# First Presbyterian Church Worship Bulletin 4.7.24 2nd Sunday of Easter

## **Gathering Music**

#### **Welcome & Announcements**

## **Prayer of the Day**

God of Faith, today in worship, take our doubt and transform it into a new beginning of following you as our Lord and our God. Amen.

# Remembering our Baptism

Remember your baptism and be thankful.

**Prelude** Rejoice the Lord is King! Arr: Mark Hayes

\*Call to Worship

Rejoice! This is the good news! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen, indeed!

Let all the earth proclaim that joy!

Let all heaven show forth in praise!

Let us respond in praise this day and forever! Alleluia!

\*Hymn of Praise Christ Has Risen STF2115

#### Call to Celebration

For God so loved the world that God gave the only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God sent the Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him.

# **Prayer of Easter Celebration**

Risen Christ, you are the brightness of God's glory and exact image of God's person. Death could not conquer you nor the tomb imprison you. In your resurrection, you shared your peace with your disciples and breathed on them the Holy Spirit. May your Spirit guide us to share that good news and give us courage when we doubt. Reveal

yourself to us this day and all the days of our lives, as the first and the last, our resurrected and immortal Lord and God! Amen.

Prayer Song Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks #106 v1

Alleluia, Alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.

Alleluia, Alleluia! Give praise to his name.

Jesus is Lord of all the earth.

He is the King of creation.

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#### Silent Reflection and Confession

## \*Proclamation of the Gospel

The testimony of all the prophets is united in this message of good news: Believe in Jesus Christ and receive forgiveness of sins through his name. Rejoice, for your sins are already forgiven!

## \*Passing the Peace of Christ

After his resurrection, Christ breathed the Spirit of Peace upon the disciples so that we may share it with each other. Peace be with you.

# And also with you.

Let us greet one another in the name of Christ! If you are worshiping online with us, please share your peace with us in the comments.

#### \*The Gloria Patri

# **Prayer for God's Wisdom**

Gracious Lord, through your Spirit, open our hearts and our minds to hear your word, believe what we hear, and then fearlessly do your will. Amen.

Scripture Reading John 20:1-31

**Message** Courage to Ask Questions (When No One Else Raises a Hand) Rev. Katy Anderson

\*Hymn of Response We Walk By Faith STF2196

**Prayers of the Community and Lord's Prayer** 

# Offering Our Gifts and Ourselves to God

**Offertory** My Faith has Found a Resting Place Arr: Tom Fettke My faith has found a resting place, not in device or creed; I trust the ever-living One; His wounds for me shall plead. I need no other argument, I need no other plea; it is enough that Jesus died for me.

\*Doxology #592

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

## \*Prayer of Dedication

Our good and gracious God, day by day you shower us with your blessings. You have raised us from death to new life in Christ. Fill us with gratitude. Give us glad and generous hearts and make us willing to sing your praises, tell your story, and respond without hesitation to the needs of others. In Jesus' name. Amen

## \*Benediction

May God our Creator, Jesus our Redeemer, and the Holy Spirit strengthen your faith, increase your hope, deepen your love, and grant you a persistent peace even when doubt tries to interfere. The blessing of the Almighty God be with you today and remain with you always. Amen.

Postlude Grace Alone Arr: Mark Hayes

# Remembering in Prayer

<u>Praise and Thanksgiving:</u> (Lord, hear our praise): The rest and renewal of Spring.

Ministry of the Church in the Community: Narcotics Anonymous

<u>Healing and Encouragement (Lord, hear our prayer):</u>
<u>Homebound:</u> Jean, Ernie, Carlene and Wayne, Sheri and Jim, Connie S

For those seeking healing and comfort: Nancy, Brenda and her daughter Christaery, Laura N, David, Kirk, Rita, Stephanie's dad, Dan, Sam, Eric B, Allen, Kimberly & Chris, Mary Jo, Gene, Chelsea, Dorothy, Peggy's family, Tracey, Shannon, Freya and family, Katelyn, Ross, Preston, George, Corban, Nicholas F & his family, Cindy & Steve.

For Our World: That Christ's peace will fill the hearts of all believers. For the suffering of people in Ukraine, Gaza, and Israel.

## **Psalm of Encouragement:**

How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity!

Psalm 133:1

#### **Announcements**

**Frozen Chosen:** Join us to watch episodes of The Chosen and share an ice cream. Meet in the PFC at 6PM starting April 14 at 6PM. Season 1 goes for 8 weeks, skipping Memorial Day Weekend.

Rob Hagen from the **Presbyterian Foundation** will join us on Sunday April 28 for worship and then lead a discussion on **Ethical Wills** with lunch provided.

We will celebrate our sanctuary's **100th Anniversary** on Pentecost, May 19 during worship. You are invited to bring pictures of special events you may have experienced in the sanctuary.

On-line donations are now being accepted. If you wish to support the church ministry by donating with your credit or debit card, click on the "Give Now" link on the church webpage, www.fpclagrande.org, or use the QR code.

