

THE CHURCH GATHERS

Pre-Service Music Were You There arr. John Carter

Easter Morning Mark 16:1-8

Introit Easter Acclamation Green/Schrader/Allen

Call to Worship

Christ emptied himself and became obedient to death,
obedient to death on a cross.

But Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed!

He is not among the dead anymore!

The stone has been rolled away!

The Crucified One is risen again!

He has come out of the tomb!

Christ has conquered by the cross!

All our hope is in him! Alleluia!

God has rescued us from the power of sin and death,

and brought us into the life-giving reign of God's beloved Son.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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Hymn Christ the Lord is Risen Today UMH #302

Prayer of Confession

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Today, on this day of resurrection, we confess our need for God, our need for grace, our need for new life. God who IS, Risen Christ, Holy Spirit Breath, hear our prayer:

**Spirit of Life,
roll the stone from our hearts.**

pause for prayer

**Let your light invade our shadows;
let your life transform our death.**

pause for prayer

We surrender all in the tomb of our hearts.

pause for prayer

Raise us to new life.

pause for prayer

**In the garden of this stillness,
come to us. Speak our names.**

Fill us with your light.

silence for prayer

SHARING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Acolytes - Andrew Aryeetey, Raphael Aryeetey Jr.

Liturgists - Isaac Shin, Andrew Aryeetey, Pearl Assan

Reader - Isaac Shin, Andrew Aryeetey

Musicians - Intergenerational Choir, Julia Hanna

Ushers - Ida Cahill, Bhanu Prakash, Bright Rajaratnam, Tom Sandford

Words of Assurance

Wake up, sleeper! Arise! Rise from the dead!

Christ calls us by name and calls us to life!

Sisters, brothers, siblings, in the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

**In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God! Alleluia!
Amen.**

TO HEAR THE WORD AND REFLECT

Music Ministry Praise His Holy Name Keith Hampton

Children's Time Where Children Belong TFWS #2233

Scripture Reading John 20:1-18 (p. 108)
This is the Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon "Risen and Rising" Rev. Jenny Smith Walz

TO RESPOND IN FAITH

Hymn of Response Easter People, Raise Your Voices UMH #304

Prayers of the People

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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against
us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the
kingdom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

Offertory Gaelic Alleluia Craig Courtney

Hymn Doxology UMH #94

Prayer of Thanksgiving

AND SCATTERS TO BE IN THE WORLD

Hymn Now the Green Blade Riseth UMH #311

Benediction

Choral Response Hallelujah Chorus from Messiah Handel

Recessional

Postlude Lift High the Cross arr. John Carter

PRAYER CONCERNS

Prayers for all giving and receiving hospice care. May strength, calm, compassion, and rest be available to them.

Prayers for all children of God living in Iran, Israel, and the Middle East during this time of war. Prayers that we may learn from the plentiful errors of history, and instead seek peaceful avenues to resolve our differences.

Prayers for all on this Easter Sunday.

HAVE PRAYER CONCERNS?

For our Prayer Chain, call Yvonne Macdonald at 609-577-8369 or email her at yvonne.mac@verizon.net. Email Tyler Mathiasen at tyler@princetonumc.org when you or a family member is in the hospital or in need of a pastoral call.

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to joyfully respond to God's love
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

EASTER SERMON SERIES AND NEWSLETTER

This Easter season we are diving into our new series, "Nevertheless, We Rise," and covering what it looks like to rise through adversity. We will use scripture, the lives of modern exemplars and saints, and Brené Brown's book, *Rising Strong*. Be on the look out for our Easter newsletter to accompany our lessons throughout this series!

NEWCOMERS GROUP

If you are a visitor or interested in learning more about PUMC or joining the church, we invite you to come to our Newcomer's program! On April 12, 19, May 5, and 17, we will hold our Newcomer's Group on Sundays after worship from 11:30am-12:30pm in the Library and on zoom. We hope to see you there!

PUMC SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

The Princeton United Methodist Church Education Scholarship is offered to members of PUMC and their children to help defray the cost of tuition. Deadline for submission of application and supporting materials is May 8th. For questions, email scholarships@princetonumc.org.

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EASTER SUNDAY 10AM



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