

JOHN McMILLAN
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
10:00 AM IN PERSON PARKING LOT SERVICE
WORSHIP & FACEBOOK LIVE
TO KNOW, TO GLORIFY AND TO SERVE GOD
APRIL 18, 2021

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS- Rev. Jeff Tindall

THE CALL TO WORSHIP - Rev. Matt Fricker

How joyful it is, to celebrate the good news of God's love!

We are called to be Easter people!

Darkness cannot claim us!

Fear cannot bind us!

Christ is risen!

Christ is risen, indeed! AMEN!

HYMN - "In the Bulb there is a Flower" #250

In the bulb there is a flower;

in the seed, an apple tree;

in cocoons, a hidden promise:

butterflies will soon be free!

In the cold and snow of winter

there's a spring that waits to be,

unrevealed until its season,

something God alone can see.

There's a song in every silence,

seeking word and melody;

there's a dawn in every darkness,

bringing hope to you and me.

From the past will come the future;
what it holds, a mystery,
unrevealed until its season,
something God alone can see.

In our end is our beginning;
in our time, infinity;
in our doubt there is believing;
in our life, eternity.
In our death, a resurrection;
at the last, a victory,
unrevealed until its season,
something God alone can see.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, you give to us your greatest gift of hope, the resurrection of your son Jesus Christ. You call us to be people of courage and hope, but we run and hide, doubting and fearing. You challenge us to proclaim our faith; but we huddle in darkness whispering our words of discouragement. We need you to push us, Lord! But we also need to be forgiven. Forgive us when we seem to need prodding over and over again. Help us to see the presence of Jesus in our lives; and remind us of all that he taught us, to help us to live as disciples, serving you by serving others. Change us! Remold us! Make us truly the disciples you have called us to be.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Do not be afraid. The Light of God has vanquished the darkness! Christ is risen! Doubts are erased. Rejoice! God's love is poured upon you, now and forever.

Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC - "*Open Your Eyes*" - Anna Todd

SCRIPTURE AND MESSAGE

Isaiah 55: 6-13

So Shall My Word

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE 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.

OFFERING PRAYER

HYMN- *"Lead Me, Guide Me"* #740

Refrain:

Lead me, guide me, along the way,
for if you lead me, I cannot stray.
Lord, let me walk each day with thee.
Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

I am weak and I need your strength and power
to help me over my weakest hour.
Help me through the darkness your face to see.
Lead me, O Lord, lead me. (Refrain)

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE