

First Presbyterian Church Kasson, MN
Pastor Dan Yeazel, Interim Pastor

April 16, 2017 Easter Sunday 8:00 a.m.

We Approach God

Organ plays for a time of silent meditation.

Announcements

Prelude

Choral Introit Anthem “He Lives” by Allen Pate
John Schwen and Jared Johnson- Trumpets

***Call to Worship**

L: This is the day the Lord has made!

P: We will rejoice in it.

L: This is the day God has made; and what a day!

P: When God wipes away our tears so we can see the empty tomb.

L: What a day! Easter day!

P: When God opens our hearts' tombs as Jesus calls us by name.

*Hymn No. 113 “Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!”

Prayer of Confession (in Unison)

We come on this day, walking through the shadows of our lives. Too often, we believe our foolishness is hidden from you; too often, we stand before the open door of hope, wondering if we dare enter. Uncertain of the good news offered to us, we would rather return to the comfort of our familiar ways rather than trusting in you. Yet you come, to open the gates of hope, so we might walk in the gardens of hope; you come, to open the gates of grace, so we might plant peace in the wilderness of the world; you come, to open the gates of resurrection, so we might know our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

*Words of Assurance

*Gloria Patri - Hymn No. 579

Responsive Reading

Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal. With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

(From Presbyterian Brief Statement of Faith)

We are Inspired by God

* Hymn No. 106

“Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks

Story Sermon

Anthem

“Mercy Tree”

by Mary McDonald

Scripture

Colossians 3:1-4

(NT pg. 246)

John 20:1-18

(NT pg. 140)

Sermon

“Ready or Not!”

We Respond to God

Choral Call to Prayer

The Pastoral Prayer and The Lord’s Prayer

Congregational Amen No. 570

Call for Offering

Offertory

“Christ is Alive”

arr. by E. Whitsett

Quinita Kase, Piano, Dan Kaufeld, Organ

*Doxology No. 592

*Prayer of Dedication (in Unison)

O God, you have become our light and our salvation – let these gifts open the gates of joy to all who hunger and thirst for your holy presence on this and every day. May they bear the gifts of Alleluia which we hold so dear, and give away with great joy. We pray in the name of our Risen Savior, Jesus the Christ! Amen.

*Hymn No. 118

“The Day of Resurrection!”

*Benediction

*Dismissal Hymn No. 2241 (4th verse) “*The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve*”

“Then let us go to serve in peace, the gospel to proclaim. God’s Spirit has empowered us; we go in Jesus’ name.”

*Postlude

WELCOME VISITORS. Thank you for coming to worship with us. Please fill out the guest slip provided by the ushers and sign our guest book before you leave.

Sunday School, Communicants class at 8:45 am

Sunday Worship at 10:00 am

Fellowship at 11:00 am

Choir practice Wednesdays at 7:00 pm; always welcoming new voices!

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Ushers: Howard Gransee, Bob Tracy, Steve Springsted, Dick Wolff

We will have another church rummage sale this fall so, start going through your items to set aside items. It would be greatly appreciated. Any questions contact Jennifer Mittelstadt.

Our church website has been updated recently. Be sure to check it out periodically for updates. www.presbykasson.org

Our own Helen Leqve will be giving a presentation on her experiences as "Rosie the Riveter" during World War II. Because widespread male enlistment left gaping holes in the industrial labor force, women were being encouraged to enter the workforce for the munitions industry. "Rosie the Riveter" became the most iconic image of working women during the war. The event will be held at the church on Friday, April 21st at 6:30 pm. A dessert will be served. Please come hear her riveting story!