The Order for Worship and Celebration

Easter Sunday

March 27, 2016 10:00 a.m.

Preparing for God's Word

PRELUDE "Pièce Héroïque" César Franck

Dr. Mariko Morita, organ

Gathering Around God's Word

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

Craig Sage

Leader: The tomb is dark, but empty

People: The one you are looking for has overcome darkness

Leader: The stone has been rolled away.

People: The one you are looking for has overcome death.

Leader: The burial clothes are put aside.

People: The one you are looking for is alive!

Leader: Christ is Risen!

People: Christ is Risen Indeed!

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

Return of the Light

*HYMN OF PRAISE

"Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"

#232, Hymnal

(Choir Introduction "*Introit*", arr. John Ferguson) Benjamin Feuerhelm, Daniel J. Meier – trumpet, Dan Hummel – timpani

WELCOME

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Gracious God, you have walked patiently with us throughout our Lenten journey. You have celebrated our successes and our growing understanding of your love; and you have mourned our failures and rejections of your healing mercies. This day, let us remember that we are to become "Easter People," people of the Resurrection. Forgive our stubbornness and fears. Fill us with your healing love and help us to become the disciples that you need to serve in this world. For we ask this in the name of our Risen Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen. (silent confession)

WORDS OF ASSURANCE: (Responsive)

Leader: Do not dwell on your wounds any longer for Jesus has risen to heal you; He has

risen to forgive you; He has risen to change us all and bind us together now.

People: Christ is risen! Thanks be to God!

*RESPONSE *"Glory Be to the Father"* #581, Hymnal

PASSING THE PEACE (Please greet those around you.)

Leader: May the Peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

ANTHEM "The Trumpets Shall Sound on Easter Morn" David Lantz III

Sanctuary Choir

Benjamin Feuerhelm, Daniel J. Meier – trumpet, Dan Hummel - timpani

Hearing God's Word

LESSON FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT Psalm 118:1-2, 21-24 (pages 565-566, OT)

LESSON FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT Mark 16:1-8 (pages 54-55, NT)

SERMON A Strange Sort of Ending Rev. Amy Wiles

*HYMN OF REFLECTION "The Day of Resurrection" #233, Hymnal

Responding to God's Word

STATEMENT OF FAITH

Apostle's Creed (Ecumenical Version)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again, he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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.

BRINGING OUR GIFTS TO THE LORD

Offertory "I Know That My Redeemer Liveth" G. F. Handel

Kelley Raymon, vocal solo; Taemin Han, piano

*DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION #606, Hymnal

Going Out to Live God's Word

*CLOSING HYMN "Christ Is Alive!" (verses 1, 2 and 5) #246, Hymnal

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Toccata" from Symphony No. 5

Charles-Marie Widor

Dr. Mariko Morita, organ

*Please stand if you are able

A JOYOUS WELCOME TO YOU ALL! We are here to celebrate the glorious victory of Christ over sin and death. Let us rejoice exuberantly and give God the glory. Hallelujah! The Lord lives and reigns. Forever and forever. If you would like more information about First Presbyterian Church or how to become a member, please contact Rev. Amy Wiles or the church office.

HAVING A BIRTHDAY THIS WEEK: Cindy Trepp, and Lenna Darland.

PLEASE WELCOME CHAMBRAY TO THE NURSERY! Chambray Daugherty has recently been hired to serve as our church's nursery worker. Chambray, from Knoxville, IA, is currently a junior at UNI who is majoring in English education. She loves working with kids and is excited to get to know the youngest members of our church family. This is Chambray's first Sunday. So, be sure to give her a heartfelt welcome.

OUT OF THE OFFICE: Pastor Amy will be out of the office on Monday and Tuesday, March 28-29.

Christian Nurture and Fellowship Ministries

TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY: Join Pastor Amy at Panera Bread in Waterloo each Tuesday morning at 8:30 a.m. for Bible study and conversation. The group discusses the text for the upcoming Sunday worship service. Come for some coffee and conversation. All are welcome! Tuesday Morning Bible Study will not meet on Tuesday, March 29th.

PRAYER AND PREPARATION: You are invited to spend a few moments on Sunday morning preparing for worship through prayer. Pat Geadelmann will meet people in the Chapel from 9:45-9:55 a.m. for guided prayer experiences. You are encouraged to come a bit early to center yourself.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: All adult, youth and children's Sunday School classes will not meet today. Be sure to join us next week when classes resume.

