

**Pinetops Presbyterian Church**  
**The Service for the Lord's Day**  
**Easter Festival of Reading and Music**

April 23, 2017

Ten O'clock

**The Church Gathers**

Prelude

*Awake the Wintery Earth*

J. S. Bach

Introit

*There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit in this Place*

Doris Akers

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

*Liturgist, Diane Batts*

One: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

All: **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

One: May his grace and peace be with you.

All: **May he fill our hearts with joy.**

† Opening Hymn

*Jesus Christ Is Risen Today*

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A Reading from the prophet Isaiah 35: 1-10

A Reading from the Gospel of John 11: 17-27

Time with Young Disciples

*(The children may go to the Fellowship Hall at this time for Children's Church)*

Anthem

*Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks*

Donald Fishel

A Reading from the Gospel of Mark 16: 1-8

A Reading from the Gospel of Luke 24: 13-35

† Hymn

*The Day of Resurrection!*

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A Reading from the Gospel of John 21: 4-19

A Reading from the Gospel of Matthew 28: 16-20

A Reading from Paul's Letter to the Romans 8: 14-19, 31-39

### **A Litany of Prayers of the People**

**One:** O Christ, after your resurrection you appeared to your disciples; you breathed on them, that they might receive the Holy Spirit. You gave joy and exultation to the whole creation. Through your victory, we pray to you:

**All: Hear us, Lord of glory.**

**One:** O Christ, after your resurrection you sent out your disciples to teach all nations and to baptize them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit; you promised to be with them and us until the end of the world. Through your victory, we pray to you:

**All: Hear us, Lord of glory.**

**One:** O Christ, through your resurrection you lifted us up and filled us with rejoicing. Through your salvation you enrich us with your gifts. Renew our lives and fill our hearts with joy. Through your victory, we pray to you:

**All: Hear us, Lord of glory.**

**One:** O Christ, you are glorified by angels in heaven and worshipped on earth. In this glorious season of your resurrection, we pray to you:

**All: Hear us, Lord of glory.**

**One:** Save us, O Christ our Lord, in your goodness, extend your mercy to your people who await the resurrection, and have mercy on us.

**All: Hear us, Lord of glory.**

**One:** O merciful God, you raised your beloved Son, and in your love you established him as head of your church and ruler of the universe. By your goodness we pray:

**One: Hear us, Lord of glory.**

**All:** O God, you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by this glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Help us to die daily to sin, so that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Hear us as we pray as he taught us:

**All: Our Father....**

**You are finished and may return to your seat. Thank you for your willingness to serve as liturgist.**