

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

April 18, 2021

PRELUDE

“Darwall’s 148th”

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WELCOME & COMMUNITY SHARING

CALL TO WORSHIP

The bread of life opens our eyes.

The word of life opens our ears.

The risen one shows us God’s own brokenness,
and by those wounds we are healed.

Peace be with you.

And also with you.

HYMN

“The Day of Resurrection!”

No. 118

1 The day of resurrection!
Earth, tell it out abroad;
The Passover of gladness,
The Passover of God.
From death to life eternal,
From this world unto the sky,
Our Christ hath brought us over
With hymns of victory.

2 Our hearts be pure from evil,
That we may see aright
The Lord in rays eternal
Of resurrection light;
And listening to His accents,
May hear, so calm and plain,
His own “All hail!” and, hearing,
May raise the victor strain.

3 Now let the heavens be joyful,
Let earth the song begin,
Let the round world keep triumph,
And all that is therein;
Let all things seen and unseen
Their notes of gladness blend,
For Christ the Lord is risen,
Our joy that hath no end.

CALL TO CONFESSION

The One who calls us to repent, hears our prayer. In trust that our Creator knows us through and through, let us open our hearts to the healing of God’s forgiveness.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Good and gracious God, we are creatures of dust, failing to comprehend your life, death, and resurrection, needing forgiveness. We repent of our failure to give as you have given. We beg your mercy for our fallen world. We seek your Word, that we may live with the faith of Jesus. We ask this as your own children, holy and incomplete. Forgive us and lead us. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

May the God of mercy, who forgives all your sin, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit, keep you in eternal life. I declare to you in the name of Jesus Christ you are forgiven! **Thanks be to God.**

SHARING GOD’S GIFTS

As Jesus gave himself fully for us and then appeared to the disciples bringing peace, so let us now bring wholeness and healing to others through our tithes and gifts.

The Offering plate is in the Narthex. You may also choose to mail your offering to the church office, or give online through our website, cazpres.org.

DOXOLOGY

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Lord God, we offer to you only a portion of what you have given us. All that we have is from your hand. All that we can give away we do through Jesus’ love. All our renewal comes from the Holy Spirit’s wisdom. Deal graciously with these gifts so that others may have joy; in Jesus’ name. Amen.

HYMN “I to the Hills Will Lift My Eyes” No. 234

1 I to the hills will lift my eyes;
From whence shall come my aid?
My help is from the Lord alone,
Who Heaven and earth has made.

2 He will not let your foot be moved,
Your Guardian never sleeps;
God's watchful and unslumbering care
Protects and safely keeps.

3 Your faithful keeper is the Lord,
Your shelter and your shade;
'Neath sun or moon, by day or night,
You shall not be afraid.

4 From evil He will keep you safe,
Provide for all you need;
Your going out, your coming in,
God will forever lead.

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Holy God, by your Spirit reveal your radical, surprising love; come to us through your holy word, and let us hear what you are saying. Amen.

NEW TESTAMENT: Acts 3:12-19

¹² When Peter saw it, he addressed the people, “You Israelites,^[a] why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? ¹³ The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant^[a] Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. ¹⁴ But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, ¹⁵ and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. ¹⁶ And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the

faith that is through Jesus^[a] has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

¹⁷ “And now, friends,^[a] I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. ¹⁸ In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah^[a] would suffer. ¹⁹ Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out.

NEW TESTAMENT: First John 3:1-7

¹ See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ² Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he^[a] is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. ³ And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

⁴ Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. ⁵ You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. ⁶ No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. ⁷ Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

SERMON “What We Will Be”

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

HYMN

“Rejoice, the Lord Is King”

No. 155

1 Rejoice, the Lord is King!
Your Lord and King adore!
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing,
And triumph evermore:
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

2 God's kingdom cannot fail,
Christ rules o'er earth and heaven;
The keys of death and hell
Are to our Jesus given:
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

3 Rejoice in glorious hope!
For Christ the Judge shall come
To glorify the saints
For their eternal home:
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“Little Prelude and Fugue in C”

J. S. Bach

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We are delighted to have you join us in worship today!

You will find First Presbyterian Church to be a welcoming, inclusive and affirming community of faith.

If you are a guest with us this morning, please take a moment to fill out one of the Guest Information Cards can be obtained from and usher. If you have any questions about this church, its history or its mission, please feel free to ask one of our greeters, ushers, members, or pastor.

Please be mindful of others in the congregation who wish to be in silent meditation upon entering the sanctuary.

Please silence all cell phones.

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Please see an usher for assistance

IN TODAY'S WORSHIP

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