



SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

IDLEWILD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER
APRIL 11, 2021 | 11:00 A.M.

**Bold text is read
by the congregation.**

***Asterisk indicates when to
stand in body or in spirit.**

**The Preparation for Worship is
drawn from Blown By God
Toward Newness by Walter
Brueggemann.**

**A Prelude for Easter Morning,
draws from two Gregorian
Chant melodies. First, we hear
the ancient tune for the words
"This is the day the Lord has
made" which emerges from
an attitude of uncertainty and
mourning. With the
realization of the resurrection,
the music swells and leads to
the melody for "O Sons and
Daughters, Let Us
Sing" (Hymn 255). Last, a
triumphant statement of the
theme recalling Christ's words
"My peace be with you here.
Alleluia!"**

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

HANDBELL PEAL

DAVID SCHNELL

WELCOME

THE REVEREND DAVID J. POWERS

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

The news is that God's wind is blowing.
It may be a breeze that
cools and comforts.
It may be a gust that
summons you to notice.
It may be a storm that blows you where you have
never been before.
Whatever the wind is in your life,
pay attention to it..

PRELUDE

A PRELUDE FOR EASTER MORNING

GERALD NEAR (B. 1942)

*CALL TO WORSHIP

THE REVEREND SARA DORRIEN-CHRISTIANS

God of Glory, you are light!

In you, O God, there is no darkness!

Son of Light, you are truth!

In you, O Christ, there is no falsehood!

Spirit of Truth, you are righteous!

In you, O Spirit, there is no sin!

Atoning Lord, we praise your holy name!

For by all your names and words and deeds, we are free!

Hymn 245: Originally printed as eleven four-line stanzas without alleluias, this Easter text was written during the first year following the author's life-changing conversion experience, yet it already shows his enduring emphasis on the theme of love. This lively Welsh tune sets it well.

***HYMN OF CELEBRATION NO. 245**

"Christ the Lord Is Risen Today"

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(Cantors will sing verses 1,2 & 4. Congregation is invited to speak verse 3.)

1 "Christ the Lord is risen to - day!"
 2 Love's re-deem-ing work is done, Al - le - lu - ia!
 3 Lives a - gain our glo - rious King,
 4 Hail the Lord of earth and heaven!

All cre - a - tion, join to say:
 Fought the fight, the bat - tle won,
 Where, O death, is now your sting? Al - le - lu - ia!
 Praise to you by both be given,

Raise your joys and tri - umphs high,
 Death in vain for - bids him rise, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Je - sus died, our souls to save,
 Ev - ery knee to you shall bow,

Sing, O heavens, and earth re - ply,
 Christ has o - pened par - a - dise.
 Where your vic - to - ry, O grave? Al - le - lu - ia!
 Ris - en Christ, tri - um - phant now.

In the presence of a holy God, we become aware of the ways we fall short of God's best hopes for us, and the ways we have hurt others. We turn to God in prayer, asking for forgiveness.

Passing of the Peace is one of the most ancient responses in worship. We invite you to share a sign of peace with your neighbor in a sacredly distanced way.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

THE REVEREND ELIZABETH H. DOOLIN

God of the Resurrection, we confess to you that we do not trust what we cannot see. Like Thomas, we prefer to see with our eyes, and only then believe in our hearts.

Where we lack trust in the certainty of the life to come, forgive us, and increase our faith.

Where we live as if this life on earth is our last chance at happiness, have mercy on us, and sharpen our vision.

Where we continue to sin and fall short of your glory, erase our mistakes by the grace of Jesus Christ, and give us resolve to live in the light of his presence with us.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*RESPONSE

This is the day the Lord has made! Alleluia, alleluia!

Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good;

God's great love endures forever.

Let those who fear the Lord proclaim:

God's love endures forever.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

EVAN GILLILAND

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you!

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

MEREDITH MUSCARI

TIME WITH THE YOUNGER CHURCH

MARJORIE REYNOLDS

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, for ever. Amen.

ANTHEM

“MOST GLORIOUS LORD OF LIFE”

WILLIAM HENRY HARRIS (1883-1973)

*Most glorious Lord of life, that on this day,
Didst make thy triumph over death and sin:
And having harrow'd hell, didst bring away
Captivity thence captive, us to win:*

*This joyous day, dear Lord, with joy begin,
And grant that we for whom thou didest die,
Being with thy dear blood clean wash'd from sin,
May live forever in felicity.*

*And that thy love we weighing worthily,
May likewise love thee for the same again:
And for thy sake, that all like dear didst buy,
With love may one another entertain.*

*So let us love, dear love, like as we ought,
Love is the lesson which the Lord us taught.*

– Edmund Spenser (1552 - 1599)

SCRIPTURE

JOHN 20:19-31

REV. POWERS

SERMON

SILENT REFLECTION

*The sermon is a reflection
on the day's scriptures,
suggesting implications for
our faith and life.*

*Today's Affirmation of Faith
is drawn from the Patmos
Abbey, Order of St. Columba,
in Australia.*

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

JEANENE MUTCHLER

We believe that our lives are held within the encircling love of God,
who knows our names and recognizes our deepest needs.

**We believe that Christ is the divine Child of the living God,
and that his grace is like living waters that can never be exhausted.**

We believe in the birthing, renewing, enabling Spirit of God
who yearns over our welfare as a mother yearns for her child.

