

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Words of Invitation
Prayer of Consecration
Words of Institution
Receiving the Bread and the Cup
Prayer of Thanksgiving

***CLOSING SONG** *"In Christ Alone"* (see music insert)
Praise Team with Congregation

WE GO IN GOD'S NAME

***BENEDICTION**

Leader: Christ is risen!
People: He is risen indeed!

NOTE: The cover on today's bulletin is a picture of the door from the Garden Tomb taken by Ruthie Riethmuller during the Holy Land 2009 trip.

PRAYER FOLLOWING EACH WORSHIP SERVICE: Any person who desires to make a commitment, has a personal need, or a concern for someone, will be able to meet with Elder Marie Bowen in the chapel.



***Elfinwild Presbyterian Church
Order of Worship for the Lord's Day
EASTER SUNDAY***

April 8, 2012

Seven O'Clock

To prepare for worship, you may want to reflect on Scripture or pray.

"I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" Jesus

WE ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

GATHERING SONG *"Christ Is Risen"* (see music insert)
Praise Team with Congregation

WELCOME AND NEWS OF THE CHURCH

(Please sign the friendship pad that is located near the center aisle of each pew.)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

People: He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Leader: Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

People: He has given us new life and hope. He has raised Jesus from the dead.

Leader: God has claimed us as his own.

People: He has brought us out of darkness. He has made us light to the world.

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

People: He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

***HYMN NO. 123** *"Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"* Easter Hymn

***PRAYER OF ADORATION AND INVOCATION**

CALL TO CONFESSION

In repentance and rest is your salvation, in quietness and trust is your strength, but you would have none of it. Yet the Lord longs to be gracious to you; he rises to show you compassion. For the Lord is God of justice. Blessed are all who wait for him!

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered the power of sin and death. We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death. We overlook the poor and the hungry and pass by those who mourn; we are deaf to the cries of the oppressed and indifferent to calls for peace; we despise the weak and abuse the earth you made. Forgive us, God of mercy. Help us to trust your power to change our lives and make us new, that we may know the joy of life abundant given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: "Death has been swallowed up in victory." Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?" The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Friends, believe the Good News!

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

***PRAISE SONG** *"Revelation Song"* (see music insert)
Praise Team with Congregation

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

A WITNESS TO GOD'S GRACE Michael Beal

GIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY *"I Lift My Hands"* Chris Tomlin, Louie Giglio,
Praise Team and Matt Maher

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE LESSON Matthew 28:1-10
(Page 933 in the pew Bible)

SERMON *"The Tomb is Empty – Our Hearts are Full"* Dr. Dirk Lesnett