



First Presbyterian Church of Redwood Falls

Our Vision Statement of the First Presbyterian Church of Redwood Falls is: God's timeless love transforms each of us to joyously continue the ministry of Jesus Christ in our community and in our world.

Easter Sunday - April 1, 2018 ~ 10:15 am

Ministers: The members of the congregation

Pastor: Rev. Scott Prouty

Assemble in God's Name

Prelude *"The Risen Christ"* Elaine Hagen, Organist
Choral Introit

Call to Worship

L: This is the day:

P: when tears are wiped away; shattered hearts are mended; fears are replaced with joy.

L: This is the day the Lord:

P: rolls away the stone of fear; throws off death's clothes; goes ahead of us into God's future.

L: This is the day the Lord has made:

P: death has no fear for us; sin has lost its power over us; God opens the tombs of our hearts to fill us with life.

L: This is the day - Easter Day!

P: Christ is Risen! Hallelujah!

Prayer of Invocation

Very early on that first day You caught chaos unaware, Astounding God: planting grace in a garden, setting love loose on creation, flinging joy into the air. Very early on that first day Jesus, Son of Justice: You staggered sin, throwing its weight off the world; You confounded death, leaving it alone in the grave; You opened the gates of the kingdom, so all could follow You into life. Very early on this first day of the week, while we were washing sleep from our eyes and trying to make sense of our lives, You sang glad songs to us, Scared Spirit: rolling away fears from our hearts so we can see the Risen Lord. God in Community, Holy in One, very early on this first day of the week, as we do on every day of our lives, we lift our praise to You. Amen.

***Hymn #232** *"Jesus Christ is Risen Today"*

*Call to Confession

Very early in the morning, God created all that is good and beautiful. Very early in the morning, a mother placed her newborn in a manger. Very early in the morning, the good news was shared with frightened

friends, that Jesus was risen and alive in our midst. Let us confess the fears and the amazement we bring this morning.

*Unison Prayer of Confession

On this morning of hallelujahs, we must confess how human we are, Emptier of tombs. We haven't done any great evil, but we have failed to do good when we had the chance. We have not intentionally hurt anyone, nor have we offered healing to the broken. We easily accept the witness of the angel in the tomb, but find it difficult to share this good news with our friends and neighbors. Bring us new life, Dazzling God. Where we are tired and stressed, give us the energy to serve Your creation; transform our hardened hearts into fountains of grace; forgive us of all the damage we have done, and fill us with the joy of your Spirit. In the name of Jesus Christ, who gives us new life, we pray.

*Time for Silent Prayer of Confession

*Assurance of Pardon

L: God, our Creator, gives us new life; Christ, our Redeemer, prepares a Table for us; Holy Spirit, our Joy, calls us to service. This is the good news: the tomb is empty, sin is powerless, death is defeated forever.

P: On this very first day, and every day, we walk as God's people, forgiven and made whole. Thanks be to God. Amen.

***Gloria Patri** *Hymn #581*

*Share the Peace of Christ with One Another

(Members and guests, please pass the attendance pad from left to right)

Proclaim God's Word

Prayer of Illumination

Responsive Reading

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

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Moment for Children Hunger Fund Offering

Rev. Scott Prouty

*Hymn (Insert) Anthem

"Christ Arose" Sing during Hunger Fund Offering
"The Lord is Risen Today!"

Chancel Choir

Gospel Lesson Sermon

John 20:1-18

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*Hymn (Insert) "Because He Lives"

The Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Give Thanks To God

God's Tithes and Your Offering Received

Offertory "Thine is the Glory"

Elaine Hagen, Organist

*Doxology Hymn #606

*Offertory Prayer

Very early in our lives, You crept in to anoint us with Your overflowing abundance. We offer our gifts in thanksgiving so they may be used to serve all whose mornings bring heartache, whose days are filled with hopelessness, whose nights wrap around their souls with fears and worries. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

Go in God's Name

*Hymn (Insert) "The Easter Song"

Holy Communion

Anthem "Christ is Risen! Christ is Alive!" Chancel Choir/Paul Hagen - Trumpet

*Benediction

*Choral Benediction/Postlude

(*) Asterisk signifies to please stand if you are able.