**We believe that God is in the arid desert as well as in green
pastures, and that hard times and disciplines are also loving gifts.**

We believe that our journey has a purpose and a destination,
and that our path leads to a glory we cannot yet imagine.

**We believe that in the church we are fellow pilgrims on the road,
and that we are called to love one another as God loves us.**

**This is our faith and we are humbled to profess it in
Jesus the Christ. Amen**

Before we can know God, God knows us. Baptism is one of the two sacraments of the Presbyterian Church (USA) in response to the grace of God, who calls us to be the people of God. We welcome children and adults into the fellowship of faith. The congregation promises to guide, nurture, and love the baptized person.

During this time of virtual worship, we invite you to continue your support of the church and her mission. Online giving is available through Realm and mailing a payment is also an option.

Doxology literally means "words of glory." Doxologies have long been used by Jews and Christians to praise God. We honor and thank God "from whom all blessings flow."



BAPTISM

VIVIAN INI-ABASI HANSMEYER
JUSTIN & OYIN HANSMEYER, PARENTS
ADLAI HANSMEYER, SIBLING

BAPTISM HYMN

"CHILD OF BLESSING, CHILD OF PROMISE"

*Child of blessing, child of promise,
Baptized with the Spirit's sign,
With this water God has sealed you
Unto love and grace divine.*

*Child of God, your loving Parent,
Learn to listen for God's call.
Grow to laugh and sing and worship;
Trust and love God more than all.*

BAPTISM PRAYER

OFFERING OUR GIFTS AND TITHES

REV. DORRIEN-CHRSTIANS

*DOXOLOGY

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all creatures here below.*

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise Holy Spirit evermore;

Praise Triune God whom we adore.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

JEANENE MUTCHLER

Hymn 403: These Eastertide stanzas are derived from a longer Latin text that was one of the earliest hymns written especially for a season of the church year. They are set here to a tune with Christmas associations, a means of linking the two great festivals of the Christian year.

***HYMN OF SENDING**

PUER NOBIS NASCITUR

“THAT EASTER DAY WITH JOY WAS BRIGHT”

(CANTORS WILL SING VERSES 1 & 3. CONGREGATION IS INVITED TO SPEAK VERSE 2.)

1 That Eas - ter day with joy was bright; the sun shone
2 He bade them see his hands, his side, where yet the
3 From ev - ery weap - on death can wield, your own re -

out with fair - er light when, to their long - ing
glo - rious wounds a - bide, the to - kens true which
deemed for - ev - er shield; O Lord of all, with

eyes re - stored, the a - pos - tles saw their ris - en Lord.
made it plain their Lord in - deed was risen a - gain.
us a - bide in this our joy - ful Eas - ter - tide.

***CHARGE & BENEDICTION**

REV. POWERS

POSTLUDE

TOCCATA

GEORGI ALEKSANDROVICH MUSHEL (1909 - 1989)

In-person worship brings back the gift of sanctuary flowers. Giving flowers is a beautiful way to honor, celebrate, or remember our loved ones. If you are interested in helping adorn the sanctuary, visit the Worship and Music page at www.idlewildchurch.org/worship-music/

COVID 19 UPDATE

The Session approved a return to in-person worship with COVID safety protocols in place. Look for registration opportunities for in-person worship. Registration will open each Monday for the following Sunday. If you are on the waitlist, you will receive an email if a spot becomes available. Please respond within 24 hours or we will ask the next group on the list.

WORSHIP NOTICES

The 11:00 service is live at livestream.com/idlewild and on 96.1 FM. (Livestream apps are available for Roku and mobile devices.)

Music is printed under Onelicense.net A-702280.

VISITOR NOTICES

Welcome to our visitors! We are glad to have you join our Livestream worship.

New members are received by the Session. If you are seeking a church home, we invite you to join the Idlewild family. Please call 726-4681 during the week.

For confidential prayer requests, call the prayer chain, 487-6062.

If you have a personal emergency, hospitalization, or pastoral care need, please call the church office at 726-4681. If it is after office hours or on the weekend, you may leave a confidential message (please press one to reach the voicemail box). Messages are checked regularly so that pastoral needs can be directed to the clergy.

The Mission of Idlewild

The mission of Idlewild Presbyterian Church is to pursue, personify, and practice as Presbyterians the good news of reconciliation and salvation in Christ through worship, formation, nurture, and outreach.

A Vision of Idlewild

Idlewild Presbyterian Church is a community in which ...

Jesus Christ is the center,
the mighty voice of God inspires us to love;
the Spirit joyfully sustains and nurtures seekers of every age,
stage, and circumstance.

Worship forms the core of community life;
prayer binds our brokenness and connects us in Christ's love
to God and to one another;
music, poetry, and art flourish in gratitude to our Creator;
the beauty of creation is treasured and preserved;
all the members of the church are ministers.

The focus is scripture and its meaning for today;
faith is formed and spirits nourished through reflection,
practice and shared learning;
the wisdom of other faith traditions is respected;
and a diverse membership enriches and unites us.

Justice speaks loudly and peace is our aspiration;
all voices are heard;
recreation and play are a wellspring for fellowship,
celebration, and growth;
the love of God guides our minds and spirits,
leading us to right action in our hearts, our homes,
our community, our nation, and our world,

And all who enter find a home.



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