

FONDREN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

A CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA)



Notre Dame de Paris after the Fire April 15, 2019

Easter/Resurrection of the Lord A Service of Word and Sacrament

April 21, 2019

11 AM

Welcome to Fondren Presbyterian Church! We're so glad you're with us for worship and fellowship. If you're a first-time visitor, welcome to our church home. If you're a return visitor, welcome back! Fondren is an inclusive faith community where everyone is welcome to come and grow in Christ. If you would like to learn more about Fondren, please seek out an usher or greeter after worship.

Again, welcome! We hope this time of worship will renew and uplift your spirit.

WE ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

**Those able may stand. + Those waiting in the vestibule may be seated.*

Bold type indicates a unison response.

WELCOME & OPPORTUNITIES FOR DISCIPLESHIP

Dr. Rob Lowry

CHORAL PRELUDE

Psalm 118: Alleluia, This is the Day!

(with Dr. Arlandra Harvey, solo)

Alleluia! This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His mercy endures forever.

Let the house of Israel say, "His mercy endures forever."

The right hand of God is exalted; the right hand of God has struck with pow'r.

I shall not die, but I shall live and declare the works of God.

The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.

By the Lord has this been done; it is wonderful in our eyes. Alleluia.

WE LIFT UP OUR HEARTS

Peggy Miller

We thought you had said your final word.

We thought those with the power had won.

We thought that when you cried out, that was it.

But this is it:

the word breathes;

the powers are defeated;

the final cry was only the beginning,

and one word says it all:

Alleluia!

We thought the story was finished.

We thought the hope had ended.

We thought that when the tomb was sealed, that was it.

But this is it:

the story has just begun;

the hope is newly born;

the tomb is empty,

and one word says it all:

Alleluia!

We thought that when they crucified you,

death had defeated life, and that was it.

But this is it:

Love is stronger than death,

and one word says it all: *Alleluia!*

*GATHERING HYMN #232

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

EASTER HYMN

CALL TO CONFESSION

CONFESSION OF OUR SINFULNESS (UNISON)

When our faith stands at the grave, grieving for a stone that's rolled away,
forgive us.

When our faith is short of understanding though the truth is there to see,
forgive us.

When our faith, beset by doubt, sees no further than an empty tomb today,
forgive us.

Bring to mind the cry of Mary, 'I have seen the Lord!' and grant us faith to believe!

Silent Confession

+ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Walk forward on this journey of faith, knowing your brothers and sisters are with you.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Amen.

*+GRATEFUL RESPONSE

Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds

John Behnke



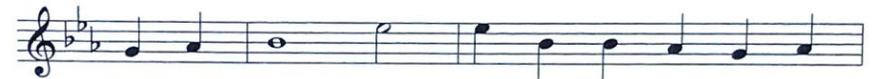
All: 1. Now all the vault of heav'n re - sounds In
 All: 2. E - ter - nal is the gift he brings, There -
 Choir: 3. Oh, fill us, Lord, with daunt - less love; Set
 All: 4. A - dor - ing prais - es now we bring And



praise of love that still a - bounds: "Christ has
 fore our heart with rap - ture sings: "Christ has
 heart and will on things a - bove That we
 with the heav'n - ly bless - ed sing: "Christ has



tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!" Sing, choirs of an - gels,
 tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!" Now still he comes to
 con - quer through your tri - umph; Grant grace suf - fi - cient
 tri - umphed! Al - le - lu - ia!" Be to the Fa - ther



loud and clear! Re - peat their song of glo - ry
 give us life And by his pres - ence stills all
 for life's day That by our lives we tru - ly
 and our Lord, To Spir - it blest, most ho - ly



here: "Christ has tri - umphed! Christ has tri - umphed!" Al - le -
 strife. "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!" Al - le -
 say: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing! Christ has
 God, All the glo - ry, nev - er end - ing! Al - le -



lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!" (Interlude)
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

*+THE PEACE

The Peace of our Lord Jesus Christ, which passes all understanding, be with you all.

And also with you.

