

First Presbyterian Church of North Bend
Order of Worship
Easter Sunday – April 5, 2026

Gathering the Community

Welcome/Announcements

Eric

- Welcome to both our in-person and online folks...
- Check out the Community Calendar in the Parlor...
- Food cupboard donation item of the month:
- Choir Rehearsal...
- Also, we are always looking for volunteers Food cupboard, Snack Bags, Saturday Meals, Hearts with a Mission...
- Birthdays: ... Miss anyone? – *Praise be to you O God for your generous gift of life!!*

Now, let us allow the sounds of our prelude to quiet our minds and still our hearts as we enter into worship together this morning...

Easter Processional

Trevor

Call to Worship

Eric

One: Jesus Christ has Risen Today!

Many: Alleluia! Our Messiah lives!

One: This is a triumphant and holy day!

Many: Alleluia! Thanks be to the God of our salvation!

One: We come to praise the Lord our God!

Many: We come to be healed and saved, Alleluia!

One: Today is the first Sunday of Easter. If you are able to stand, we invite you to join as one voice as we sing our opening hymn *Jesus Christ is Risen Today...*

Opening Hymn

Tom

Jesus Christ is Risen Today

123, all 4 verses

Sharing God's Word

Scripture Reading

Sally/Steve

(Jeremiah 31:1-6 & Colossians 3:1-4, NRSVue)

Hear the Word of the Lord from the prophet *Jeremiah...*

¹ At that time, says the LORD, I will be the God of all the families of Israel, and they shall be my people. ² Thus says the LORD: The people who survived the sword found grace in the wilderness; when Israel sought for rest, ³ the LORD appeared to him from far away. I have loved you with an everlasting love; therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you. ⁴ Again I will build you, and you shall be built, O virgin Israel! Again you shall adorn yourself with your tambourines and

go forth in the dance of the merrymakers. 5 Again you shall plant vineyards on the mountains of Samaria; the planters shall plant and shall enjoy the fruit. 6 For there shall be a day when sentinels will call in the hill country of Ephraim: "Come, let us go up to Zion, to the LORD our God."

Our second reading comes from Paul's letter to the *Colossians*...

1 So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. 2 Set your minds on the things that are above, not on the things that are on earth, 3 for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.* 4 When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.*

This is the Word of the Lord... **(Thanks be to God)**

Confession & Assurance of Pardon:

Sally/Steve

One: The joy of this Easter Sunday reminds us of God's resurrecting power. Let us confess all that turns us toward death, so we can know the grace of new life through Christ.

Many: Savior God, forgive our life-alienating ways, our exclusion and judgment of others; the way we evaluate and compare. Forgive our death-dealing sins, our habits that demean and degrade, our addiction to violent and destructive behavior. Redeem us. Restore us. Resurrect us for life in Christ. Amen.

One: Jesus Christ is risen today. But the pains which he endured, our salvation have procured. Amen.

Passing the Peace

Sally/Steve

One: As Easter arrives this morning, we welcome the peace of Christ because the tomb is empty and our savior lives. With that great gift, let us stand together and share with one another the peace of Christ that binds us together in love. Let us pass the peace...

(Congregation will pass the peace...)

Youth Minute

Eric/Carol

Special Music

Choir

Sermon Text

Eric

John 20:1-16,19 (NRSVue)

1** Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb.* **2** So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him."* **3** Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb.* **4** The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. **5** He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in.* **6

*Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, **7** and the cloth that had been on Jesus's head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. **8** Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed, **9** for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. **10** Then the disciples returned to their homes.*

***11** But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb, **12** and she saw two angels in white sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. **13** They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." **14** When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. **15** Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away."* **16** Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). **19** When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you."*

Sermon

Eric

Responding to God's Word

Communion Invitation

Eric

Before we move to the table, we first come to the fount. All who have been baptized into Christ Jesus have been baptized into his death and are right now living/breathing examples of the hands, feet, and heart of Jesus. In light of that new life, let us allow the sounds of this sacrament to remind us of how our sin has been washed away because of the great and powerful sacrifice of Jesus... (*Pour water into basin*)

In the Lord's Supper, Christ is present by the power of the Holy Spirit, and offers us his body, broken for our sake, and his blood, shed for the forgiveness of sins. As we prepare to receive this great gift, let us confess our faith through the words of the Apostle's Creed...

