HIGHLAND
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



# Sunday, April 9, 2023
# Easter Sunday

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance. So she came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved, and said, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don't know where they have put him!"

So Peter and the other disciple started for the tomb. Both were running, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent over and looked in at the strips of linen lying there but did not go in. Then Simon Peter came along behind him and went straight into the tomb. He saw the strips of linen lying there, as well as the cloth that had been wrapped around Jesus' head. The cloth was still lying in its place, separate from the linen. Finally the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went inside. He saw and believed. (They still did not understand from Scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead.) Then the disciples went back to where they were staying.

Now Mary stood outside the tomb crying. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb and saw two angels in white, seated where Jesus' body had been, one at the head and the other at the foot.

They asked her, "Woman, why are you crying?" "They have taken my Lord away," she said, "and I don't know where they have put him." At this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not realize that it was Jesus.

He asked her, "Woman, why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for?" Thinking he was the gardener, she said, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will get him."

Jesus said to her, "Mary." She turned toward him and cried out in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means "Teacher"). Jesus said, "Do not hold on to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father. Go instead to my brothers and tell them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'"

Mary Magdalene went to the disciples with the news: "I have seen the Lord!" And she told them that he had said these things to her.

**John 20:1-18**

## - CONNECTING YOU WITH CHRIST AND COMMUNITY -

**Greeters:** Jim Provins, Kristen & Matthew Bransby, Wendy & Henry Hershey, Marion & David Drain
**Ushers:** Johnny Wood, Sara Shank, Joyce Shaffer, Linda Keener, Bev Campbell

### Gathering in God's Name

Chimes

* Processional Hymn #123 "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"

Welcome & Ministry Highlights Rev. Allison Beaulieu

*Please sign and pass the "**Friendship Pad**" down the pew.*
*At the end of the row, pass it back so that we can greet one another by name after the service.*

Choral Introit "Christ Is Risen!" by Adelia Cubbon

Call to Worship Rev. Allison Beaulieu

Leader: He is risen!
**People: He is risen indeed!**
Leader: Jesus said: I am the light of the world;
**People: Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life.**
Leader: I am the bread of life;
**People: Whoever comes to me will never go hungry and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty**
Leader: I am the good shepherd;
**People: Who lays his life down for the sheep**
Leader: I am the gate;
**People: Whoever enters through me will be saved**
Leader: I am the way the truth and the life;
**People: No one comes to the father except through me.**
Leader: I am the vine, you are the branches;
**People: If you abide in me, you will bear much fruit.**
Leader: I am the resurrection and the life;
**People: Whoever believes in me will live.**
Leader: This is the Lord Jesus Christ who is and who was and who is to come!
**All: Let us worship him with joy and thanksgiving!**

* Opening Hymn #104 "Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!"

### Proclaiming God's Word

Prayer of Confession Will Massey

**Almighty God, you have raised Jesus from death to life, and crowned him Lord of all. We confess that we have not bowed before him, or acknowledged his rule in our lives. We have gone along with the ways of the world, and failed to give him glory. Forgive us, and raise us from sin, that we may be your faithful people, obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ, who rules the world and is head of the church, his body.**

Kyrie Eleison 572

**Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.**

Assurance of Pardon — Will Massey

Leader: Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting? The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

**People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

Passing of the Peace

Leader: As we are forgiven and reconciled to God through Christ Jesus, let us be reconciled to one another. The peace of the Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

* 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.**

Children's Dismissal to Sunday School

*At this time, children through 6th grade are invited to attend Sunday School. Teachers are stationed at the main doors of the sanctuary and will walk the children to the children's classrooms in the Narthex. Parents/Guardians may pick up their children after the service in the classroom.*

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| Choral Anthem | "He Is Not Here!" | by Russell Nagy |
| Scripture Readings | John 20:1-18, John 11: 20-26 | Rev. Dr. Bob Burns |
| Message | **"I Am the Resurrection and the Life"** | Rev. Allison Beaulieu |

## Responding to God's Word

Prayers of Thanksgiving, Lord's Prayer — Rev. Dr. Ann Osborne

**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.**

Invitation to the Offering — Rev. Allison Beaulieu

## Going in God's Name

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| * Closing Hymn #122 | "Thine Is The Glory" | |
| * Charge and Benediction | | Rev. Allison Beaulieu |
| * Congregational Response | "Hallelujah Chorus" (from *Messiah*) | by G.F. Handel |
| Organ Postlude | "Toccata" | by Charles-Marie Widor |

* Please Stand in Body or Spirit

When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went out to meet him, but Mary stayed at home.

"Lord," Martha said to Jesus, "if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But I know that even now God will give you whatever you ask."

Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again."

Martha answered, "I know he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day."

Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. Do you believe this?"

**John 11:20-26 (NIV)**

***Music:*** *Dr. Paul Thorlakson, Music Director*
*Jonathan Lefever, organist*
*Highland Chancel Choir*
*Highland Brass*

**A/V:** Mark Anderson, Garrett Koleda, Gus Beaulieu

*A description of the stained Chancel window can be found in the front of the hymnal.*
**FM sound devices are available.** Please ask an usher for your own personal receiver.
**Cell Phones** should be silenced during the worship service.
**Video Recordings** of the service can be found on the Highland website at www.HighlandPC.org

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