

+AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

~ A Declaration of Faith

**In the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus
God kept his promises.**

**All that we can ever hope for was present in Christ.
But the work of God in Christ is not over.**

**God calls us to hope for more than we have yet seen.
The hope God gives us is ultimate confidence
that supports us when lesser hopes fail us.**

**In Christ, God gives hope for a new heaven and earth,
certainty of victory over death,
assurance of mercy and judgment beyond death.
This hope gives us courage for the present struggle.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

(using "forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us")

OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY

Dr. Kit Loong Yee

+DOXOLOGY

More Precious Than Silver

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+PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Bearing and Following THE WORD into the World

+HYMN

He Lives

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+BENEDICTION

+SENDING SONG

Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks
(refrain only)

Hymn 106

+POSTLUDE

Dr. Kit Loong Yee

Order for the Worship of God

Highland Presbyterian Church

Second Sunday of Easter

April 12, 2015

Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed!

Gathering around THE WORD

PRELUDE

Dr. Kit Loong Yee

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Kelly

CENTERING SONG

There's Something About That Name

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CALL TO WORSHIP

Todd Stewart

A joyous mystery gathers us together.

We come to hear again the news.

So listen, Friends: The tomb that was sealed now is open.

Broken is the grip of all that would box life in.

The grave that was full now is empty.

Drained is the power of all that would hold life in despair.

The One who was dead now lives again.

Loose in the world is the life-renewing power of love.

God's power of new life works among us.

**We, too, can rise from the dark tomb of sorrow,
the icy hold of fear, the sure death of not caring.**

**We, too, can rise to life, even as praise rises within us.
Alleluia! Amen.**

+At this sign, you are invited to rise in body or in spirit.

Bold: all people respond

OPENING PRAYER

**We come before you, O God, in Easter joy,
seeking to be a people of the resurrection.**

**Be known among us; grant us the assurance of your presence,
your love, and your renewing power.**

Through your Word and Spirit, reveal to us your purpose in our lives.

We pray in the name of Jesus our Savior. Amen

+HYMN *Thine Is the Glory* Hymn 122

+CALL TO CONFESSION

+TIME OF SILENT CONFESSION

+PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O Holy God, let us linger in the glory of Easter.

Keep us from returning to life as usual.

**Open our eyes to how raising Jesus to new life makes all things new,
all things possible.**

**Open our hearts to your transforming work to make the whole creation new,
that it may always and everywhere reflect your glory.**

**Embolden us to embrace new possibilities for our life together,
pouring forth your love to our world.**

In the name of the Resurrected One, we pray. Amen.

+ASSURANCE OF PARDON

+THE PEACE

The peace of the Risen Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Proclaiming THE WORD

RESPONSIVE READING

Psalms 150

Praise the Lord. Alleluia!

**Praise God in his sanctuary;
Praise God in his mighty heavens.**

Praise God for his acts of power;
Praise God for his surpassing greatness.

**Praise God with the sounding of the trumpet,
Praise God with the harp and lyre,**

Praise God with tambourine and dancing,
Praise God with the strings and flute,

**Praise God with the clash of cymbals,
Praise God with resounding cymbals.**

Let everything that has breath praise the Lord.

PRAISE THE LORD. ALLELUIA!

+HYMN *Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing!* Hymn 111

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Pastor Kelly

SCRIPTURE John 20:19-31

SERMON "LIFE FROM THE BROKEN PIECES"

Responding to THE WORD

+HYMN *Lift High the Cross* Hymn 371