

First Presbyterian Church of Sandpoint, Idaho

April 5, 2026, 11:00 a.m., Easter Sunday

Catherine Lyle, Pastor; Annie Welle, Piano; Dana Stockman, Choir Director

Dyno Wahl, Worship Leader; Jane Fritz & Judy McComish, Ushers

Carol Curtis & Cynthia Dalsing, Livestream

PRELUDE MUSIC, LIVESTREAM BEGINS

LIGHT THE CHRIST CANDLE, WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, NOISY OFFERING

RING THE BELL, MOMENT OF SILENCE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed!

On this Easter morning, we gather not only to celebrate an empty tomb, but to proclaim that the Risen Christ calls us into a world made new— world where justice rolls down like waters, and righteousness flows like an ever-living stream.

We come to worship the God who breaks the chains of oppression, who lifts up the lowly, and who turns mourning into dancing.

The stone has been rolled away— not only from the grave, but from the hearts of all who long for freedom.

Death has lost its sting, and injustice has lost its claim. Christ is alive, and His kingdom is breaking in!

Come, people of God— let us worship the One who conquered death, who calls us to walk in resurrection power, and to live as witnesses of His justice and peace.

Alleluia! Christ is risen! Alleluia!

All: We will rise with Him in truth, love, and justice!

*OPENING HYMN

“Roll Down, Justice!” (*see attachment*)

OPENING PRAYER POEM

“New Life”

As the womb of nature opens to birth new life, we celebrate your regenerative energy, life-giving God. That which lay dormant is resurrected; that which appeared dead is now alive. As buds cannot resist the sun's power, the power of your Son's love is irresistible to all who feel its embrace. As we journey toward Easter, holy God, may we be open to rebirth in our lives; to the river of blessings that will flow anew; to the growth that will be manifested through our prayer lives; to the fruit that will spring forth from our expanding love. We sing your praises for the rejuvenation of our being. Amen.

RESPONSIVE PEACE OF CHRIST

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.** Thanks be to God!

*SUNG RESPONSE #577

“Glory Be to the Father”

Glory be to the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen....

CHOIR ANTHEM

“Celebrate This Glorious Day!”

SCRIPTURE

Jeremiah 31:1-6, Matthew 28:1-9

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

The Big Wide Welcome by Trillia Newbell

WORDS OF WITNESS

“The Wait Is Over”

Catherine Lyle, Pastor

*SONG OF RESPONSE #104
PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY

“Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!”
Lord in your mercy...**hear our prayer.**
(Lord’s Prayer during communion)

OFFERING, OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY #593

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen....

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

COMMUNION

see brochure

*CLOSING HYMN #113

“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!”

*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

*FOLLOW THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

We follow Christ’s light, for we are a congregation of people,
Loving, living, learning the joy of faith.

*POSTLUDE, LIVESTREAM CONCLUDES

Easter Lilies donated by:

Mary Bauer

Rae Charlton

Judy McComish

Shirley Parker

Dana Stockman

Dave & Mary Sturgis

Kirsten Thompson

Paula Vincent

Dyno Wahl

in memory of Verla Olson

in memory and honor of Ken Charlton

in memory of Phil McComish

in memory of Jack and Shirley Parker’s parents

in honor of college graduates Jacob Parker and Sarah Casey

in memory of Geri Stockman

in memory of Helen Thompson

in memory of my mom, dad, and brother



WORDS TO SONGS

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Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!

Christ is risen! Shout hosanna!
Celebrate this day of days!
Christ is risen! Hush in wonder:
All creation is amazed.
In the desert all-surrounding,
See, a spreading tree has grown.
Healing leaves of grace abounding
Bring a taste of love unknown.

Christ is risen! Raise your spirits
From the caverns of despair.
Walk with gladness in the morning.
See what love can do and dare.
Drink the wine of resurrection,
Not a servant, but a friend.
Jesus is our strong companion.
Joy and peace shall never end.

Christ is risen! Earth and heaven
Nevermore shall be the same.
Break the bread of new creation
Where the world is still in pain.
Tell its grim, demonic chorus:
"Christ is risen! Get you gone!"
God the First and Last is with us.
Sing Hosanna, everyone!

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!

"Christ the Lord is risen today!" Alleluia!
All creation, join to say: Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high; Alleluia!
Sing, O heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!

Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!
Fought the fight, the battle won; Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids Him rise; Alleluia!
Christ has opened paradise. Alleluia!

Lives again our glorious King; Alleluia!
Where, O death, is now your sting? Alleluia!
Jesus died, our souls to save; Alleluia!
Where your victory, O grave? Alleluia!

Hail the Lord of earth and heaven! Alleluia!
Praise to You by both be given; Alleluia!
Every knee to You shall bow, Alleluia!
Risen Christ, triumphant now. Alleluia!

Roll Down, Justice!



1. There's a voice, strong and clear, ring-ing out far and near, _____



"Let jus-tice roll down, let jus-tice roll down!" Like the rush of a stream,



comes a pow-er-ful dream, _____ let jus-tice roll down, jus-tice rolls down!



2. Let the earth be re-stored, ev-'ry soul be re- formed; _____ let the heal-ing re - new,
3. On this glo-ri-ous day, give us cou-rage, we pray, _____ that, jus-tice rolls down,



cre - a - tion re - born. Here in this sa-cred space with the strength of God's grace, _____
let jus-tice roll down! Let the vi-sion take flight and God will de - light _____



let jus-tice roll down, jus-tice rolls down! _____ Roll _____
as wa-ters flow down, jus-tice a - bounds! _____



down! Roll down, jus-tice! _____ Roll, _____ like an ev - er flow - ing stream.



Roll _____ down! Roll down, jus-tice! _____ Roll _____ like an



ev - er flow - ing stream, _____ flow - ing stream, _____ roll down! _____



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