



Clothing Body
and Soul

The Clothing Church

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, PLANO, TX
SUNDAY BULLETIN



SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
APRIL 5, 2026
EASTER SUNDAY
COMMUNION SUNDAY

*This * means please stand as you are able.*

PRELUDE & PROCESSION *"Jesus Christ is Risen Today"* 14th cen. Latin Anonymous/S. E. Rogers

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

MUSICAL CONTEMPLATION: *"Fairest Lord Jesus"* Schiesiche Volkslieder/R. Ellasser

Please stand

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Christ is Risen!

People: Shout Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna!

Leader: Celebrate this day of days!

People: Hosanna! Hosanna!

Leader: Let all creation be amazed!

People: Hosanna! Hosanna! Christ is Risen!

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

***OPENING HYMN #232** *"Jesus Christ is Risen Today"*

Pease be seated

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: All-knowing, all-powerful God, we confess that, even on this most holy day, we still find it hard to believe in the victory over death shown to us in the resurrection of Jesus Christ, our Lord. We confess our utter dependence on you not only for life but also for faith, hope, and love. Without your astonishing appearance to our ancestors and your stunning presence throughout the ages, we would be lost. Forgive us and transform us, that in every way your work and prayer will make whole what is broken and give peace on earth. Amen.

(moment of silence for private confession)

Please Stand

***DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

***GLORIA PATRI**

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, Amen.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Leader: May the Peace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, be with you!

People: And also with you.

Leader: Greet one another with a sign of peace.

***PEACE RESPONSE HYMN #172 (no repeats) "Blest Are They"**

*"Rejoice and be glad! Blessed are you; holy are you!
Rejoice and be glad! Yours is the Kingdom of God!"*

Please be seated

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING (Old Testament)

Isaiah 25:6-9

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING (Epistle)

Acts 10:34-43

ANTHEM

"I Am the Resurrection and the Life"
Arranged by Lloyd Larson

Sanctuary Choir
Noah Newson, trumpet

THIRD SCRIPTURE READING (Gospel)

John 20:1-18

SERMON

"Stones"

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

OFFERTORY INVITATION

Please rise

***DOXOLOGY**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him, all creatures here below.
Praise Him above ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION**

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (From *The Apostles' Creed*)

All: 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 Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on 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.

COMMUNION HYMN #525

"I Come With Joy"

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts!

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Pastor: It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise, O Lord our God.

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

Pastor: Let us pray.

Loving God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine. May the bread we break and the cup we bless be the communion of the body and blood of Christ. Unite us with Christ and with all who share this feast, that we may be one in ministry and mission to the world. Amen.

DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

(Instructions for serving communion)

Pastor: Take, eat; this is the body of Christ, broken for you.

Take, drink; this is the blood of Christ, shed for you.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Pastor: Let us pray.

All: Gracious God, we thank you for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. As we leave this table, send us out into the world to be your hands and feet, serving others in love and sharing the good news of your kingdom. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Pastor: God of resurrection, of new life, of new beginnings, we stand before the empty tomb full of terror and amazement — like the Scripture describes the women who first discovered this miracle. We are amazed, Holy God, by your power, by your love, by the grace you extend to us and our world, even when we are undeserving. On this Easter Sunday, we bow before you in prayer, lifting our petitions for those who suffer and struggle, and searching for the strength,

guidance and hope we need to serve as your faithful disciples. In your mercy, Risen Savior, hear our prayers.

Our terror is real and debilitating, God. We fear for ourselves, for our neighbors, and for our world. Evil has gained traction, convincing many that violence and war, death and destruction are acceptable means to human ends. Forgive us, God. Turn our hearts toward what is holy and right. Turn our faces toward your risen Son, whose light graces us with peace, love, and divine wisdom. On this Easter morning, let us recommit ourselves to Christ's path of peace and the road of Christian discipleship. This road is difficult and challenging. But this road also leads to new and renewed life. Savior, hear our prayers that all who are struggling know your resurrection hope.

We pray for those struggling under the weight of despair...

People: Lord, ease their burdens.

We pray for those who feel trapped and victimized...

People: Lord, help them to find freedom and security in Christ.

We pray for those who lack necessary resources for survival...

People: Lord, give us the means and opportunity to provide for others.

We pray for those who are exhausted and overwhelmed...

People: Lord, give them rest and reassurance.

We pray for those who are traumatized or depressed...

People: Lord, may they experience peace and joy.

We pray for those who are unsafe and without a place or a people to call home...

People: Lord, help us to protect the vulnerable and minister to those who are too often unseen.

We pray for the sick, the grieving, the loved ones we know are struggling...

People: Lord, send healing, comfort, and Godly wisdom in their lives.

God of hope, hear our prayers, as well as those we name silently now before you.

(Pause for silent prayers of petition.)

Strong God, we praise you as the one who rolls stones away from empty tombs and as the one who opens minds and softens hearts. We stand in awe of your power on this Easter Sunday. We celebrate your risen Son. As the flowers bloom this spring and the butterflies emerge from their cocoons, we cannot help but hope in your everlasting love, our strong foundation that grounds us even as the world around us shakes. Now hear us as we pray together the prayer Jesus taught us saying:

THE LORD'S PRAYER

All: 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.

***CLOSING HYMN #246**

"Christ Is Alive"

***CHARGE**

***BLESSING**

***RESPONSE**

"He Is Lord"

*"He is Lord, He is Lord! He is risen from the dead and He is Lord!
Every knee shall bow, every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord."*

***POSTLUDE**

"Christ Is Risen"

J. S. Bach

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