

# EASTER WORSHIP

APRIL 4, 2021



**PRELUDE** “The Trumpet Shall Sound” *arr. Hal Hopson*

**WELCOME** Alex Lang

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader 1: The Lord is risen!

Leader 2: **The Lord is risen indeed!**

Leader 1: This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Leader 2: **Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!**

**HYMN 232** “Jesus Christ Is Risen Today” Easter Hymn

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** TC Anderson

Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered the power of sin and death. We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death. We are deaf to the cries of the oppressed, and indifferent to calls for peace; we despise the weak, and abuse the earth you made. Forgive us, God of mercy. Help us to trust in your power to change our lives and make us new, that we may know the joy of life abundant given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord. Amen.

## DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### LUKE 15:11-32

**HYMN 418** “Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling” Softly and Tenderly

**MESSAGE** “Come Home” Alex Lang  
Scripture: John 20:1-9; 21:1, 15-17

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** Judy Hockenberry

This is the good news which we received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day; and that he appeared to Peter, then to the Twelve and to many faithful witnesses. We believe he is the Christ, the Son of the living God. He is the first and the last, the beginning and the end. He is our Lord and our God. Amen.

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

### 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.

## SHARING OUR GIFTS

“Hymn of Promise”

Natalie Sleeth

*“In the bulb there is a flower; in the seed, an apple tree; in cocoons, a hidden promise: butterflies will soon be free! In the cold and snow of winter there’s a spring that waits to be, unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see. There’s a song in every silence, seeking word and melody; there’s a dawn in every darkness, bringing hope to you and me. From the past will come the future; what it holds, a mystery, unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see. In our end is our beginning; in our time, infinity. In our doubt, there is believing; in our life, eternity. In our death, a resurrection; at the last a victory, unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.”*

First Pres Resurrection Choir

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

### HYMN 238

“Thine Is the Glory”

Judas Maccabeus

### BENEDICTION

Alex Lang

### POSTLUDE

“Lift High the Cross”

arr. Sondra K. Tucker

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**Pastors:** Alex Lang, Judy Hockenberry, and TC Anderson

**Director of Music and Worship:** Adam Hendrickson

**Associate Director of Music/Organist:** Chris Urban

**First Pres Brass:** Jered Montgomery, Eric Allen (pre-recorded), Monica Benson, Phil Lewis (pre-recorded), Joan Morrone, Kevin Carroll, and Todd Smith

## CHURCH LIFE ANNOUNCEMENTS

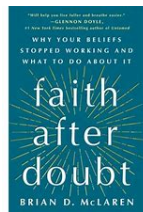
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**PANDEMIC REFLECTIONS** — Over the last few months of the pandemic, several people have reached out wanting to chat about their lives. They don't want advice, rather they're looking for an outlet to process the feelings of loss, anger, grief and sadness that are all too present as a result of the coronavirus. Some have lost jobs, others have lost friendships, and still others have lost loved ones. Perhaps more than anything else, many have lost experiences that they can never get back. Alex, Judy, and TC want you to know that, if you feel the need to tell your story, they are here to listen. We hope you will take this opportunity to be vulnerable and share how this unique moment in history has impacted you. To share your story, visit [firstpresah.org/pandemic-reflections/](http://firstpresah.org/pandemic-reflections/) and fill out the form. Everything you tell us will be held in confidence.



**EASTER GOODIE BAG FUN** — Easter goodie bags will be available at Door 9, under the portico at the main entrance, through Easter Sunday, April 4. Bags contain activities appropriate for preschool - 5th graders.

### NEW ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES



**Wednesdays, April 7 – May 12 / 7:00-8:00 pm / Faith After Doubt: Why Your Beliefs Stopped Working and What to Do About It / via Zoom / Instructor: Ken Hockenberry** —

Even before the current pandemic, sixty-five million adults in the US have dropped out of active church attendance, and about 2.7 million more are leaving every year. Most of these adults are not leaving in anger over the church's conservative or liberal position on social issues; they are leaving quietly because their faith is falling apart as they struggle with doubt. Brian McLaren, author of *Faith after Doubt: Why Your Beliefs Stopped Working and What to Do about It,* maintains that our honest doubts are an integral part of our faith, and boldly asserts, "Only doubt can save the world and your faith!" Join instructor, Ken Hockenberry, for our Wednesday Engage and Encounter Adult Education Class as we explore this new book together, and honestly face our own doubts, which can indeed strengthen our faith. Book can be purchased on Amazon. Click on the link in Weekly Highlights to register for this class.

