

**Sunday, April 19, 2020 Virtual Worship Service**  
**Pleasant Hill Presbyterian Church**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter -11 a.m.**

**Prelude**

Prelude in Classic Style  
Gordon Young

Hyoun Joo Song

**Welcome and Announcements**

Rev. Susan Haynes

**Gathering Around the Word**

**Call to Worship**

Rev. Jennie Sankey

One: This is the good news which we proclaim to you.

**All: Jesus Christ is raised from the dead!**

One: Walk in the light of his love.

**All: Live in the light of his teachings and healing mercies.**

One: Come, let us worship the One who overcame death.

**All: Let us celebrate the triumph of our Lord. Amen.**

**Hymn #248 – Christ is Risen! Shout Hosanna!**

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# Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna! 248

1 Christ is ris - en! Shout Ho - san - na! Cel - e - brate this day of days!  
 2 Christ is ris - en! Raise your spir - its from the cav - erns of de - spair.  
 3 Christ is ris - en! Earth and heav - en nev - er - more shall be the same.

Christ is ris - en! Hush in won - der: all cre - a - tion is a - mazed.  
 Walk with glad - ness in the morn - ing. See what love can do and dare.  
 Break the bread of new cre - a - tion where the world is still in pain.

In the des - ert all - sur - round - ing, see, a spread - ing tree has grown.  
 Drink the wine of res - ur - rec - tion, not a ser - vant, but a friend.  
 Tell its grim, de - mon - ic cho - rus: "Christ is ris - en! Get you gone!"

Heal - ing leaves of grace a - bound - ing bring a taste of love un - known.  
 Je - sus is our strong com - pan - ion. Joy and peace shall nev - er end.  
 God the First and Last is with us. Sing Ho - san - na ev - ery - one!

In commenting on this late 20th-century text, the author has stressed his intention to affirm the social implications of an Easter faith: "Christian peace and justice action finds its wellspring, not in moral zeal or guilty conscience, but in the resurrection."

**Call to Confession**

**Prayer of Confession**

**God of empty tombs and empty people:**

**When we hesitate to speak of your hope, forgive us, and give us voice.**

**When we find it difficult to love another, forgive us, and give us new compassion.**

**When we want to stand with the high and mighty, forgive us, and put us next to the poor and oppressed.**

**When we stay locked behind our fears and doubts, forgive us, and send us out to share your grace.**

**When we cannot believe your Word of new life, forgive us, and fill us with your joy.**

**Assurance of Grace**

One: This is God's good news for all.

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

**Response**

*"Thine is the Glory"*

Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son;  
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.

**Passing of the Peace**

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

**Hearing the Word**

**Children's Sermon**

Jody

**Anthem**

*"I Will Arise"*

The Sanctuary Choir

Robert Shaw/Alice Parker

**Prayer of Illumination**

Susan

**Scripture Reading**

John 20:19-31

Susan

19 When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' 20 After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. 21 Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be

with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.’<sup>22</sup> When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, ‘Receive the Holy Spirit.’<sup>23</sup> If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.’<sup>24</sup> But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came.<sup>25</sup> So the other disciples told him, ‘We have seen the Lord.’ But he said to them, ‘Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.’<sup>26</sup> A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, ‘Peace be with you.’<sup>27</sup> Then he said to Thomas, ‘Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.’<sup>28</sup> Thomas answered him, ‘My Lord and my God!’<sup>29</sup> Jesus said to him, ‘Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.’<sup>30</sup> Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book.<sup>31</sup> But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

**Sermon**

*Believe It or Not!*

Susan

### **Responding to the Word**

**Affirmation of Faith**

The Apostles’ Creed

Susan

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell. On the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

**Prayers**

Jennie

**Silent Prayer**

**Pastoral Prayer**

**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 forever. Amen.

**Offering and Prayer of Dedication**

Jennie

To give: ● return to the PHPC Live webpage and click on the giving link  
or  
● text **givePHPC** to **73256**  
or  
● mail your offering to the church – 3700 Pleasant Hill Road  
Duluth, GA 30096

**Hymn #306 – Blest Be the Tie That Binds**

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## Blest Be the Tie That Binds 306

1 Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in  
 2 Be - fore our \*Fa - ther's throne we pour our  
 3 We share our mu - tual woes; our mu - tual  
 4 When we are called to part, it gives us  
 5 From sor - row, toil, and pain, and sin we

Chris - tian love. The fel - low - ship of  
 ar - dent prayers. Our fears, our hopes, our  
 bur - dens bear. And of - ten for each  
 in - ward pain; but we shall still be  
 shall be free; and per - fect love and

kin - dred minds is like to that a - bove.  
 aims are one, our com - forts and our cares.  
 oth - er flows the sym - pa - thiz - ing tear.  
 joined in heart, and hope to meet a - gain.  
 friend - ship reign through all e - ter - ni - ty.

\*Or "Maker's"

Written to express a pastor's unwillingness to leave a beloved congregation, this hymn is frequently used as an expression of Christian fellowship, especially at the conclusion of the Lord's Supper. The tune is attributed to an influential Swiss musician and publisher.

Sending Out the Word

**Benediction**

Susan

**Postlude**

*"The Lord Bless You and Keep You"*  
John Rutter

The Sanctuary Choir