



## **First Presbyterian Church**

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**Third Sunday of Easter  
We Celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion**

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**May 1, 2022**

**10:30am**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRELUDE**        *Jesus Calls Us*

## **CALL TO WORSHIP**

O Lord our God, we praise you.

**We cried to you for help and you answered us.**

You have restored our lives;

**you have rescued us from the grave.**

## **GATHERING PRAYER**

Living Lord, you meet us in unexpected places  
and surprise us with the abundance of your love.

Feed us by your Word and fill us with your Spirit  
so that we may follow you this day, and always;  
through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior. **Amen.**

**HYMN:**      *In The Bulb There Is a Flower #250*

## **CALL TO CONFESSION**

When your soul is suffering in silence,  
call out to the Lord our God,  
who heals our brokenness,  
who lifts us up from the pit  
and restores our lives.

Let us confess our sin.

## **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Lord God, in the light of your glory  
we see the evil we have done,  
the suffering we have caused,  
the good we have refused,  
and the truth we have denied.  
Heal us of our sin,  
wash us in your mercy,  
and feed us with your grace,  
so that we may follow your way  
and tell the good news of the gospel. Amen.**

*Time for Silent Confession*

## **DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

Rise up from the dust!

Cast off the shroud of sorrow  
and put on the joy of the Lord.

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

O God of light,  
by the power of your Holy Spirit,  
restore our sight,  
that in these words of Scripture and sermon  
we may see Christ,  
in whose name we pray. **Amen.**

## **SCRIPTURE LESSONS**

**Psalm 30**

**Luke 17:11-16**

**SERMON: "Joy in Mercy"**

**The Rev. Drew Ludwig**

## **THE APOSTLES' CREED**

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## **CALL TO THE OFFERING**

God is our rock and our fortress. Let us celebrate our salvation by fearlessly giving a portion of what has already been given to us, either by placing it in the basket in the back of the church, or by mailing it in.

**OFFERING**      *That Easter Day with Joy was Bright*

## **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Worthy are you, O God,  
to receive power and wealth  
and wisdom and might  
and honor and glory and blessing.  
Receive these gifts  
of thanksgiving and praise  
and use them for your glory  
and the good of your people;  
in the name of Jesus Christ, the Lamb. **Amen.**

**SONG BEFORE COMMUNION**

*Come to the Table of Grace #507*

**THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

**INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE**

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*... Therefore we praise you, joining the song of the universal church and the heavenly choir:*

**Holy, holy, holy...**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**HYMN:**     *Be Thou My Vision #450*

**CHARGE**

Jesus said:

Feed my lambs; tend my sheep.

Follow me.

**BENEDICTION**

**We would like to thank Rev. Drew Ludwig for sharing his gifts with us today.**

## Scripture Lessons

### **Psalm 30**

<sup>1</sup> I will extol you, O LORD, for you have drawn me up,  
and did not let my foes rejoice over me.

<sup>2</sup> O LORD my God, I cried to you for help,  
and you have healed me.

<sup>3</sup> O LORD, you brought up my soul from Sheol,  
restored me to life from among those gone down to the Pit.

<sup>4</sup> Sing praises to the LORD, O you his faithful ones,  
and give thanks to his holy name.

<sup>5</sup> For his anger is but for a moment;  
his favor is for a lifetime.

Weeping may linger for the night,  
but joy comes with the morning.

<sup>6</sup> As for me, I said in my prosperity,  
“I shall never be moved.”

<sup>7</sup> By your favor, O LORD,  
you had established me as a strong mountain;  
you hid your face;  
I was dismayed.

<sup>8</sup> To you, O LORD, I cried,  
and to the LORD I made supplication:

<sup>9</sup> “What profit is there in my death,  
if I go down to the Pit?

Will the dust praise you?  
Will it tell of your faithfulness?

<sup>10</sup> Hear, O LORD, and be gracious to me!  
O LORD, be my helper!”

<sup>11</sup> You have turned my mourning into dancing;  
you have taken off my sackcloth  
and clothed me with joy,

<sup>12</sup> so that my soul may praise you and not be silent.  
O LORD my God, I will give thanks to you forever.

## **Luke 17:11-16**

<sup>11</sup> On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. <sup>12</sup> As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, <sup>13</sup> they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" <sup>14</sup> When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean. <sup>15</sup> Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. <sup>16</sup> He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan.

## **HYMNS**

### **"In the Bulb There Is a Flower" #250**

1 In the bulb there is a flower; in the seed, an apple tree;  
In cocoons, a hidden promise: butterflies will soon be free!  
In the cold and snow of winter there's a spring that waits to be,  
Unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

2 There's a song in every silence, seeking word and melody;  
There's a dawn in every darkness, bringing hope to you and me.  
From the past will come the future; what it holds, a mystery,  
Unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

3 In our end is our beginning; in our time, infinity;  
In our doubt there is believing; in our life, eternity.  
In our death, a resurrection; at the last, a victory,  
Unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

### **“Come to the Table of Grace” #507**

- 1 Come to the table of grace. Come to the table of grace.  
This is God’s table; it’s not yours or mine. Come to the table of grace.
- 2 Come to the table of peace. Come to the table of peace.  
This is God’s table; it’s not yours or mine. Come to the table of peace.
- 3 Come to the table of love. Come to the table of love.  
This is God’s table; it’s not yours or mine. Come to the table of love.
- 4 Come to the table of hope. Come to the table of hope.  
This is God’s table; it’s not yours or mine. Come to the table of hope.
- 5 Come to the table of joy. Come to the table of joy.  
This is God’s table; it’s not yours or mine. Come to the table of joy.

### **“Be Thou My Vision” #450**

1. Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;  
naught be all else to me, save that thou art;  
thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.
2. Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;  
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;  
thou my soul’s shelter, and thou my high tower;  
raise thou me heavenward, O power of my power.
3. Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise;  
thou mine inheritance, now and always;  
thou and thou only, first in my heart,  
high King of heaven, my treasure thou art.
4. High King of heaven, my victory won,  
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
still be my vision, O ruler of all.