NURSERY AVAILABLE: Our nursery is open and available for young children (infant – preschool). Activity bags are available in the back of the sanctuary for those children who will be joining us in the worship service.

Worship and Music Ministries

CELEBRATION RINGERS HOST PAINTING CLASS: The Celebration Ringers have invited Cedar Valley Art and Wine to give another painting class on Sunday afternoon, April 10, from 1:00-4:00 p.m. The cost of the class is \$35 and payable that day. A picture of the painting is posted on the bulletin board outside the church office and on a flyer on the table outside Calvin Hall. If you are interested in attending, please call Jackie in the Church Office or sign up on the clip board on the counter and make a reservation by April 5.

Mission and Outreach Ministries

SOUP BAGS: Providing a bag of soup and crackers has become an additional ministry when we serve our free Community Breakfast on the third Sunday of each month. Your donations of soup, crackers, ramen noodles, etc. helps tremendously with this ministry.

HY-VEE RECEPITS: Please remember to bring your Hy-Vee receipts and put them in the box on the counter in the Church Office. We can only accept receipts dated from June 2015 on, no other receipts are honored.

SUNDAY SUPPER: There will be NO Sunday Supper this evening.

Building and Grounds Ministries

IT'S CLEAN UP TIME! Spring is here. An all-church cleanup is scheduled for Saturday, April 9, from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Everyone is invited to come help. We have inside work and outside work to do. For the outside work, bring your rakes and brooms. There are leaves to rake. For the inside work, the pews and woodwork in the sanctuary need to be cleaned. Meet at 8:00 a.m. in Calvin Hall for coffee, doughnuts and work assignments. See you on April 9th!

This Week at First Church

SUNDAY, MARCH 27: Easter Sunday	SUNDAY.	MARCH	27: Easter	Sunday
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8:30 a.m.	Easter Breakfast	Fellowship Hall
9:15 a.m.	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
9:55 a.m.	Prayer and Preparation	Chapel
10:00 a.m.	Worship Service	Sanctuary
11:00 a.m.	Fellowship & Coffee Hour	Calvin Hall

TUESDAY, MARCH 29:

4:30 p.m. House of Hope Meeting Fellowship Hall

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 30:

10:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting	Pastor's Office
6:00 p.m.	Celebration Ringers Rehearsal	Sanctuary
7:30 p.m.	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room

SATURDAY, APRIL 2:

9:30 a.m. Family and Children's Service Event Fellowship Hall

SUNDAY, APRIL 3:

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8:45 a.m.	Adult Forum	Calvin Hall
9:15 a.m.	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
9:45 a.m.	Prayer and Preparation	Chapel
10:00 a.m.	Worship Service	Sanctuary
11:00 a.m.	Fellowship & Coffee Hour	Calvin Hall
11:15 a.m.	Children's Sunday School	2 nd Floor
11:15 a.m.	Youth Sunday School	Youth Room
11:15 a.m.	Koinonia	Parlor
5:00 p.m.	Sunday Supper	Fellowship Hall

Joys and Concerns for March 27, 2016

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Sandra Joens, Allen Hospital; Mary Lou Junge, Western Home; Kathy Zenner, home; Gale Quirk, home; George Day, home; Orlan Ott, Pavilion, Friendship Village; home; Karen Dew, home; Don Broadston, home; Jennifer Lightbody, home; Janis Shea, home

Blessed are the Children:

Congratulations to Jenny and Aaron Garoutte on the birth of a daughter, Claire, on February 28, 2016. Proud grandparents are Rev. John and Kris Gable.

First Church Extends Its Sympathy:

To Patrick Enwright and family on the death of his wife Jeannine of Surprise, AZ, on March 21, 2016. Jeannine was a longtime member of First Presbyterian, director of the handbell choir, and also a member of the First Church staff. Patrick Enwright's address is 15719 W. Clear Canyon Dr., Surprise, AZ 85374.

Pray for Our Sister Churches:

First Presbyterian Church, Jesup Rev. John Molacek

Please pray for our partners in mission: Outreach Foundation, the Presbytery of the Pines, the Presbytery of Arkansas, Bangladesh, the Presbytery of Coastal Carolina, and Nepal.

Rev. Amy Wiles, Pastor/Head of Staff
Pat Geadelmann, Minister of Care and Visitation
Taemin Han, Director of Music Ministries
Jackie Bass, Administrative Assistant
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