Once Was Slain	Vruechten
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POSTLUDE	Fantasy on Easter Hymn	William Harris
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All are invited to remain for the postlude.

Participants Today

Rev. Ginger A. Thomas, Co-Senior Pastor (ginger@fcpc.us)

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Chancel Choir

Andrew Boag, Don Boyd, Nick Graef, Margaret Groninger, Dee Hoyt, June Hurh, Zelene Hutchison, Fran Jetcyk, Beth Lockwood, Kelly Lynch, Brian Miller, Gwen Minshall, Jerry Minshall, Logan Newman, Barbara O'Connell, Ray Overmyer, Takako Petek, Audrey Russo, Polly Swanson, Terry Thompson, Louise van Mook, Tommy Walters, Joanne Welsh

For Children and Families during 11am Worship

Children of all ages are welcome to remain in worship with their families, and we provide the following opportunities for children and families:

Children age 3 to 5th grade are invited to sign up for Kids' Church prior to worship near the entry to the Sanctuary. Children may join Pastor Lori at the front of the Sanctuary for a Children's Message during worship (except on the first Sunday of the month). Following the Children's Message, children are led to the lowest level Kids' Space, where parents/guardians can pick them up following worship. The lowest level is accessed via the elevator in the Atrium or the staircase near the main entrance.

Nursery care is available for ages 0-3 in Room 109 (near the main entrance).

The Comfort Space is available in Room 107 (next to the nursery) to comfort or feed a child and watch the worship service via livestream.

Chancel Flowers

The chancel flowers today are given for the glory of God and in honor of Gary and Sue Heitzenroder, with love from Christy, Greg, Daniel, Gary and Thomas.

The Great Fifty Days (Second Sunday after Easter)

NAIL-PRINT HANDS LUKE 24:36-40

This is the day we remember Christ's appearance to the "doubting Thomas." When Cleopas and Mary told the disciples how Jesus had revealed himself to them, Thomas was not there. When he did hear the story from the other disciples he did not believe them and said that he would not until he could put his own finger into the wounds on Jesus' hand. A week later, Jesus appeared to Thomas, and Thomas fell to his knees and exclaimed, "My Lord and my God!" Seeing was believing.

HEARING DEVICES are available in the Sanctuary. Ask an usher for assistance. If you have a hearing aid that has the T-Coil activated, please ask for a T-Coil neck loop receiver.

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