

**Taking the Word of God into the World**

**Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer (p. 35)**

† **Hymn of Inspiration #826:** *Lift High the Cross*  
(During last refrain, please come forward to stand by your cross.)

† **Benediction and Blessing of the Crosses**

† **Response #561:** *Amen*

† **Postlude:** *The Strife is O'er*

arr. Richard Proulx

Wilbur Held

First Presbyterian Church  
of Pasadena

*Second Sunday of Easter*

*April 3, 2016*

*10:30 am*

Christ, who stood among the disciples,  
showing them your hands and feet  
to take away their doubts,  
we welcome you.

Christ, who spoke to the disciples,  
opening their minds  
to reveal God's promise,  
we welcome you.

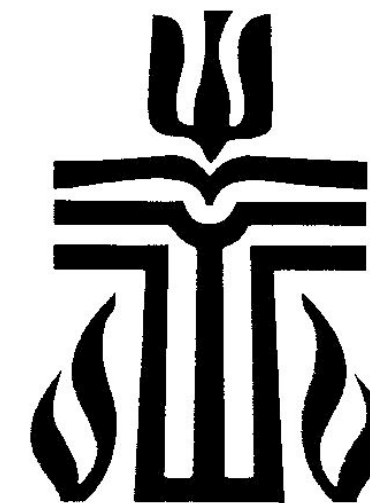
You,  
who stand among us,  
meet with us, speak to us,  
have mercy on us.

Francis Brienen (United Reformed Church, GB)

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Leading in Worship Today...

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## Service for the Lord's Day

### Gathering Around the Word of God

#### Welcome and Life of the Church

#### Minute for Mission

**Prelude:** *Lift High the Cross*

Charles Callahan

**Introit #243:** *Be Not Afraid*

Jacques Berthier

#### † Call to Worship:

Leader: Jesus Christ appeared to the disciples.

**All: We have grace and peace from God who was and is and is to come.**

Leader: The disciples received the Holy Spirit.

**All: We have grace and peace from God who was and is and is to come.**

Leader: The Lord God is the Alpha and the Omega.

**All: We have grace and peace from God who was and is and is to come.**

† **Hymn of Praise #233:** *The Day of Resurrection!*

#### Corporate Prayer of Confession:

**God of everlasting life, we confess that we continue in the ways of death. You offer us your forgiveness, yet we refuse to forgive others. You show us signs of resurrection, yet still we fail to believe. Forgive us, God of grace. Fill us with your Holy Spirit and send us out in mission to proclaim your reconciling love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

#### Silent Confession

#### Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Friends, believe and live the good news of the gospel.

**All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!**

† **Glory Be to The Father (Gloria Patri) #580**

#### † Sharing the Peace of Christ

#### Chancel Time with Children

"Praise Him, praise Him, all ye little children, God is love, God is love.  
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#### **Anthem:** *Christ the Lord Is Risen Again!*

Stephen Walters

Christ the Lord is ris'n again! Christ has broken ev'ry chain!  
Now through all the world it rings that the Lamb is King of kings.  
Alleluia!  
Christ, our Paschal Lamb indeed, Christ today your people feed.  
Alleluia!

He who gave for us his life, who for us endured the strife,  
takes our sin and guilt away that with the angels we may say:  
Alleluia!  
Christ, our Paschal Lamb indeed, Christ today your people feed.  
Alleluia!

He who bore all pain and loss comfortless upon the cross  
is exalted now to save, wrestling vict'ry from the grave:  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Christ, our Paschal Lamb indeed, Christ today your people feed.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Christ is ris'n again! Alleluia

#### **Proclaiming the Word of God**

**Prayer for Illumination #288:** *Spirit of the Living God*

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me;  
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.  
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.  
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

**First Lesson:** Psalm 150 (p. 449)

**Sermon Lesson:** John 20:19-31 (p.769)

**Sermon:** "Come, See, Believe, Live"

Rev. Jim Currie

#### **Responding to the Word of God**

† **Affirmation of Faith—Apostles' Creed (p. 35)**

† **Hymn of Affirmation #246:** *Christ Is Alive!*

#### **Offering Our Gifts to God**

**Offertory Music:** *Blessed Jesus, At Thy Name*

J. S. Bach

† **Doxology #609:** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

#### † **Prayer of Dedication**