**EASTER SUNDAY April 9, 2023**

**PRELUDE** *The Vermillion Sunrise; Lord, Open the Door* Boëly (1785-1858)

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**INTROIT** *The Strife is O’er*  Vulpius (1570-1615)

The strife is o'er, the battle done; the victory of life is won;

The song of triumph has begun. Alleluia!

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Shout with joy: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**People: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Leader: Let us worship God.

 **MORNING PRAYER**

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**OPENING HYMN 232** *Jesus Christ is Risen Today* Easter Hymn

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**The tomb that held captive the Crucified is empty; the space that was once filled with death now points to the truth of God’s amazing love. On this day of gladness and rejoicing, we rejoice in the Light that destroys the darkness, and brings new life to Your creation. Almighty God, we give thanks for the glimpse your eternal Kingdom we see in the risen Christ, the firstborn of them that slept. Be with us now, and hear us as we give you thanksgiving and praise. Amen**

**\*GLORIA PATRI 581** Greatorex

**FIRST SCRIPTURE READING** Psalm 118 p. 492

**ANTHEM** *Easter Song*  Herring (b. 1945)

 Hear the bells ringing, they’re singing that we can be born again!

 Hear the bells ringing, they’re singing “Christ is risen from the dead!”

 The angel upon the tombstone said, “He is risen, just as He said.”

 “Quickly now, go tell His disciples that Jesus Christ is no longer dead!”

Joy to the World, He is risen, Alleluia!

**SECOND SCRIPTURE READING** John 20:1-11 p. 882

 **SERMON** *Questions, questions*Patrick Pettit, Interim Pastor

 **\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *The Apostles' Creed* Hymnal p. 35

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

 **THE LORD’S PRAYER**

**\*CLOSING HYMN 233** *The Day of Resurrection!* Lancashire

**\*CHARGE and BENEDICTION**

 **POSTLUDE** *Symphony no. 5 in f, Op. 42, no. 1: Toccata* Widor (1844-1937)

\***Please stand if able**

*Hearing devices are available for your convenience.*

*Please be aware that they do not function until after the service begins.*

 **Today’s link is:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X64hkeszugc>



The Legacy: Mary June Cook

Regency at Augusta: Edie Lawrence

Brightview Baldwin Park: Walt Flora

Shenandoah Nursing Home: Rubye Schwab, Nancy Garber

Home: Dick Huff, Mary Ultee, Mary Ann Maupin, Bird Heuchert,

Warner & Linda Sandquist, Ruth and Lewis Kelley, Cathy Cunningham

Friends and Family: Erwin Berry (Joan), Bill Bromley, Ron Buckalew, Jean Custen,

 Jerry Hughes, Sally McNeel, Bill Metzel (Joyce Tipton), Col. Stuart Roberts (Mark Henderson), Paul Watts, Bob Cash (Colleen Cash). Greg Wood (Anne Wood), Josh Slonaker, Beth Crickenberger, Barb Ostrander (Holly Bennett), Marty Rogers (sister of Cathy Cunningham)

Military: Carson Craig

Session approved calling a Congregational Meeting at the conclusion of worship on Sunday, April 16, 2023.  The purpose of the meeting is to present for the congregation's concurrence the Memorandum of Understanding for the sale of the First Presbyterian Church property to the Fishburne Military School.

Reminder: we have a special offering for One Great Hour of Sharing today. Envelopes are enclosed.

**Monday the office will be closed . Happy Easter**