Ushers for April: Mark Oja, Maynard & Joyce Nolting, Bob Kaupang, Curt Meyers, Shane & JoAnne Carroll
Nancy, Jared & Justin Miller

April Communion Servers: Shari Fuhr, Deb Hess, Becky Bruns, Lynn Juell,
Nancy Miller, Marlys Mathiowetz, Shellie Mammen

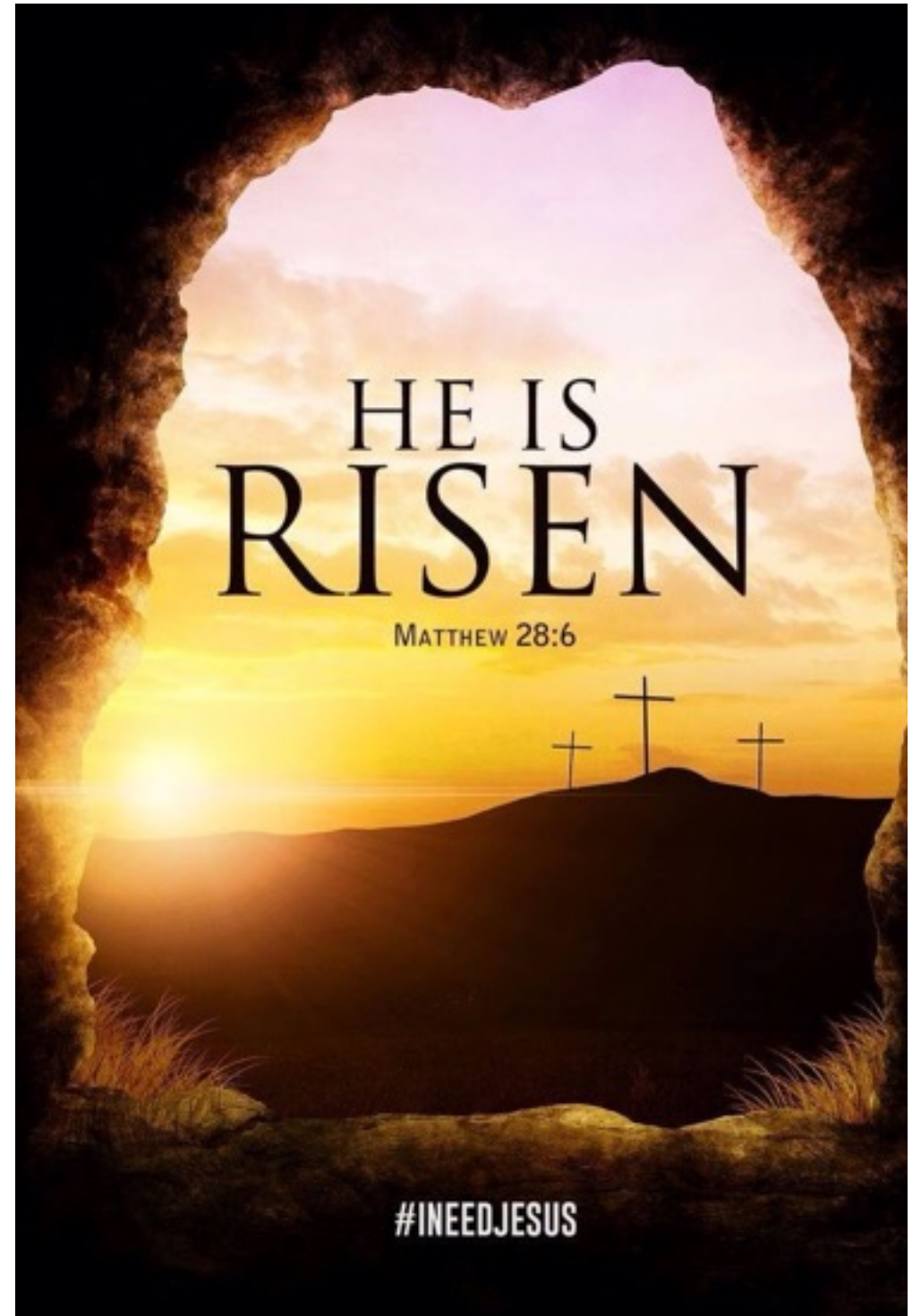
Greeting You Today: Deacon of the Month: Lynn Juell, Jim Palmer, Patty Rohne

Our Televised Worship Services ~ Tune in to NU-Telecom - channel 3, and Media-com - channel 8, on Mondays at 10 am, and Wednesdays at 7 pm.

