



SUN 8:15AM

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

Easter Medley

Sylvia Oines

WELCOME AND INVITATIONS

Rev. Ginger Thomas

MINISTRY MINUTE

Positive Painting Project

Rev. Rebecca DePoe

CALL TO WORSHIP AND OPENING PRAYER

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 233

The Day of Resurrection!

Lancashire

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!

* 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.

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.

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S 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.**

It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise...

...and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!

You are holy, O God of majesty, and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord...

...that our lives may proclaim the One crucified and risen.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these your gifts of bread and cup...

...Through Christ, all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, with the Holy Spirit in the holy church, now and forever. **Amen.**

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 AND CUP

Today we will receive communion by intinction. Starting with the front row, come forward by the middle aisle with open hands. Receive a piece of bread, dip it into the juice, and eat. Gluten-free sealed elements are available on the table.

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.

* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Easter Joy

William Livingston

Participants Today

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