**Sundays, April 11 - May 16 / 10:00-10:45 am / Navigating Historical and Traditional Christianity in the 21st Century / via Zoom / Instructor: Don Kaasch** — In a rapidly increasing historical understanding of early Christianity, how do we come to terms with our traditional understanding in a time when we know and continue to learn more than we've had access to? What is the role of faith in such a time and does it mean more than the denial of increased knowledge and understanding of the early history of the church and the region in which it took hold and grew in? This series will be more discussion driven and a chance for each of us to share in how we navigate such an exciting, and demanding, time in modern Christianity. Click on the link in Weekly Highlights to register for this class.

**DOCUMENTARY VIEWING & DISCUSSION** — **Viewing: Sunday, April 11 / 7:00 pm / in the Sanctuary and Discussion: Tuesday, April 13 / 7:00 pm / via Zoom** — Stone Catchers and the Mission Committee invite you to a special viewing of the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance documentary "Trigger – The Ripple Effect of Gun Violence". Gun violence is plaguing our country and it is time as those called to follow Jesus' teachings to address this issue in our society. "Trigger" addresses the issue by moving the conversation away from the polarizing extremes that have long dominated the debate and lifts up the voice and experiences of those who seek common ground and a new way forward. Screening of this documentary will take place on Sunday, April 11, at 7:00 pm in the Sanctuary. (All COVID-19 safety protocols will be followed, including the requirement to wear a mask). Following the viewing of the film, Stone Catchers will host a discussion of the film via Zoom on Tuesday, April 13, at 7:00 pm.

Register for the discussion by clicking the button in Weekly Highlights. We hope you will consider joining us for this important and critical discussion. For questions, contact Michele Holifield at [micheleholifield@firstpresah.org](mailto:micheleholifield@firstpresah.org) or Katy Allen at [katyallen@firstpresah.org](mailto:katyallen@firstpresah.org).

**MOTHER'S DAY GIFT BASKETS** — The Bridge is sponsoring a Mother's Day Gift Bag/Basket donation drive for WINGS. Please consider donating a gift for a mom who might not otherwise receive a gift on Mother's Day. Donors are asked to buy items and fill a small gift bag or basket wrapped with cellophane. Please spend no more than \$40.00 on each gift. Suggested items include bath & body wash, lotion, loofah, bubble bath, body spray, eyeliner, lip-gloss, mascara, manicure items, adult coloring books, journals, day planners, etc. Get creative! **Please do not include** money, travel sized toiletries, used products, makeup such as foundation, blush & eyeshadow since we don't know the client's skin color/shade. Gifts can be brought to the outdoor worship services on April 4, 11, or 18, or dropped off at the church office by April 22. Signup through the link in Weekly Highlights. Thank you for supporting this mission opportunity!

**FAMILY SEED PLANTING ACTIVITY** — Families of all ages are invited to join Children's Ministries for a family seed planting activity on Sunday, April 18, between 1:00 - 3:00 pm. All decorating and planting supplies will be provided. Please bring your own gardening gloves and small shovels. RSVP to Katy Allen at [katyallen@firstpresah.org](mailto:katyallen@firstpresah.org).

**SAVE THE DATE FOR FAMILY/TWEEN SUMMER PROGRAMMING** — Mark your calendars now and watch for details later about family and tween summer programming. Outdoor family evening VBS will be held Tuesday, June 22 - Thursday, June 24 (preschool-4th grade families) from 6:00-8:00 pm. Dinner will be available. MissionFactory will be held Monday, June 21 - Friday, June 25 from 8:45 am - 12:00 pm for incoming 5th & 6th graders. Registration for church members will begin in early April. Community registration will begin mid-late April.

