

# Gathering

## Hearing the Easter Story

### Quartet

*"Freedom is Coming"*

### \*Call to Worship

This is the Day!

**Glorious day, Resurrection day!**

Empty tombs and renewed lives.

**This is God's doing.**

So, rejoice -- **Alleluia!**

And sing -- **Alleluia!**

Be glad -- **Alleluia!**

For Christ is risen from the dead.

**He is risen as he said.**

Alleluia! **Alleluia!**

### \*Hymn 123

*"Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"*

### Confession of Sin

God has opened to us the gates of righteousness that we may enter through them. Confident in God's love, let us confess our sin.

**Lord Jesus, through the power of the Holy Spirit we have been raised from the waters of baptism to share in your glorious resurrection. Yet we have not lived as Easter people. We are unsure of your promise, confused about your will, and afraid in the face of danger. Like Mary, we weep at the tomb, but do not recognize your presence. Call us by name, risen Lord, that we may know you with confidence. Whenever we are tempted to fear death, give us courage to confess your Easter victory. Whenever we are distracted by petty conflicts, keep our minds on your reconciling love. Whenever we are overwhelmed by the power of evil, reveal again to us your triumph over destructive powers of oppression. Forgive our sin and let our lives be a testimony to your salvation through the love of God and by the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

## A Time of Reflection

*"Morning Has Broken"*

### Assurance of Forgiveness

Listen, church: God who raised Jesus from the dead as not given us over to death. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

**Thanks be to God! Amen.**

### \*Songs of Praise

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## The Word

### Psalm of the Day

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24  
(page 956)

### Growing Young Disciples

### Scripture Reading

Colossians 3:1-4  
(page 1834)

### Prayer of Illumination

### Meditation

*"Christ is Your Life"*

### \*Hymn 108

*"Christ is Alive!"*

## The Eucharist

### Words of Welcome

### Invitation to the Table

### Anthem

### The Great Thanksgiving and 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.

### Blessing the Bread & the Cup

### Communion of God's People

*As you come forward for the Sacrament,  
the basket is available to offer your gifts to God.*

## \*Prayer After Communion

## Sending

### \*Hymn 106

*"Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks"*

### \*Closing Reading

*"And the Glory"*

Ann Weems

The silence breaks into morning.  
That One Star lights the world.  
The lily springs to life and  
not even Solomon . . .

Let it begin with singing  
and never end!  
Oh, angels, quit your lamenting!  
Oh, pilgrims,  
upon your knees in tearful prayer,  
rise up  
and take your hearts  
and run!

We who were no people  
are named anew  
God's people,  
for he who was no more  
is forevermore.

Thanks be to God! **Amen!**

### \*Prelude

*"Jubilation"*

Denton

\* Those who are able, please stand

The congregation responds with the **bold print** in the liturgy  
Following worship you are invited to a time of fellowship  
held in the church parlor off the sanctuary

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*Called by Christ to joyfully serve and expand the Kingdom of God*

## What's Happening this Week

### Sunday, April 16 *Happy Easter*

- 9:30 am Choir Practice
- 10:00 am Worship and the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper
- 11:00 am Fellowship & Easter Egg Hunt
- 5:30 pm Serious JuJu Easter Celebration @ Woodand Park

### Monday, April 17

- 6:40 pm Bible Study Fellowship

### Tuesday, April 18

- 9:30 am Staff Meeting
- 3:20 pm Skate and Bible Study (Warehouse)
- 6:30 pm Leadership
- 7:00 pm Boy Scouts

### Wednesday, April 19

- 12:00 pm Bible Study
- 3:00 pm Meal Preparation for Serious JuJu

### Thursday, April 20

- 7:45 am FHS Music Festival
- 9:30 am Ruth Circle
- 1:00 pm Naomi Circle at Amy Peterson's Home
- 1:30 pm Martha Circle
- 4:00 pm DT Mentoring and Skate (Warehouse)
- 5:30 pm Samaritan House Meal

### Friday, April 21

- 5:00 pm Serious JuJu (Warehouse)

### Saturday, April 22

- 10:00 am Build Day @ Neighbors in Need Day Center

### Sunday, April 23

- 10:00 am Worship Celebration
- 11:00 am A Time of Fellowship
- 11:15 am Nominating Ministry Team
- 11:20 am Zephyr Group Gathering

## Flathead Food Bank Item for April

The Food Bank is requesting tomato products for the month of April. Please place donations in the food bin next to the elevator.

## Presbyterian Women Retreat

The women of Glacier Presbytery will be gathering in Helena on April 29th. For more information visit:  
[www.glacierpresbytery.org/missions](http://www.glacierpresbytery.org/missions)

## One Great Hour of Sharing

This morning we receive the One Great Hour of sharing. Your gift to this ministry enables the church to share God's love with our neighbors in need around the world by providing relief to those affected by natural disasters, providing food to the hungry, and helping to empower the poor and oppressed.

## Covenant Group Gatherings in April

- ♦ Zephyr: April 23, 11:20 am
  - ♦ Williwaw: April 30, 11:15 am, potluck, lower level
- The purpose of Covenant Group ministry is to provide opportunities for our church family to strengthen our response to Christ's commission to love God, love one another, and share God's message. Your involvement is appreciated!

## Thank You to Our Schools

You are invited to help us say thank you to the educators of our community. Twelve schools have been identified to receive thank-you baskets from FPC Kalispell. You can help by bringing goodies to church by May 1st to share with the staff of local schools. This morning we have thank-you cards to sign for each school to offer our love and support of our teachers. Thank you for participating!

## Build Day at the Neighbors in Need Day Center

The next build day for Neighbors in Need Day Center will be Saturday, April 22 from 8:15 am until noon. The Center is a new ministry of Neighbors in Need. Build days are held the 2nd and 4th Saturday of each month at the Gateway Community Center.

## Church Clean-Up Day

Mark your calendar and join us from 9 am to 1 pm for our church clean-up day on Saturday, April 29th! We will work in the morning and close our day with a luncheon.

## A Matter of Balance Class

The next *A Matter of Balance* class will begin in May. Please indicate your interest by filling out the enclosed Interest Card and place in the offering place or by calling the office. The class meets once a week for two hours for eight weeks.

## Entering the Covenant Community

Are you interested in becoming part of the ministry of our congregation? Our four week course, *Entering the Covenant Community*, will begin May 3rd at 6:00 pm here at church.



**Easter Sunday Worship**  
**First Presbyterian Church**  
**Kalispell, Montana**  
10:00 am ~ April 16, 2017

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes. But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

John 20:1-18 (NRSV)