



Sunday, April 9, 2023 Easter 10:00 a.m.

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This week at First:

### *Wednesday, April 12, 2023* TOPS Weight Loss Support Group

Fellowship Hall, 9 a.m.

Sufficient Grace Practice Sanctuary, 9:45 a.m.

Staff Meeting, Church Office, 11 a.m.

PW Ruth Circle, Bible Study Fellowship Hall 11:30 a.m., BYOL

> Chancel Choir Practice Choir Room, 4 p.m.

Joyful Ringers Practice Sanctuary, 5:30 p.m.

*Thursday, April 13, 2023* PW Rebekah Circle Bible Study Parlor, 9:30 a.m.

### Friday, April 14, 2023

Joining Hand in Food Ministry Food Distribution Gloria Dei Lutheran Church Parking lot (our neighbors) 8:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

> Sunday, April 16, 2023 Sufficient Grace Practice Sanctuary, 8 a.m.

No Chancel Choir Practice on this date

# PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

# WELCOME & OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINISTRY

## PRELUDE

Christ Has Arisen Alleluia (Mfurahini Haleluya)

# **CALL TO WORSHIP**

\*Alleluia! Alleluia! \*Victory in Jesus Our God Reigns

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

O' Lord on this day You entered the rebellious city that later rejected You:
We confess that our wills are as rebellious as Jerusalem's, our faith is often more show than substance, our hearts need cleansing.
Have mercy on us, Son of David, Savior of our lives.
Help us to lay at Your feet all that we have and all that we are, trusting You to forgive what is sinful, to heal what is broken, to welcome our praises and to receive us as Your own.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS (Responsive)Betty PalmerHear and believe these words about God's amazing grace,<br/>grace experienced through Jesus' sacrificial love,<br/>as forgiveness of sins.Lay LeaderAmen. Thanks be to God.Forgiveness of sins.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

ADVENTURE TIME

# ANTHEM

Ring the Easter Bells

\*For those who are able, please stand.

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Howard Fowler, Organist

Rev. RJ Leek

Joyful Ringers

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> Betty Palmer Lay Leader

Becca Redding

**Dick Krase** 

Chancel Choir & Joyful Ringers



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> Rev. RJ Leek, M. Div. Head of Staff

> > Session Members Alice Coleman David Frazier Bob Glockler Ernie Halley Milt Levy Beth Malak Betty Palmer Rick Miller Steve Weller

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# **DISCIPLES MAKING DISCIPLES**

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### WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

Offertory How Beautiful \*Doxology \*Prayer of Dedication Rev. RJ Leek Lynne Frazier, Soloist Congregation Betty Palmer Lay Leader Rev. RJ Leek

### PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE

### OUR 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, for ever. Amen.

#### THE SCRIPTURE

Scripture Readings: Matthew 28: 1-10; John 20: 1-18 Luke 24: 13-49

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

"Once Lost, Now Found"

**HYMN OF RESPONSE –** Hymn #217 \*Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

## **\*BENEDICTION**

**RESPONSE TO THE BENEDICTION** *\*He is Lord* 

**POSTLUDE** *Thine is the Glory* 

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# 2023 Worship Theme Radically Love Thy Neighbor

Our Purpose: Disciples Making Disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. Our Ministers: The members of First Presbyterian Church.