

First Presbyterian Church

Sunday, April 26, 2020 - 10:45 a.m. - Livestream
Third Sunday of Easter

Prelude *Prelude in G Major* Felix Mendelssohn

Greetings

Call to Worship

Leader: Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.

People: Let us worship the God who has been made known to us in Jesus Christ.

Prayer of the Day

O God, your Son makes himself known to all his disciples in the breaking of bread. Open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in his redeeming work, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Hymn *For the Beauty of the Earth* No. 473

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

Silence

Choral Response

Assurance of Pardon

Song of Thanksgiving *Gloria Patri* No. 579

First Reading Philippians 4:1-9

Kids Connection (pre-recorded) Liz Norris

Second Reading: Luke 24: 13-35

The colorful story of Jesus' appearance to two disciples on the road to Emmaus answers the question of how Jesus is to be recognized among us. Here, he is revealed through the scriptures and in the breaking of bread.

Sermon: *"Rejoice in the Lord, Always!"*
Rev. Dave Fulton

Affirmation of Faith Nicene Creed

Leader: Let us confess our faith.

People: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Leader: Uplifted by the promised hope of healing and resurrection, we join the people of God in all times and places in praying for the church, the world, and all who are in need. Let us pray:

A brief silence.

Leader: For those whose hearts are fervent with love for your gospel, that they are empowered to tell the story of your love in their lives and to show hospitality in response to this love.

Lord, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Leader: For the diverse natural world: for jungles, prairies, forests, valleys, mountains, and for all the wild and endangered animals who call these spaces home, that they are nurtured and protected. Lord, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Leader: For broken systems we have inherited and that we continue to perpetuate, forgive us. Restrain the nations from fighting over limited resources. Redeem us from the cycles of scarcity and violence. Lord, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Leader: For all who call upon your healing name, give rest. Stay with us, and walk with all those who are hungry, friendless, despairing, and desiring healing in body and spirit (*especially*).

Lord, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Leader: Create in our hearts a yearning to rest in your promise of eternal and resurrected life. Give us thankful hearts for those who have died, even as we look forward to the hope of new life with you. Lord, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Leader: With bold confidence in your love, almighty God, we place all for whom we pray into your eternal care; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Leader: And now let us pray the prayer Jesus taught his disciples to pray saying:

People: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy 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; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Call to Stewardship

Offertory Anthem

For the Beauty of the Earth

John Rutter

*For the beauty of the Earth, for the beauty of the skies,
For the love which from our birth over and around us lies:
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our joyful hymn of praise.*

*For the beauty of each hour of the day and of the night,
Hill and vale and tree and flower, sun and moon and stars of light:
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our joyful hymn of praise.*

*For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,
Friends on earth, and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild:
Lord of all to thee we raise this our joyful hymn of praise.*

*For each perfect gift of thine to our race so freely given,
Graces human and divine, flowers of earth and buds of heaven:
Lord of all to thee we raise this our joyful hymn of praise.*

Doxology

No. 592

Prayer of Dedication

Hymn

The Strife Is O'er

No. 119

Charge and Benediction

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Postlude

Carillon

Gordon Young

Worship Leaders

Guest Pastor
Liturgist
Director of Music
Organist

Dave Fulton
Brent Johnston
Steve Bixler
Mark Sweeney