MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH Interim minister: Rev. Mark Chiang EASTER SUNDAY April 09, 2023 Harald Magnus

Duty Elder: Harald Magnus Musician: Sheryl Cale, Rosemary Brown Scripture Reader: Stephanie Malthouse

*When this symbol appears please stand if you are able **Musical Prelude** – Time for Quiet Meditation **Welcome and Announcements**

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Hallelujah! O Day of Resurrection, let us shine with joy!
Christ has led us from death to life.
O Day of Resurrection, let us live with hope!
Christ has led us from earth to heaven.
Christ has risen from the dead. Hallelujah!
He has risen indeed! Hallelujah!

***Hymn #243:** Jesus Christ is risen today

PRAYER OF ADORATION

And we now pray our prayer of confession: PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

Loving and life-giving God, you raised Jesus from the grave and shattered the powers of sin and death. But we confess that we remain captive to fear, resisting the hope that new life is possible for us. We hide in tombs of indifference, seeking comfort rather than justice in this world. We cling to resentment and disappointment, refusing the freedom that comes with forgiveness. ASSURANCE OF PARDON:

TIME FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART: *Hymn #260: Alleluia Alleluia PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; SCRIPTURE: John 20:1-18 ANTHEM: Jesus is Risen from the Grave THE DRESSING OF THE CROSS MEDITATION: SILENCE FOR REFLECTION HYMN #250: Lord of the dance

WE RESPOND WITH GRATEFUL HEARTS

WE GIVE TO GOD'S WORK *PRAISE RESPONSE #830: Praise God from whom all blessings flow *PRAYER OF DEDICATION *PRAYER FOR OURSELVES & OTHERS and THE LORD'S PRAYER SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION *CLOSING HYMN #78: This is the day *Commissioning and BENEDICTION

*SUNG BENEDICTION: Go Now in Peace (Besig)

Birthday greetings this week go out to Donna Watson and David Malthouse.

There are still gift cards to be sold for plants from the 2 greenhouses. Gift cards are in the office.

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