

Easter Sunday Service

March 31, 2024

9:30 am



West Valley Presbyterian Church

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Welcome



Call to Worship – Hardy Hemphill

Leader: O Jesus, in your resurrection, the heavens and the earth rejoice. By your resurrection you broke open the gates of hell, and destroyed sin and death. Alleluia!

People: By your resurrection you raised the dead, and brought us from death to life. Alleluia!

Leader: By your resurrection you confounded your guards and executioners, and filled the disciples with joy. Alleluia!

People: By your resurrection you proclaimed good news to the women and apostles, and brought salvation to the world. Alleluia!

All: You are alive and have become the Lord of life! Alleluia!

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Greetings & Announcements – Janet Russell

Prayers of the People – Bob Harrison

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.

Song

John 20:1-23 NIV

20 Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance. ² So she came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved, and said, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don’t know where they have put him!” ³ So Peter and the other disciple started for the tomb. ⁴ Both were running, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵ He bent over and looked in at the strips of linen lying there but did not go in. ⁶ Then Simon Peter came along behind him and went straight into the tomb. He saw the strips of linen lying there, ⁷ as well as the cloth that had been wrapped around Jesus’ head. The cloth was still lying in its place, separate from the linen. ⁸ Finally the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went inside. He saw and believed. ⁹ (They still did not understand from Scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead.) ¹⁰ Then the disciples went back to where they were staying. ¹¹ Now Mary stood outside the tomb crying. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb ¹² and saw two angels in white, seated where Jesus’ body had been, one at the head and the other at the foot. ¹³ They asked her, “Woman, why are you crying?” “They have taken my Lord away,” she said, “and I don’t know where they have put him.” ¹⁴ At this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not realize that it was Jesus. ¹⁵ He asked her, “Woman, why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for?” Thinking he was the gardener, she said, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will get him.” ¹⁶ Jesus said to her, “Mary.” She turned toward him and cried out in Aramaic, “Rabboni!” (which means “Teacher”). ¹⁷ Jesus said, “Do not hold on to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father. Go instead to my brothers and tell them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’” ¹⁸ Mary Magdalene went to the disciples with the news: “I have seen the Lord!” And she told them that he had said these things to her. ¹⁹ On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you!” ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Again Jesus said, “Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.” ²² And with that he breathed on them and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive anyone’s sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.”

Recognizing Jesus

Reverend Janet Russell

Song

Benediction



ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Happy Easter! Because He Lives...

If we receive Him as our Savior and Lord, we come alive in spirit now and will be resurrected in an eternal body as well. Jesus broke the curse of sin and death.

Fellowship Calendar:

Thursdays - Men's Zoom Breakfast Meeting at 8:30 am. Contact Parker at pawilley@pacbell.net for the Zoom link.

Wednesdays 10-3 pm – Crafts Boutique meets in Room 15 on Wednesdays. If you would like to join them, please do! Contact CynthiaBlank@comcast.net.

Community Calendar:

Sunday, May 5 – The Saratoga Symphony will put on a **free concert** in our sanctuary at 3 pm.

Sunday, May 19 – Pentecost Sunday in the sanctuary at 9:30 am.