

# First Presbyterian Church

Rev. Robert Malsack, Pastor

4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 21, 2024

Greeting: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

Response: **And also with you.**

Announcements / Opening Prayer

Cliff Smith

Prelude

\*Praise Medley

Insert

\*Prayer of Confession: **Eternal God, our judge and redeemer, we confess that we have tried to hide from You for we have done wrong. We have lived for ourselves and apart from You. We have turned from our neighbors and refused to bear the burdens of others. We have ignored the pain of the world and pass by the hungry, the poor, and the oppressed. In Your great mercy, forgive our sins and free us from selfishness that we may choose Your will and obey Your command to love; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.**

*(silence for personal reflection and confession)*

\*Assurance of God's Pardon

\*Alleluia! Alleluia! **Hearts to heav'n and voices raise; Sing to God a hymn of gladness, sing to God a hymn of praise. He who on the cross as Savior for the world's salvation bled, Jesus Christ, the King of Glory, now is risen from the dead.**

\*Sharing the Peace of Christ

Time for Young Disciples

Sonia Donnelly

Prayer for Illumination

Sandy Petroff

Scripture Reading: 1 John 3:16-24

Pg. 1022, Pew Bible

Responsive Reading: Psalm 23

Pg. 458, Pew Bible

Choral Anthem: *Open the Eyes of My Heart*

P. Baloché

Sermon Text: John 10:11-18

Pg. 896, Pew Bible

Sermon: *To Be a Shepherd*

\*Hymn: *To Be like Jesus*

No. 555

\*Affirmation of Faith:

**God's reconciling act in Jesus Christ is a mystery which the Scriptures describe in various ways. It is called the sacrifice of a lamb, a shepherd's life given for his sheep, atonement by a priest; again, it is ransom of a slave, payment of debt, vicarious satisfaction of a legal penalty, and victory over the powers of evil. These are expressions of a truth which remains beyond the reach of all theory in the depths of God's love for humankind. They reveal the gravity, cost, and sure achievement of God's reconciling work.** --*Confession of 1967*

INTERCESSIONS & PRAYER CONCERNS:

Sara Miller, Marilyn Filer, Jackie Laing, Emily Cummings, Chris Hanley, Anne Starr, Holly Werner, Geri Anderson, Linda McClure, Mark Kaad; missionaries, Sam and Cayla Schaefer

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.**

The Offering

Offertory

\*Doxology: **Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise him, all creatures here below. Praise him above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

\*Prayer of Thanksgiving

\*Hymn: *How Can I Keep from Singing*

Insert, vs. 1-3

\*Charge and Benediction

\*Response: *How Can I Keep from Singing*

v. 4

\*Postlude

\*Those who are able, please stand.

## CHURCH NOTES

- Monday:** 5:00p.m. Soup Kitchen (*drive-thru only*)  
**Tuesday:** 1:00p.m. Shawl Ministry  
**Wednesday:** 3:30p.m. KID'S CLUB / 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Youth Group  
5:30p.m. 7/8/9 Youth Group  
6:30p.m. Adult Choir  
**Thursday:** 9:30a.m. Sit, Chat, Finish That  
5:30p.m. Session

**Thank you to** Cliff Smith for filling the pulpit while Pastor Bob is away. Pastor Bob will be back this week.

### **Sacrament of Baptism: Sunday, May 12<sup>th</sup>**

The Sacrament of Baptism will be administered during worship on Sunday, May 12<sup>th</sup>. If you are interested in receiving the Sacrament of Baptism, call the Church office at 774-4211 by April 25<sup>th</sup>. All requests need to be approved by Session at their meeting that night.

### **Mission Study Dates: Sundays, May 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, and 19<sup>th</sup>**

We will meet for an hour in Fellowship Hall after worship. The purpose of this is to know who we are and where God is calling us. This is an important time in the life of our Church so plan to come to these meetings. Coffee and refreshments will be served.

**Ushers for May 5<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, and 26<sup>th</sup> are still needed.** A sign-up sheet is on the table in the Fireside Room or call the office.

**Ushers:** Andy and Laurie Fuller; Jim and Sandy Petroff

## HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING CCLI Song # 7117965 Robert Lowry

### Verse 1

My life flows on in endless song  
Above earth's lamentation  
I catch the sweet though far off hymn  
That hails a new creation

### CHORUS

No storm can shake my inmost calm  
While to that rock I'm clinging  
Since Love is Lord of heaven and earth  
How can I keep from singing

### Verse 2

Through all the tumult and the strife  
I hear that music ringing  
It finds an echo in my soul  
How can I keep from singing (*chorus*)

### Verse 3

What though the joys  
And comforts die  
The Lord my Saviour liveth  
What though the darkness  
Round me close  
Songs in the night He giveth (*chorus*)

### Verse 4

The peace of Christ  
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You are my hiding place, You always fill my heart  
With songs of deliverance, whenever I am afraid  
I will trust in You, I will trust in You  
Let the weak say I am strong  
In the strength of the Lord *repeat*

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