



March 31, 2024  
Resurrection of the Lord/Easter  
10:45 a.m.

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Gathering those who fear they are not enough,  
so we may experience grace, wholeness, and renewal as God's beloved.

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"The Risen Lord" by He Qi

## ***We Gather to Praise God***

### **PRELUDE**

*Alleluia* from *Reginia Coeli*

W.A. Mozart (1756-1791)

### **RINGING OF THE BELL**

## INTROIT

*Christ is Risen! Shout Hosanna!*

(traditional)

*Christ is Risen! Shout Hosanna! Celebrate this day of days.*

*Christ is risen! Hush in wonder: All creation is amazed.*

*In the desert all-surrounding, see, a spreading tree has grown.*

*Healing leaves of grace abounding bring a taste of love unknown.*

## WELCOME

Megan Klose

ONE: Christ is risen!

**ALL: Christ is risen indeed!**

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ONE: Christ is risen!

**ALL: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia! Amen!**

## \* CALL TO WORSHIP \*\*

Megan Klose

ONE: Yesterday we thought death had won.

**ALL: Not today. Today we know that love has won.**

ONE: Yesterday we thought all was lost.

**ALL: Not today. Today we know that hope is real.**

ONE: Yesterday we thought Christ was gone.

**ALL: Not today. Today we know that Christ is here.**

ONE: We have a reason to hope.

**ALL: We have a reason to sing!**

ONE: Alleluia!

**ALL: Alleluia! Christ is risen today!**

ONE: Alleluia! Let us worship the risen Christ!

## \* HYMN 232

*Jesus Christ Is Risen Today*

## CALL TO CONFESSION AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION \*\*

Katharine Stewart

ONE: Please join me in this responsive prayer of confession.

The stone is rolled away!

**ALL: We assumed it is a mistake.**

ONE: The angels say, "He is not here!"

\*\* *Liturgy by Rev. Sarah A. Speed / A Sanctified Art LLC / sanctifiedart.org*

\* *Please stand in body or spirit*

**ALL:** We assumed their news is fake.

**ONE:** The women tell the story,

**ALL:** but we do not want to hear it.

**ONE:** Peter runs to the tomb,

**ALL:** but we do not understand. Forgive us God, for thinking an empty tomb is nothing more than a prank. Forgive us for seeing discarded burial cloths and still holding tight to death. Forgive us for pushing away reasons to hope when you are alive and well in the world. Teach us to see what you see. Unravel the threads of our unbelief. Now, hear the silent prayers of our hearts.

*Personal prayer in silence*

### **ASSURANCE OF PARDON \*\***

Yena Hwang

**ONE:** The angels tell the women, “Remember what Jesus told you.”

So, church, remember this: You are seen. You are forgiven. You are held in God’s grace. All of this is true. Grace and mercy abound for you. Remember this. Amen.

**ALL:** We will remember! Thanks be to God for God’s abounding grace and mercy!

### **\* SING GLORY TO GOD 585**



1 Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry in the high - est!



To God be glo-ry for - ev - er! Al-le-lu-ia, A - men!



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

TEXT: Anon.  
MUSIC: Peruvian melody

MACHU-PICHU

### **\* PASSING THE PEACE**

**ONE:** The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**ALL:** And also with you.

*Children four years and older are invited to continue their worship at Godly Play in Room 59.*

## ***We Listen for God's Word***

### **SUNG PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION 458**

*Thy Word Is a Lamp unto My Feet*



Thy word is a lamp un-to my feet and a light un-to my path.



Thy word is a lamp un-to my feet and a light un-to my path.

TEXT: Amy Grant, 1984  
MUSIC: Michael W. Smith, 1984; arr. John Sharber  
Text and Music © 1984 Meadowgreen Music Company (admin. EMICMPublishing.com)/Word Music

THY WORD  
Irregular

### **FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON**

Luke 24:1-12

Katharine Stewart

ONE: The Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

### **WORD IN MUSIC**

*Since by Man Came Death* from *The Messiah*

G.F. Handel (1685-1759)

### **SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON**

Mark 16:1-8

Yena Hwang

ONE: The Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

### **SERMON**

*What Now?*

Yena Hwang

## ***We Respond to God's Word***

### **\* HYMN 238**

*Thine is the Glory*

### **\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH \*\***

Megan Klose

**We may weep through the longest nights. We may stare at the empty tomb with more questions than answers. We may run our fingers over the burial cloths and still long for more. But today, we are a people of hope.**

**We believe in new beginnings. We believe that the God who created the world is stronger than death. We believe that Jesus abides among us, healing, teaching, and leaving fingerprints throughout this world. We believe that a tomb could not hold him. We believe that the sun does rise. We believe that Peter was there with questions, awe, and faith the size of a mustard seed. We believe that the story is not over yet, for God is among us. Today, we are a people of hope. Amen.**