Morning Coffee ~ There will be no coffee served in the Narthex this morning. Have a happy Easter!

Piecemakers are Celebrating... To celebrate the 15 year anniversary of the Piecemakers, they are raffling off the beautiful blue quilt in the Narthex. Chances (\$1) are available for purchase from Char, Marlys or the church office. The winner will be announced May 20!

May Friendship Dinner ~ Families of the congregation with the last names starting with F-J will meet following worship in the Parlor on **Sunday, April 8**, to plan the May Friendship Dinner.



Rummage & Bake Sale ... April 12-14 ~ Our Annual Rummage Sale is right around the corner and just in time for you to do some spring cleaning... Your gently used and clean items can make their way to the Youth Chapel starting **Sunday, April 8**. Baked goods are welcome this year as well! Please bring bake sale items to the church kitchen Wednesday, Thursday or Friday! The sale will run on Thursday and Friday, Noon- 6 pm and Saturday from 9am-noon. Please contact Pastor Pam or Ann Tiffany if you have any questions.

Church Calendar

Sunday, April 1:	Easter Sunday
	8:30-9:45 am: Breakfast - MST Costa Rica
	10:15 am: Worship with Holy Communion
Monday, April 2:	Noon: Pastor - Rotary
	6:30 pm: Mission Committee Meeting
Wednesday, April 4:	9:00 am: Piecemakers
	5:15 pm: Youth Club
	6:00 pm: Meal
	6:30 pm: Youth Faith in Action
Thursday, April 5:	Morning: Pastor takes Holy Communion to: Gordon & Ardis Alexander, Muriel Moon, Millie Bunting, Darlene Garrison & Janet Minkel
	3:00 pm: Pastor visits Lucille Byram
	4:00 pm: Pastor visits Maynard & Joyce Nolting
Saturday, April 7:	10:00 am: Confirmation Brunch at the Manse
Sunday, April 8:	8:45 am: Breakfast/Sunday School
	9:15 am: Choir Practice
	10:15 am: Worship
	Following Worship: May Friendship Dinner Planning Meeting

Pastor Scott will be in Louisville Sunday, April 8 (Evening) - Wednesday, April 11.

"Listening in the spiritual life is much more than a psychological strategy to help others discover themselves. In the spiritual life the listener is not the ego, which would like to speak but is trained to restrain itself, but the Spirit of God within us. When we are baptized in the Spirit - that is, when we have received the Spirit of Jesus as the breath of God breathing within us - that Spirit creates in us a sacred space where the other can be received and listened to. The Spirit of Jesus prays in us and listens in us to all who come to us with their sufferings and pains." -Henri Nouwen

Pray For The Following:

Pray for the unchurched and lonely.
Pray for people living in our communities, the disenfranchised and people in other countries.
Pray for those who are having financial or marital difficulties.
Pray for those grieving the loss of a loved one.
Pray for those seeking employment.
Pray for our leaders at the city, county, state and national level and all military personnel.
Pray for those in need of food, medicine and shelter.
Pray for our church leaders and teachers.
Pray for our local, national, world political leaders.

Birthdays: Today - Bob Brown, 3rd - Gerry Patten, Judy Curtis, 5th - Bunny Nolting, Diane Davis, 7th - Chip Nearing, Amanda Milhausen

Anniversaries: 7th - Pete & Dody Fuhr

Members of our Church Family in Nursing Homes and Assisted Living Facilities:

Muriel Moon, Millie Bunting, Gordon Alexander, Jeanette Kotval

All Those Fighting Cancer: Tom Umscheid (Pam Prouty's cousin's husband), Kathy Tiffany (Glen Tiffany's wife/Donna Potter's sister-in-law)

Pray for all those fighting other diseases:

Shellie Mammen (Lupus), Corrine Gertsema (multiple sclerosis)

If you know of something/someone to add to the Prayer List, please contact the church office.