

WORSHIP FOR SUNDAY, APRIL 24, 2022

Pacific Presbyterian Church and First Presbyterian Church of Union, Missouri

SECOND SUNDAY of EASTER

GATHERING

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We come in anticipation.
All: **For he has risen! He has risen indeed!**
One: We come in hope.
All: **For Christ is with us; death no longer holds him.**
One: We come to rejoice.
All: **For Christ is with us, new life to offer.**
One: So, come in celebration, to worship and praise.
All: **For he has risen! He has risen indeed!**

***OPENING HYMN** "The Day of Resurrection!" GtG 233

1. **The day of resurrection!**
Earth, tell it out abroad,
the Passover of gladness,
the Passover of God.
From death to life eternal,
from sin's dominion free,
our Christ has brought us over
with hymns of victory.
2. **Let hearts be purged of 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 its song begin;
the round world keep high triumph

**and all that is therein.
Let all things seen and unseen
their notes of gladness blend,
for Christ the Lord has risen,
our joy that has no end.**

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***UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

We celebrate in faith, O Lord, the good news of Christ's victory over death, his victory through resurrection. Raised to new life, he blesses us with his presence. Yet crucified, he convicts us of our sins. We are ruled by fears more than faith, by hostility more than peace, by a sense of failure more than feelings of accomplishment and victory. Forgive all the ways we have failed you and all the times we have turned from you. Even through the power and grace of the resurrection, reclaim us and remake us and redirect us, that we may embrace the way of new life and live following Christ; in whose name we pray. Amen.

***SILENT CONFESSION**

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON** *(from II Corinthians 5)*

One: The good news is this: that "God was in Christ reconciling the world to God, not counting our sins against us."

All: **Through Christ's death and resurrection, we are transformed, for "If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!"**

One: So rejoice and be glad.

All: **For in Jesus Christ we are renewed, we are loved, we are forgiven.
Thanks be to God!**

***THE PEACE**

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

(From your seat, a brief sign of peace may be shared: a wave of the hand, a nod of the head, etc.)

THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING John 20:19-31

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION: "Open Our Eyes" SF 2086

**Open our eyes, Lord,
we want to see Jesus,
to reach out and touch him,
and say that we love him.**

**Open our ears, Lord,
and help us to listen.
Open our eyes, Lord,
we want to see Jesus.**

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SERMON “What Scott Calvin – and Thomas – Learned” by Pastor Bill Vincent

***HYMN** “We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight” GtG 817

- 1. We walk by faith and not by sight;
with gracious words draw near,
O Christ, who spoke as none e'er spoke:
“My peace be with you here.”**
- 2. We may not touch your hands and side,
nor follow where you trod;
but in your promise we rejoice
and cry, "My Lord and God!"**
- 3. Help then, O Lord, our unbelief;
and may our faith abound
to call on you when you are near
and seek where you are found.**
- 4. And when our life of faith is done,
in realms of clearer light
may we behold you as you are,
with full and endless sight.**

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***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *(The Apostles' Creed-Contemporary)*

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;**

he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Pastor: God of life...
People: ...shine on us with your resurrection light.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*Contemporary*)

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.

OFFERING

Invitation

Reflection

**Unison Prayer of Dedication*

In thanksgiving to you, O God, we rejoice in the new life we are offered in Christ. In gratitude to you, we offer ourselves for your will and purposes. Accept our offerings as tokens of our pledge to believe and see, and to work in partnership with you in your world. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

SENDING

***CLOSING HYMN** "Open My Eyes, That I May See" GtG 451

1. Open my eyes, that I may see

**glimpses of truth thou hast for me.
Place in my hands the wonderful key
that shall unclasp and set me free.
Silently now I wait for thee,
ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my eyes; illumine me, Spirit divine!**

**2. Open my ears, that I may hear
voices of truth thou sendest clear.
And while the wave notes fall on my ear,
everything false will disappear.
Silently now I wait for thee,
ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my ears; illumine me, Spirit divine!**

**3. Open my mouth, and let me bear
gladly the warm truth everywhere.
Open my heart, and let me prepare
love with thy children thus to share.
Silently now I wait for thee,
ready, my God, Thy will to see.
Open my heart; illumine me, Spirit divine!**

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***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

One: Christ is risen!

All: Christ is risen, indeed!

One: We are an Easter people!

Live into the hope of Christ's resurrection!

**All: May our lives be a sign of Christ's life
so that others may come to believe
that the Lord is risen indeed.**

One: May the grace, hope, peace and love
of God our Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer
be with you now and always.

And let the gathered people of God say...

All: ...Amen.

POSTLUDE

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