

First Presbyterian Church Worship Bulletin 4.16.23
Second Sunday of Easter

Gathering Music

Welcome & Announcements

Prayer of the Day

God of action, you sent your disciples into the world to preach, teach, and make disciples of all nations. Make us instruments of proclamation, so that all might know of the love you have for humanity. We pray these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Remembering our Baptism

Remember your baptism **and be thankful.**

Prelude *Blessed Be Your Name* Arr: Mark Hayes

***Call to Worship**

Rejoice! There is great 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!

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***Hymn of Praise** *I Danced in the Morning #302*

*1 I danced in the morning when the world was begun,
and I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun,
and I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth.
At Bethlehem I had my birth.*

Refrain:

*Dance, then, wherever you may be;
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he,
and I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,
and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.*

*2 I danced for the scribe and the Pharisee,
but they would not dance and they would not follow me.
I danced for the fishermen, for James and John.
They came with me and the dance went on. [Refrain]*

*3 I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame.
The holy people said it was a shame.
They whipped and they stripped and they hung me high,
and left me there on a cross to die. [Refrain]*

*4 I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black.
It's hard to dance with the devil on your back.
They buried my body and they thought I'd gone,
but I am the dance and I still go on. [Refrain]*

*5 They cut me down and I leapt up high.
I am the life that will never, never die.
I'll live in you if you'll live in me,
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he. [Refrain]*

Call to Celebration

Prayer of Easter Celebration

Risen Christ, you are the brightness of God's glory and exact image of God's person. Deach could not conquer you nor the tomb imprison you. In your resurrection, all authority on heaven and earth has been given to you. May your Spirit guide us to share that good news. Reveal yourself to us this day and all the days of our lives, as the first and the last, our resurrected and immortal Savior and Lord! Amen

Prayer Song *Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks #106 v2*
Alleluia, Alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.
Alleluia, Alleluia! Give praise to his name.
Spread the good news o'er all the earth:
Jesus has died and has risen.
Alleluia, Alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.
Alleluia, Alleluia! Give praise to his name.

Silent Reflection and Confession

***Proclamation of the Gospel**

***Passing the Peace of Christ**

In sharing the Spirit with his disciples, Christ also shared his peace with them so that they could share it with others.

The peace of the Risen Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us greet one another in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

***The Gloria Patri**

Prayer for God's Wisdom

Guide us, O God, by your Word and Holy Spirit, that in your light we may see light, in your truth find freedom, and in your will discover your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Scripture Matthew 28:16-20

Message Never Alone in Sharing the Good News

***Hymn of Response** *As a Fire Is Meant for Burning* STF2237

*1)As a fire is meant for burning
with a bright and warming flame,
so the church is meant for mission,
giving glory to God's name.
Not to preach our creeds or customs,
but to build a bridge of care,
we join hands across the nations,
finding neighbors everywhere.*

*2)We are learners; we are teachers;
we are pilgrims on the way.
We are seekers; we are givers;
we are vessels made of clay.
By our gentle, loving actions,
we would show that Christ is light.
In a humble, listening Spirit,
we would live to God's delight.*

*3)As a green bud in the springtime
is the sign of life renewed,
so may we be signs of oneness
'mid earth's peoples, many hued.
As a rainbow lights the heavens
when a storm is past and gone,
may our lives reflect the radiance
of God's new and glorious dawn.*

Prayers of the Community & Lord's Prayer

To respect others' privacy, we ask that you first ask permission from an individual for whom you would like to request the congregation to pray. Please share only their first name and avoid detailed descriptions of their situation in awareness that your words are recorded online.

Offering Our Gifts and Ourselves to God

Offertory *Change My Heart, Oh God* Arr: Tom Howard

***Doxology**

***Prayer of Dedication**

God, whose giving knows no ending, we offer up the treasure that you have entrusted to us; we offer up the skills and time that you have graciously given to us; we offer up ourselves in service and praise. Receive these gifts by your grace. Multiply and use them through the power of the Holy Spirit to accomplish Christ's work of love and discipleship in the world. Amen.

***Benediction**

Postlude *Hymn of Promise* Arr: Fred Bock

Remembering in Prayer

Praise and Thanksgiving: *(Lord, hear our praise):* The gift of God's good creation.

Ministry of the Church in the Community: Koinonia House

Healing and Encouragement *(Lord, hear our prayer):*

Homebound: Jean M, Ernie, Les and Jan, Carlene and Wayne, Sheri and Jim

For those seeking healing and comfort: Logan, Judy, Sheila, Thomas & Bobbie, Marie, Margaret, Tracey, those suffering from insomnia, Jan's sister Linda, Shannon, Freya & family, Katelyn, Ross, Preston, George, Corban, Nicholas F and his family, Cindy & Steve, and Ukraine.

For our Nation: The work and struggles of the American farmer.

Psalm of Encouragement:

***You show me the path of life.
In your presence there is fullness of joy;
In your right hand are pleasures evermore.***

Psalm 16:11

Upcoming Events

April 20	Evening Prayer	7:00 pm
May 3	Final CFN Dinner of the season	6:00 pm
May 11	Serving Dinner at the Koinonia House	

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