



## **First Presbyterian Church**

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**Come, Worship the Lord, Our God  
Second Sunday of Easter**

**April 11, 2021**

**10:00am**

**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Peace be with you! On the night of Jesus' resurrection, the disciples were gathered in fear. The risen Christ appeared in their midst and said,

**"Peace be with you."**

We come today, some of us filled with joy, some of us filled with fear,  
and to each one of us, Christ says,

**"Peace be with you."**

Let us trust ourselves to that peace as we worship together.

### **GATHERING PRAYER**

Holy One, you come to us with power beyond all knowing. You lift all things out of the dust, you breathe love into every cell, you call us into communion with you, and you claim victory over death. Blessed be your holy name now and forever. Alleluia! Amen.

**SONG:        *As the Deer*        #626**

### **UNISON READING OF PSALM 133**

**Oh, how good and pleasant it is,  
      when the community lives together in unity!  
It is like fine oil upon the head  
      that runs down upon the beard,  
upon the beard of Aaron,  
      and runs down upon the collar of his robe  
It is like the dew of Hermon  
      that falls upon the hills of Zion.**

*Time for Silent Contemplation*

### **PASSING OF THE PEACE**

### **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

Open our eyes and soften our hearts, O God, through the work of your Holy Spirit, that in the hearing of your Word we may receive new life. **Amen.**

### **SCRIPTURE LESSONS:**

Acts 2:32-35

Mark 16:1-8

### **DRAMATIC PRESENTATION**

Kaitlyn Burns & Ryan Tasevski

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**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 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.

### **THE OFFERTORY**

#### **DOXOLOGY**

### **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**Holy God, you shower us with gifts so abundant, we cannot measure them all. You give us life itself and the power to befriend our companions in this world. Bless these gifts for the sake of those in need, in the name of the Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**SONG:**        *Change My Heart, O God*        #695

### **CHARGE**

Go from here renewed and strong, knowing that the Lord is alive, almighty, and present. Look for the blessings that await you this week. Weep with those who weep. Rejoice with those who celebrate. Tell the story of hope.

### **BENEDICTION**

Now may the truth of the empty tomb—the astonishing reality of Jesus' resurrection—keep you fearless and sure that you will see the Resurrected One again and again in this life. May the power of God's endless love surround you and guide you, this day and always.

## Hymns

"As the Deer" - #626

As the deer pants for the water  
so my soul longs after you.  
You alone are my heart's desire,  
And I long to worship you.

Chorus

You alone are my strength, my shield  
To You alone may my spirit yield.  
You alone are my heart's desire  
And I long to worship you.

"Change My Heart, O God" - #695

Change my heart oh God  
Make it ever true  
Change my heart oh God  
May I be like You

Change my heart oh God  
Make it ever true  
Change my heart oh God  
May I be like You

You are the potter  
I am the clay  
Mold me and make me  
This is what I pray

Change my heart oh God  
Make it ever true  
Change my heart oh God  
May I be like You