

First Presbyterian Church

Order of Worship
Easter – April 5, 2026

Prelude I – William Walton, arr. Herbert Murrill
Crown Imperial

Prelude II *Hallelujah* – Ingram, Donehey, LaRue
HolyGrounds Praise Band & Congregation

Video — The Dawn of Hope

Welcome Rev. Christian Johnson
Pass the Peace

Responsive Call to Worship Lois Hildenbrand

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made;

People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

Leader: The stone the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

People: This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

Leader: The Lord is our strength and our might;

People: The Lord has become our salvation.

Leader: Friends, we come longing for an encounter with the risen Jesus.

All: Open our eyes and hearts, Lord. Come, meet us here today!

*Opening Hymn *Crown Him with Many Crowns* #268

Call to Confession Lois Hildenbrand

Unison Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we confess our need for your saving grace. We have lived in fear instead of hope, in doubt instead of trust, and in selfishness instead of love. Forgive us, we pray. Cleanse our hearts and raise us to new life through Jesus Christ our risen Lord.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

*Doxology *How Majestic is Your Name* – Michael W. Smith
HolyGrounds Praise Band & Congregation

Time with our Children Pastor Christian

Prayer for Illumination Lois Hildenbrand

Old Testament Reading — Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 (NRSVUE)

Anthem *Hark, 10,000 Harps & Voices* – Craig Courtney
Sanctuary Choir

Sermon Rev. Christian Johnson
The Whisper That Ignites Eternal Dawn

Scripture — John 20:1-18 (NRSVUE)

*Hymn of Affirmation *This is Amazing Grace* – Riddle, Farro, Wickham
HolyGrounds Praise Band & Congregation

Call to Offering Lois Hildenbrand

Offertory – Chapman, Hall, Bleecker
Glorious Day (Living He Loved Me)
HolyGrounds Praise Band & Congregation

Prayer of Dedication & Pastoral Prayer Rev. Christian Johnson
The Lord's Prayer

*Closing Hymn – C. Wesley, arr. Douglas J. Benton
Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!

*Benediction Rev. Christian Johnson