*Please turn to those nearby and extend a hand of friendship and a word of greeting.
Children are invited to join volunteers in the back of the church
to go upstairs to the Children's Pray-ground balcony.
To learn more about our Pray-ground, see Worship Notes.*

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 28:1-10

ANTHEM

Bound for the Promised Land
from BOUND FOR GLORY

arr. John Leavitt

*On Jordan's stormy banks I stand and cast a wishful eye
to Canaan's fair and happy land where my possessions lie.
There gen'rous fruits that never fail on trees immortal grow;
There rocks and hills and brooks and vales with milk and honey flow.
I am bound for the promised land, oh who will come and go with me?
O the transporting rapt'rous scene that rises to my sight,
sweet fields arrayed in living green and rivers of delight.
Soon will the Lord my soul prepare for joys beyond the skies,
Where never-ceasing pleasures roll, and praises never die.
O I am bound for the land promised, sing praises, sing, Hallelujah.
I am bound for the promised land . . . Hallelujah!*

SERMON

"If You See Something, Say Something"

Dr. Lowry

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*HYMN OF RESPONSE #248

Christ is Risen! Shout Hosanna!

HYMN TO JOY

*WHAT WE BELIEVE

We believe in a word that forms on the lips of the creator and echoes in our souls: a word that is LOVE.

We believe in a word that breaks the silence of evil and disturbs the noise of ignorance: a word that is LOVE.

We believe in a word that brings life out of death and laughter with the morning: a word that is LOVE.

We believe in a word that tears up the darkness flooding it with light: a word that is LOVE.

We believe in a word that speaks to all loneliness with self-giving compassion and care: a word that is LOVE.

We believe in a word that speaks to our futures calling us by name, to trust anew, and believe once more in a word called LOVE.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

We are His Witnesses

LOBE DEN HERREN

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise Christ, all peo - ple
here be - low; praise Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er - more;
praise Tri - une God, whom we a - dore. A - men.

WE GATHER AT GOD'S TABLE

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

Welcome to the table of grace.

We are here at God's own invitation.

Not because we are perfect.

Not because we are *near* perfect.

Only because God's love is perfect, we find welcome here.

Welcome to the table of grace.

Let us celebrate God's invitation.

THE SURSUM CORDA

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Almighty God...

...we join our voices with all the company of heaven who forever sing to the glory of your name...

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord. God of pow'r and might _____

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Heav'n and earth are full, full of Your Glo - ry, Ho - san - na in the

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high - est, Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bles - sed is the

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One Who comes, Who comes in the name of the Lord. _____ Ho - san - na in the

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high - est, Ho - san - na in the high - est.

...all honor and glory are yours, now and forever.

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A - men, A - men, _____ A - men.

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.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

WE DEPART IN GOD'S NAME

*PARTING HYMN #238

Thine is the Glory

JUDAS MACCABEUS

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Reprise of "Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds"

John Behnke

WORSHIP NOTES

WORSHIP LEADERS AND VOLUNTEERS TODAY include Gerry and Austin Wilson, Hubby Saunders, Jim Pitts (Ushers), Peggy Miller (Liturgist), Jamie Pitts and Beverly Ray (Childcare), Jane Sanders(Communion Preparation)

CHILDREN IN WORSHIP Fondren welcomes children of all ages to participate in the worship service. During the passing of the peace, all children ages 3 through 5th grade are invited to move with the adult volunteers to the pray-ground, the children's worship area in the balcony, where they can work and play with worship-related activities and games. An adult will bring all children back to the sanctuary during the offertory to rejoin their families for the remainder of the worship service. Parents, you are welcome to join us in the balcony any time—especially if you think it might make your child's transition smoother.

For parents and children who might be happier with a nursery, it is open to those from birth through age 3, and supervised by adult volunteers and staff.

GLUTEN-FREE WAFERS are available on the table at communion.

THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH THIS WEEK

THE 5:45 service and Youth Fellowship *will not meet* this evening. Please join us for The 5:45 on Sunday evening, April 28.

THE CHURCH OFFICE will be closed on Monday, April 22.

THE CHURCH CALENDAR

Monday, April 22

Office Closed

Wednesday, April 4

5:30 p.m.

Adult Choir Rehearsal

Children's Fellowship

6:15 p.m.

Fellowship Supper

7:00 p.m.

Program

Sunday, April 28

9:00 a.m.

Handbell Rehearsal

9:30 a.m.

Sunday School for All Ages

10:30 a.m.

Choir Rehearsal

Fellowship Time

11:00 a.m.

Service of Worship

12:00 p.m.

Second Sunday Lunch

Mission Committee

5:30 p.m.

Youth Program

5:45 p.m.

The 5:45

OUR MISSION AND GUIDING PRINCIPLES

*Living into our shared calling, Fondren Presbyterian Church
welcomes and nurtures all children of God into the work of justice,
reconciliation, and transformation of the world in the name of Jesus Christ.*

*You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and
with all of your soul and with all your mind . . .
and you shall love your neighbor as yourself.*

—Matthew 22:37-39

*What does the Lord require of you but to do justice,
and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?*

—Micah 6:8



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