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Katharine Stewart

ONE: Lord in your mercy,

**ALL: Hear our prayer.**

*The Prayers of the People are offered on behalf of and with the congregation, usually by an elder who is currently serving or has previously served on Session. Prayer requests can be sent to Pastors Yena and Megan at [prayers@fallschurchpresby.org](mailto:prayers@fallschurchpresby.org).*

*Prayer Concerns*

Philip Patten, cousin of Frank Burdette, with health concerns

*Continued Prayers*

Robbie Harris, Young Hobbie, Allan Capon, Ruth Mileham, Ken Waugh

## 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.**

## OUR LIFE TOGETHER AS THE BODY OF CHRIST

Megan Klose

## OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

*Please support the mission and ministry of the church with your financial contributions. Offerings can be placed in the offering plate, mailed to the church office, given online through our secure giving portal ([fpc.breezechms.com/give/online](http://fpc.breezechms.com/give/online)), texted to give at 7037751355, or scanned using the QR code.*



## OFFERTORY

*Asante Sana* (Swahili)

arr. Mark Burrows (b. 1971)

*Asante sana Yesu moyoni.*

Translation: *Thank you, Jesus, with my heart.*

**\* DOXOLOGY 609**

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*



Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow. Praise God, all crea-tures



high and low. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise



God, in Je - sus ful - ly known: Cre - a - tor, Word, and Spir - it



one. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -



lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

TEXT: Brian Wren, 1989  
MUSIC: *Geistliche Kirchengesäng*, 1623; harm. Hal H. Hopson, 1998  
Text © 1989 Hope Publishing Company  
Music Harm. © 1998 Hope Publishing Company

LASST UNS ERFREUEN  
LM with alleluias  
(alternate harmonization, 10)

**\* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

Megan Klose

**Holy God, you shower us with gifts so abundant, we cannot measure them all. You give us life itself and the power of the resurrection. Bless these gifts for the sake of those in need, in the name of the Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**\* HYMN 268** (v. 3 sung by choir only)

*Crown Him with Many Crowns*

**\* CHARGE AND BLESSING**

Yena Hwang

**\* CHORAL BENEDICTION**

*That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright*

(traditional)

*That Easter day with joy was bright.  
The sun shone out with fairer light.  
O Lord of all, with us abide, in this our joyful Eastertide.*

## POSTLUDE

“Hallelujah” from *Messiah*

G.F. Handel

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### ***Supporting Us in Worship***

Worship Leader	Katharine Stewart
Music	Chancel Choir John Ehlers and Dereck Scott, trumpets Matthew White and Steven Shin, trombones
Ushers	Evan Good, Allie Growney, Rachel Skomra, Shelly Skomra, Clay Warner, Gail Warner
Audio/Video	Alex Hess
Sexton	Clay Warner

### ***Easter Lilies***

The Easter lilies are given to the glory of God *in celebration of:*

Our church family, from Sue Armstrong

Our children and grandchildren, from Fran and Bill Darrow

The renewal of spring, from Eve Elgin

The newest generation: Will, Elenore, Peter, Kaya, Patrick, and Samuel, from  
Nancy Gehron

Our grandchildren, Aoife Mae Hobbie and Fletcher Hayes Hobbie, from Young  
and Chuck Hobbie

My mother, Mary Ellen Replogle, on her 99th birthday, from Anne Mugler  
Serendipity Class and FCPC Deacons and Elders, from Tim and Julie Stufft

My nibblings, Blake and Tessa Aguilar, from Charlotte Volpe

*And in honor of:*

Marnie Sarver and her dedication to the FCPC Flower Committee

My family, from Avery Burns

Young Ei Hobbie, from Chuck Hobbie

*And in loving memory of:*

Susan Stephens, from Lisa Bongardt

Merry Huley, from Avery Burns

Parents and siblings, from Bill and Linda Garvelink

Steve Graff, from Janet Graff

Cheryl Moore, mother of Scott Moore, from the Growney-Moore family

Coley James Hobbie, from Callie Hawkins and Jason Hobbie  
Ann and Joe Jones, and Ruth and Gil Rowberg, from Nancy Jones and Dick  
Rowberg  
Coley James Hobbie, from Young and Chuck Hobbie  
Loved ones lost, from Ethel Leslie  
Bill Kercheval, from Carol Kercheval  
My parents, Bill and Florence Ringley, on what would have been my mother's  
100th birthday, from Carol Kercheval  
Gail Jeanne Pataky, from Susan and John Loyd  
Irmgard Morgan, from Irv Morgan  
Our parents, from Marnie and Jack Sarver  
Lucille and Paul Moize, Laura Moize Fiegel, and Lavonne and Orin Schuyler,  
from Marsha and Lowell Schuyler  
Our parents and grandparents, from Bonnie and Mark Seklecki  
Loved ones, from Mike and Margaret Volpe  
John W. Roberts III and Michael J. Schlitt Jr., from Paige Whitlock

### ***A Warm Welcome***

Thank you for joining us in worship this Easter morning. Please sign the red welcome pad which can be found at the end of the pew, then pass the pad along to your neighbor. If you need to step out of worship, the service is being broadcast into the parlor, just across the hall from the narthex at the back of the sanctuary.