**DONATIONS FOR PADS MEAL BOXES AND DINNERS** — Journeys will continue to house people at two Arlington Heights hotels for the foreseeable future. Right now, the plan is to continue the hotel program through the end of September. The hope is that in October, some of the PADS sites will open their doors. Until that time, First Pres will continue to provide breakfast and lunch meal boxes once a week to 24 people, and dinner to about 60 people. We are in need of both monetary and food donations. Click the button in Weekly Highlights to sign up. During the month of April, drop off for donated items will be from 9:45- 11:00 am in the west parking lot. If inclement weather and we do not have outdoor worship, Door 7 into Fellowship Hall will be open for drop-offs. Please contact the PADS Food Team at [padsfood@firstpresah.org](mailto:padsfood@firstpresah.org) with questions.

**FIRST PRES GOLF LEAGUE** — The First Pres Golf League is organizing teams for the 2021 season at Palatine Hills Golf Course. May through August, we will have Tuesday evening tee-times for nine-hole rounds. Whether you are already a great golfer or just learning how to play, you are welcome to join the League. We also need substitutes! For additional information, please contact Arlene Bullerman at (847) 670-0319 or [abullerman@earthlink.net](mailto:abullerman@earthlink.net).

**JOIN THE MEN'S BIBLE STUDY!** — The Men's Bible Study is meeting via Zoom, every Monday at 8:00 am. If you are interested in joining the group or if you have questions, contact Bill Dillon at (847) 956-2871 or Dave Berkow at (847) 323-2800.

**WALKING GROUP IS BACK!** — Reconnect with church members and get some exercise while walking outdoors. Organized by the CCL Committee, the walking group will meet on the first Wednesday of the month, beginning April 7. Meet in the church parking lot. Start time will be determined, and walks will last about 45 minutes. Contact Deb Artman at [debartman53@gmail.com](mailto:debartman53@gmail.com) if interested. Masks are required.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT** — As we continue to stream worship services until further notice, we ask that you keep your giving to the church up-to-date by mailing in a check or by going online. By continuing to give, you continue to help your church pay its bills, make its payroll, and be a light in the world. To give online:

1. Go to [www.firstpresah.org](http://www.firstpresah.org).
2. Click on "DONATE" which is the top line of the website.
3. Select the fund from the drop-down menu.

Online giving can be done on a one-time basis or you can set up a recurring gift. It is easy and our website uses Secure Socket Layering (SSL) to protect personal credit information.

**PASTORAL CARE** — If you have a death in the family, an anticipated surgery, the birth of a new baby, or if you or a loved one are struggling, your pastors and church family want to be there to support you. Please contact Pastor Judy Hockenberry, at [judyhockenberry@firstpresah.org](mailto:judyhockenberry@firstpresah.org) or (847) 255-5900, or call the church office to share your pastoral needs.



**FLOWERS FOR WORSHIP** — All have enjoyed the beautiful touch of flowers in worship even though we view them from far away. The Presbyterian Women Flower Committee wishes to thank all those who have faithfully contributed. Please consider contributing to the PW flower fund so that we may all enjoy the beauty they add each Sunday! Suggested donation is \$25.

There are two ways to donate:

**Online at [firstpresah.org](http://firstpresah.org):**

1. Click on "DONATE" at the top of the website.
2. Select "Sunday Flowers PW" from the drop down. **Important:** In the "Optional Memo" line, please add date requested and details of dedication.

**By check:**

Made out to First Presbyterian Church. On memo line, write PW Flowers and include date and details of dedication. Order forms can be downloaded from the website for your convenience at [firstpresah.org/forms/](http://firstpresah.org/forms/). Thank you for your support. Questions? Contact Sue Henderson at [suhenco@comcast.net](mailto:suhenco@comcast.net).

**FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA** — We want to encourage you, if you have not done so already, to follow First Pres on Facebook, Instagram, or Twitter. We post lots of church news, events, and special announcements and every time you like and share our posts you are helping spread the good word about our great church and make us more visible in the community. You can find us on Facebook at [facebook.com/firstpresah](https://facebook.com/firstpresah), Instagram [@firstpresah](https://instagram.com/firstpresah) at [instagram.com/firstpresah/](https://instagram.com/firstpresah/) and Twitter [@firstpresah](https://twitter.com/firstpresah) at [twitter.com/firstpresah](https://twitter.com/firstpresah/).



