SUNRISE SERVICE

_The Resurrection of the Lord!_

April 21, 2019

**The Darkness Lingers**

**Greeting**
Leader: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.

**Scripture**
John 1:1-5
Luke 23:44-49

**The Joy of the Resurrection Dawns**

**Prayer of Adoration**

**Scripture**
Luke 24:1-12

**Meditation**

**Easter Greeting**
Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen!
People: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

**Hymn**
“Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks”  _see insert_

**Responsive Prayer for Easter**
Leader: O Christ, in your resurrection, the heavens and the earth rejoice.
People: Alleluia!

Leader: By your resurrection you broke open the gates of hell, and destroyed sin and death.
People: Keep us victorious over sin.
Leader: By your resurrection you raised the dead, and brought us from death to life.
People: Guide us in the way of eternal life.
Leader: By your resurrection you confounded your guards and executioners, and filled the disciples with joy.
People: Give us joy in your service.
Leader: By your resurrection you proclaimed good news and brought salvation to the whole world.
People: Direct our lives as your new creation.
Leader: God, hear now our prayers on behalf of others, spoken or silent. (please offer names, as you are led)
Leader: God of mercy, we no longer look for Jesus among the dead, for he is alive and has become the Lord of life. From the waters of death you raise us with him and renew your gift of life within us. Increase in our minds and hearts the risen life we share with Christ, and help us to grow as your people toward the fullness of eternal life with you, through Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
People: Amen.

**The Lord's Prayer** _unison_

**Hymn**
“In the Bulb There Is a Flower”  _see insert_

**Benediction**

**Passing of the Peace of the Risen Christ**
Sunrise Celebration of Our Risen Lord

We are all invited to remain here at Main Beach after this morning’s service for a continental breakfast provided by the Deacons of First Presbyterian Church.
240 Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks

Descant

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord. Alleluia, alleluia! Praise to his name.

1 Jesus is Lord of all the earth.
2 Spread the good news o'er all the earth.
3 We have been crucified with Christ.
4 Come let us praise the living God.

He is the King of creation.
Jesus has died and has risen.
Now we shall live forever.
Joyfully sing to our Savior.

In the Bulb There Is a Flower

Hymn of Promise

Capo 3: (D) (Em)

1 In the bulb there is a flower; in the seed, an apple tree;
2 There's a song in every silence, seeking word and melody;
3 In our end is our beginning; in our time, infinity;

in cocoons, a hidden promise; butterflies will soon be free!
there's a dawn in every darkness, bringing hope to you and me.
in our doubt there is believing; in our life, eternity.

(D7) (G) (Em) (D) (Bm) (Em) (F) (Bm)

In the cold and snow of winter there's a spring that waits to be,
From the past will come the future; what it holds, a mystery.
In our death, a resurrection; at the last, a victory.

(G) (Em) (D) (Bm) (Em) (A7) (D)

unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

The writing of this hymn was spurred by a line from the poet T.S. Eliot: “In my end is my beginning.” Shortly after this piece was completed, the author/composer’s husband was diagnosed with what proved to be a terminal malignancy, and the original anthem version of this hymn was sung at his funeral.

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