Large-print bulletins are available at the sanctuary entrances. Portable electronic assistive listening devices are available in the narthex.

A recording of today's service can be found at [www.fallschurchpresby.org/sermon](http://www.fallschurchpresby.org/sermon).

If you would like to learn more about our family of faith, please talk to one of the pastors as you exit the sanctuary. More information can be found on our website.

### ***Children in Worship***

Children are always welcome in our services. Children's bulletins and coloring sheets are available for children of all ages at each sanctuary entrance.

**Children up to age 4:** Child care is offered in Room 201. Parents may drop off and pick up children throughout this time.

**Children 4 years old and up:** Godly Play is offered in Room 59 following the Passing of the Peace.



## ***Fellowship Hour***

Please join us in Fellowship Hall following worship for a special Easter fellowship hour. Hosted by the Community Building Ministry Team.

## ***Announcements***

**The PC(USA) One Great Hour of Sharing Special Offering** will be received today. Join with Presbyterians worldwide in sharing God's love with our neighbors-in-need around the world by providing relief from natural disasters, food for the hungry, and support for the poor and oppressed. More information is in your bulletin insert. To give to OGHS, click the QR code or drop a check in the offering plate. Special offering envelopes are in the pews.



**Today is Trans Day of Visibility.** As a member congregation of the Covenant Network of Presbyterians, we recognize and stand with our trans siblings.

## ***Scout Pack 657: Did You Know?***

Pack 657 currently has more than 90 scouts from age 5-11, including more than 65 boys and more than 25 girls. Pack 657 has been around more than 70 years! Pack 657 works with FCPC-chartered Troop 895 on their annual Scouting for Food drive, which collected over 3000 pounds of food this past fall. Pack 657 hosted their annual Pinewood derby in FCPC's Fellowship Hall in January, and recently had their bridging ceremony with Webelos bridging to Scouts. The Pack will have their annual Cub-mobile (soap box derby races) on Oak Street in Falls Church at the beginning of May.

## ***Church Calendar***

**Sunday, March 31** - Resurrection of the Lord/Easter

Easter Sunrise Service, 7:00 a.m., Frady Park

Informal Easter Worship, 8:30 a.m., Fellowship Hall. In person or online.

Traditional Easter Worship with brass and choir, 10:45 a.m., Sanctuary.

In person or online.

**Monday, April 1** - *Church office closed*

**Tuesday, April 2**

Buildings & Grounds Team, 6:30 p.m., Conference Room

**Wednesday, April 3**

First Wednesday Welcome Table Preparation, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Fellowship Hall

First Wednesday Welcome Table Food Distribution, 4-6 p.m., Fellowship Hall

Pastor Nominating Committee, 7:30 p.m., Library and Zoom

**Thursday, April 4**

Chancel Choir, 7:30 p.m., Choir Room

**Friday, April 5** - *No scheduled events*

**Saturday, April 6**

Bible Study & Fellowship Group, 8:00 a.m., Parlor

**Sunday, April 7**

Informal Worship Service, 8:30 a.m., Fellowship Hall. In person or online.

Matthew 25 Book Discussion, 9:30 a.m., Room 303

Serendipity Class, 9:30 a.m., Conference Room

Youth Sunday School (grades 6-12), 9:30 a.m., Third Floor

Traditional Worship Service, 10:45 a.m., Sanctuary. In person or online.

The Bridge (grades 3-6), 3:00 p.m., Third Floor

Serve Sunday (youth), 5:30 p.m., Third Floor

*Falls Church Presbyterian belongs to the Covenant Network of Presbyterians, “working for the unity of the church, furthering the inclusion of LGBTQ persons, seeking understanding and reconciliation, and joining with others seeking a still more just and inclusive church.”*

*Falls Church Presbyterian is also a Matthew 25 church seeking to build congregational vitality, dismantle structural racism, and eradicate systemic poverty.*

The Rev. Yena Hwang, Transitional Pastor

The Rev. Megan Klose, Associate Pastor

Diane Maloney, Director of Spiritual Growth and Community Engagement

Dr. Don Armstrong, Director of Music

Dr. Lisa Bloy, Organist

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