

First Presbyterian Church, Morganton, NC | Online Easter Service: April 19, 2020

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Prelude [“Solemn Entry”](#) (Richard Strauss, arr. Gary Olsen) *The Unifour Brass Ensemble; RSmith, organ*

New Series Intro + Call to Worship

Hymn # 245 [Christ the Lord is Risen Today!](#) *Ada Smith; Anna Sheppard, trumpet; RSmith, organ*

Confession *Rev. Jill Duffield, author*

God of resurrection and new life, we confess that in times of trial and suffering we huddle in fear rather than turn to you in faith. We see only our dashed expectations and neglect to perceive your creative goodness. Knowing that our risen Lord comes to us when we are most afraid, we boldly share our deepest anxieties. Seeing Christ’s fresh wounds, we bare our own, our shame and regrets, our mistakes and failures. Trusting in Jesus’ compassion and mercy, we ask for your forgiveness so that we can testify to your saving grace.

Assurance

Scripture + Meditation *Building Blocks of Connectional Faith* [John 20:19-31; 1 Peter 1:1-9](#)

Prayers of the People + The Lord’s Prayer

Affirmation of Faith Apostle’s Creed

Hymn # 254 [That Easter Day With Joy was Bright](#) *Ada Smith; RSmith, organ*

Call to Offering

Doxology (tune: *All Creatures of our God + King*) *Hagmann Kid Trio*

Prayer of Dedication

Blessing + Charge

Postlude [The Hallelujah Chorus](#) (G.F. Handel) *The Unifour Brass Ensemble; Robert Smith, organ*

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Christ is risen! He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!