

A SERVICE OF WORSHIP OF GOD
at sunrise on
EASTER SUNDAY MORNING
April 4, 2010
Old Stone Church Cemetery
7:00 A.M.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Do not be afraid; I know you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised.

People: Alleluia! Alleluia! Christ the Lord is Risen Today!

Leader: Christ is risen!

People: Christ is risen indeed!

+HYMN: **“Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”** from *The Presbyterian Hymnal*, #123

Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!

Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!

Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!

Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!

Unto Christ, our heavenly King, Alleluia!

Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!

Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!

Praise eternal as God’s love; Alleluia!

Praise our God, ye heavenly host, Alleluia!

Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

AN OPENING PRAYER concluding with “The Lord’s Prayer”

A LITANY OF ASSURANCE

Leader: With the stone rolled away came emptiness,

People: Of a tomb that held captive the Crucified, of a space that was once filled with death, of the cross that now points to greater truth of God’s love.

Leader: With the stone rolled away came questions,

People: From those whose world lay shattered, from those who would demand living proof, from those who were seeking a sign of promise breeding confidence, assurance and trust.

Leader: With the stone rolled away came light,

People: To illumine the darkness of suspicion and fear, to dispel the shadows of distrust, anxiety, & insecurity, to radiate with the beams of new hope and understanding the life about to be lived.

Leader: With the stone rolled away comes a future,

People: With a truth that outshines the wisdom of ages, with space to be filled with the kingdom of God, with the company of those who through history confess Jesus Christ is risen today. Alleluia! Amen.

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Isaiah 65:17-25

A SONG OF FAITH

from *The Presbyterian Hymnal*, #322

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me! Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me!

Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me!

THE NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Luke 24:1-12

THE EXPOSITION OF THE SCRIPTURE: “Where’s the Bunny?”

A UNISON PRAYER

Almighty God: You reveal yourself to us in ways and in places where we least expect to find you. Amidst the decay of death and the paralysis of fear, we discover your bold and living presence among us, and begin to see the reality of your salvation story. Captivate us with the Good News of your sure salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Risen Lord. Cause our hearts to burn within us as we walk with him, that we may declare with assurance and live in confidence that all is well, and all shall be well. Amen.

+HYMN: **“The Day of Resurrection!”** from *The Presbyterian Hymnal*, #118

The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad;

The Passover of gladness, the Passover of God.

From death to life eternal, from this world to the sky,

Our Christ hath brought us over with hymns of victory.

Now let the heavens be joyful, let earth the song begin,

Let the round world keep triumph, and all that is therein;

Let all things seen and unseen their notes of gladness blend,

For Christ the Lord is risen, our joy that hath no end.

+THE BENEDICTION

+ indicates those who are able may stand

There will be a celebration of Easter at 8:30 am in Tartan Hall and at 10:30 am in the Sanctuary of Fort Hill Presbyterian Church. Come and bring a friend!