Affirmation of Faith

Everyone

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of God the Father almighty. From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic Church*, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Let us come forward to receive this great gift of grace, the gift of the Lord's Supper...

Communion Music

Tom

The Lord's Supper

Eric

On the night of his arrest, Jesus took bread, and gave thanks to God...

(Ha-motzi Blessing, Messianic) - Baruch atah Adonai elohaynu, melech-ha-olam, ha-motzi le-chem min ha-aretz... Blessed are you O Lord our God, King of everything, Who brings bread from the earth. Amen.

Then Jesus broke it, and gave it to his disciples saying, "Take and eat. This is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." ...

The body of Christ...

In the same way he blessed the cup...

(Ha-gafen Blessing) - Baruch atah Adonai elohaynu, melech-ha-olam, bo-rei p'ri ha-gafen... Blessed are you O Lord our God, King of everything, Creator of the fruit of the vine. Amen.

Then Jesus said, "This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood, shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink of it, do this in remembrance of me."

The cup of Christ...

Every time we eat of this bread and drink of this cup we proclaim the saving death of the risen Lord, until he comes again... Let us pray...

Communion Prayer

Everyone

Holy God, we praise you, Let the heavens be joyful, and the earth be glad. With Thanksgiving, we take this bread and this cup and proclaim the death and resurrection of our Lord. Receive our sacrifice of praise. Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us that this meal may be a communion in the body and blood of our Lord.

Make us one with Christ and with all who share this feast. Unite us in faith, encourage us with hope, inspire us to love, that we may serve as your faithful disciples until we feast at your table in glory. We praise you, eternal God, through Christ your Word made flesh, in the holy and life-giving Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

One: Let us stand together for the Communion Hymn: *Heaven is Singing for Joy...*

Communion Hymn: Tom

Heaven is Singing for Joy

Offering Invitation Eric

We give thanks to God for God is good. Let us gratefully give of our offerings to the glory of God and in praise of Christ's resurrecting ministry.

(Pass the plates...)

Offering Music Tom

Offering Hymn Tom

Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow

Offering Prayer Eric

God of the empty tomb, your grace astounds, your generosity fills to overflowing. Accept these offerings as signs of our gratitude and bless our work on Christ's behalf. May we love as Christ loved. May we serve as Christ served. Call us forth into your world, guided by Christ's spirit. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Eric

God of glory, overwhelmed by your love, ecstatic with your grace, we shout our hallelujahs, and rejoice this Easter day. Hear our prayers of thanksgiving for the particular gifts you provide us today. **O Lord, hear our prayers...**

Savior God, you free us from death, heal us, and restore us to life. But the world is still so full of pain and suffering. Hear our prayers for those who struggle, for those whose adversity prevents them from rejoicing. On this Easter day, remember your creation in need. **O Lord, hear our prayers...**

God of Compassion, as your people, we gather this Easter and pray for your continued mercy. Hear and receive our prayers of gratitude and praise, as well as our prayers of intercession. The signs of Easter show us your great love. Continue to share that with us and remind us of your saving grace. **O Lord, hear our prayers...**

Resurrected Lord, you have the power to make sense of the senseless, to thwart violent means of persecution, to give new life, and to move massive stones from empty tombs and fill empty hearts. Ground us in this good news, O God, and keep our feet steady on your path. **O Lord, hear our prayers...**

May we always find reasons to rejoice. May we return to worship you again and again, and to pray the prayer Christ taught us, saying:

The Lord's Prayer

Everyone

Our Father in Heaven, hallowed be your name, your Kingdom come, your 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. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For yours are the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Leaving to Serve

Sending Hymn

Eric/Trevor/Tom

This is Amazing Grace

Charge and Benediction

Eric

May the Lord bless you and keep you. May the Lord's face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. May the Lord's face be lifted upon you and give you peace. Amen.

Postlude

Tom