

## Doxology

## Communion

*This Sunday we again offer healing prayer, anointing, and laying on of hands for healing. You may also ask to be anointed on behalf of another who needs healing or is troubled.*

## Prayer After Communion

God of mercy, God of grace, we bless and praise you for nourishing us with this Easter feast of redemption. Fill us with your Spirit, and make us living signs of your love; through Jesus Christ our Risen Lord. Amen.

## Community Sharing

## Offering

Hymn Of Response    **We Give Thee But Thine Own**    *lyrics 360*  
*(gospel rhythm, clapping on beats 2 and 4)*

Hymn Of Dismissal    **Sing Alleluia To The Lord**    URW 404

## Dismissal With Blessing

Go in the peace and power of the Risen Christ, to love and serve God and your neighbor.

**We are sent in the power of Christ's resurrection. Alleluia!**

Next Week's Readings: Acts 5:27-32; Psalm 118:14-29; Revelation 1:4-8; John 20:19-31

Preaching This Week: Ben Wayman  
Celebrant: Judy Cox

Preaching Next Week: Niquita Hohm  
Acolyte: Emma Nord

## St. Paul's Free Methodist Church Easter Sunday

Call To Worship    **The Strife Is O'er, The Battle Done**    180

## Greeting

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Hymn Of Praise    **Christ The Lord Is Risen Today**    172

## Prayer

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of the Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## First Lesson

**Acts 10:34-43**

Then Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

**R:** The word of the Lord.

**C:** Thanks be to God.

## Psalm

**Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24**

**O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever! Let Israel say, "His steadfast love endures**

forever.” ... The LORD is my strength and my might; he has become my salvation. There are glad songs of victory in the tents of the righteous: “The right hand of the LORD does valiantly; the right hand of the LORD is exalted; the right hand of the LORD does valiantly.” I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the LORD. The LORD has punished me severely, but he did not give me over to death. Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD. This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it. I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation. The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone. This is the LORD's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes. This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Hymn                      Come, Ye Faithful, Raise The Strain                      173

*Second Lesson                      1 Corinthians 15:19-26*

If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

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Gospel Acclamation                      Gospel Alleluia                      URW p. 36

*Gospel                      Luke 24:1-12*

**R:** Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Luke.

**C:** Glory to you, O Lord.

But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, “Why do you look for

the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again.” Then they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

**R:** This is the Gospel of our Lord.

**C:** Praise to you, O Christ.

**Sermon**

**Apostles' Creed**

**Confession And Prayers Of The People**

Scripture encourages us: “Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us ... approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.” Dearly beloved, so that we may prepare ourselves in heart and mind for worship at the Lord's Table, let us with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by God's infinite goodness and mercy.

**Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

**The Peace**

By dying, Christ destroyed our death; in rising, he restores our life; in giving us his Spirit, he grants us peace.

In that peace we affirm, with joy:

**In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!**

So we can say to one another: the peace of the Lord be with you!

**And also with you.**

Let us take a few moments to greet one another with signs of peace and reconciliation.