

As followers of Jesus
we will love the Lord our God
with all our hearts,
with all our souls
and with all our minds.
And we will love our neighbors
as ourselves and serve them
in the name of Christ.
Matthew 22:37, 39

*Love God
Follow Jesus
Serve in Spirit*

If you are visiting with us, we welcome you and encourage you to sign the visitor card in the pew. Visitors are urged to leave their address, to receive a letter of welcome from the pastor and be placed on the newsletter email list, if desired.

***Please rise in body or spirit.**

April 21, 2019
9:00 a.m.

Order of Service

GATHERING

PRELUDE *Fanfare for Easter* – Walter Pelz
Lift High the Cross – arr. Joel Raney
Dei Gloriam Handbell Choir, Sanctuary Choir

EASTER GREETING

Leader: Christ is risen!
People: He is risen indeed!

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP *Risen Today!* – arr. Michael Ryan
First Ringers

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

*HYMN *Jesus Christ Is Risen Today* #123

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered the power of sin and death. We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to sin. Too often we overlook the poor and the hungry and pass by those who mourn; we are deaf to the cries of the oppressed and indifferent to calls for peace; we ridicule the weak and abuse the earth you made. Forgive us, God of mercy. Help us to trust in your power, the power of love and compassion. Help us to trust in you to change our lives and make us new again so that we may truly experience the deep joy of abundant life given to us in Jesus Christ, our risen Lord; Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*GLORIA PATRI #579
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen. Amen.

PROCLAMATION

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Lord, we do not find it easy to recognize your coming to us and so we pray: Come, Lord Jesus, reveal yourself to us. Come to us in your Word and let us receive you willingly. Help us to know you in the breaking of the bread and in the sharing of the cup. Set our hearts on fire with love for you and your children around the world. By your Spirit enlighten these words of Scripture for us this morning as we celebrate your resurrection. Through Christ we pray; Amen.

SCRIPTURE

John 20:1-18

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Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sign Language Choir "Hearts Hands and Voices"

Easter Hallelujah

– Leonard Cohen/Kelley Mooney

ANTHEM

O Clap Your Hands

– Robert Lau

SERMON

Recognizing Resurrection

Rev. Ann Conklin

RESPONDING

SERVICE OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Invitation to Prayer

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Communion Music

Lamb of God

– Twila Paris

Your only Son, no sin to hide, but You have sent Him from Your side
To walk upon this guilty sod and to become the Lamb of God.

Chorus: O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the holy Lamb of God.
Oh wash me in His precious blood, my Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.

Your gift of love they crucified.

They laughed and scorned Him as He died.

The humble king they named a fraud and sacrificed the Lamb of God. (Chorus)

I was so lost, I should have died, but you have brought me to Your side
To be led by your staff and rod and to be called a Lamb of God. (Chorus)

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OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Praise Him With Cymbals and Drums

– Hart Morris

Dei Gloriam Handbell Choir

Liturgist: Jack Oliver

Greeter: Kyle Harding

Ushers: Thank you to Graham Walker’s team. Next week: Robert Harding’s team.

Special Music: This week’s special music is being offered by Dei Gloriam Handbell Choir, Sanctuary Choir, First Ringers, and Hearts Hands and Voices Signing Choir. Next Sunday will be Youth Sunday. We’ll meet for one combined worship service at 10:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall, with our FPC Youth, Pure Praise Singers, and HolyGrounds Praise Band. The complete music schedule is available at fpcmesa.org/worship-planning.

Sound Booth: Bob Schulz

Activity bags for children are available at the back of the sanctuary. These are for use during worship.

Visitors are encouraged to visit the Information Kiosk by the main doors of the sanctuary to learn more about the church’s programs.

Audio assistance is available for those who may be unable to adequately hear the service. Please see an usher for assistance.

Prayer Chain: If you or a family member need special prayers, email prayer@fpcmesa.org or call the church office. If the prayer request is for a friend, you must first have *permission from that friend* to make the request public on the Prayer Chain.

***DOXOLOGY** (Tune: *Lasst uns erfreuen*)
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God for all that love has done;
Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One.
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SENDING

***HYMN** *Lift High the Cross* #371

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***RESPONSE** (Tune: Bakersfield)
– Chris Anderson/Richard Nichols
Give Him Glory!

Give glory to Creation’s God, the Source of all that is;
With but a word He made the world, and thus the world is His.
His greatness shouts from distant stars,
His goodness shines as light;
He made all things to bring Him joy, and in Him we delight!
We cry “Glory! Honor! Blessing to the King!”
“Power! Splendor!” all creation sings;
We cry “Wisdom! Riches! Thanks unto the Lamb!”
Endless praises to the great “I AM!”
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POSTLUDE *Toccata on “Easter Hymn”* – Michael Mazzatenta

A pancake breakfast will be served between worship services today.

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