**ONLINE WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY**

April 11, 2021: Second Sunday of Easter  
Worship ([firstpresah.org/media/live-stream/](http://firstpresah.org/media/live-stream/))

Scriptures: Acts 4:32-35, Luke 24:36b-48

Preacher: Judy Hockenberry

Sermon Title: "Open Minds"

# Prayer Requests

## **Healing & Comfort**

Mario Alberico  
Brian Aldrich  
April Alexander — family of Myrtle Jessogne  
Pat Almlad  
Liz Armstrong  
Dave Berkow  
Mark Bishop  
Wendy Blanck  
Dawn Bruce  
Samuel Bruce — brother of Lee Bruce  
Betty Lou Bukowski  
Brian & Jennifer Butler — brother-in-law & sister of  
Dawn Bruce  
Jane Cassaro — friend of Beth Balow  
Mary Clarbour  
Carol Dahn  
Alice Davitt — friend of Kris Ward  
Jim Dean — father-in-law of Kelly Dean  
Millie Engelbretsen  
Michael Fischer — grandson of Dave & Pat Almlad  
Virginia Gardner — friend of Jo Christian  
Karl Gates — friend of Mary Kiepura  
George Gerner — cousin of Kelsey Fuentes  
Bill Ginnodo  
Gloria — friend of June Johnson  
Dorita & Houston Godfrey  
Ermina Gomez & daughter — friends of Elaine Chen  
Kit Graham — friend of Betty Sanders  
Lois Graves — mother of Jim Graves  
Barbara Hayes  
Mary Hockenberry  
Jeanne Holl — grandniece of Myrtle Jessogne  
Mary Kay Holl — niece of Myrtle Jessogne  
Ella Hurley  
Mary Jessogne — sister-in-law of Myrtle Jessogne  
Steve Jessogne — nephew of Myrtle Jessogne

Marylyn Jirsa  
Marjorie Kalivoda  
John Lamb — friend of Kris Ward  
Helen Lawson — friend of Liz Armstrong  
Jeff Leach  
Penny Lumsden — mother of Stu Lumsden  
Quentin Mare'  
Richard Martin — friend of June Johnson  
Sean McClory — friend of Mario Alberico  
John McFayden  
Kathryn Merz — daughter of Nancy Ashe  
Scott and Laura Morrison — friends of Mario &  
Claudia Alberico  
Assumpta Namusoke — friend of Kim Hogan  
Lee Nelson  
Gloria Oak  
The Patton Family — friends of Dawn Bruce  
Katie Reid — daughter of Lee Nelson  
Jim Richardson — brother of Jan Richardson  
Betty Roach  
Sandy & Tim — friends of Myrtle Jessogne  
Theresa Scola — friend of Meg Haddad  
Susan Scott  
Jim Schuffler  
Dee Sievertsen  
Ed Slivovsky  
Je'Anna Paris Smith  
Wendell Stoike  
Arne Stollfuss  
David Stratton — brother-in-law of Elaine Chen  
Jaquan Thompson  
Vasilios Tsironis — friend of Beth Balow  
Dan Tsutsumi  
Wes Upton — friend of Ralph Larsen  
Marilyn Votava — sister of Judy Ayers  
Gary Walker

## **Sympathy to:**

**Carrie Costello** and family, on the death of **Sally Costello**

## **Serving in the Armed Services**

AMN Charles Arthur Brousseau, Air Force — son of Liz Moses and Bob Wendling  
MU3 Wesley Carroll, Navy — son of Kevin and Amy Carroll, grandson of JoAnn Thompson  
Maj. Michael B. Ford, US Army Reserves — stepson of Kris Ford  
Brandon Latuzek — nephew of Elaine Chen  
Geoffrey Martineau — brother of Lisa Martineau  
E5MM Marc Robert McGrath, Jr., Navy — grandson of Donald and Jacqueline Schultz  
Capt. John Olszewski, USMC — nephew of Steve and Lisa Olszewski  
2 LT Kristen Reese, Army — daughter of Jim and Becky Reese, sister of Adam and Brian Reese  
Sergeant Benjamin David Schultz, Air Force — grandson of Donald and Jacqueline Schultz  
Colonel Gretchen Wiltse — sister of Vincent and Heidi Wiltse