

# First Presbyterian Church

Rev. Robert Malsack, Pastor

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

APRIL 28, 2024

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

**Response: And also with you.**

Announcements / Opening Prayer

Prelude

\*Praise Medley

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\*Prayer of Confession:

Lord God, You are the vine and we are the branches;

**Forgive us for ever wanting to live independent of Your love.**

Lord God, You are like a vinedresser that prunes all dead branches;

**Clip from our lives all that is unproductive in the least or destructive at its worst.**

Lord God, it is Your greatest desire to dwell with us in love;

**Forgive us for inviting into our hearts any pleasure that is fruitless in bearing meaningful life with You.**

*(silence for personal reflection and confession)*

\*Assurance of God's Pardon

The Lord hears the admission of our shortcomings and the desires we have to be made a fit dwelling place for His presence. Hear and believe the good news in Jesus Christ;

**In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. May we go and sin no more. Alleluia! Amen.**

**\*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

Prayer for Illumination

Choral Anthem: *Give Me Wings*

D. Sprunger

Scripture Reading: 1 John 4:7-21

--Christine Sericati  
Pg. 1023, Pew Bible

Responsive Reading: Psalm 22:25-31

Pg. 458, Pew Bible

Sermon Text: John 15:1-8

Pg. 901, Pew Bible

Sermon: *On Abiding in Christ*

\*Hymn: *Take Time to Be Holy*

No. 656

**\*Affirmation of Faith: We 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. --The Apostles' Creed**

INTERCESSIONS & PRAYER CONCERNS:

Norma Nekhay, Jon LaCourt, Sara Miller, Marilyn Filer, Emily Cummings, Anne Starr, Holly Werner, Geri Anderson, Linda McClure, Mark Kaad; the family of Pat Quick; 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: *More About Jesus* No. 560

\*Charge and Benediction

\*Response: *More About Jesus* refrain

\*Postlude

\*Those who are able, please stand.

### CHURCH NOTES

**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

**Thursday:** 9:30a.m. Sit, Chat, Finish That

**VBS is June 10<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup>.** We need volunteers – please consider how you can serve at VBS. Sign-up sheets are on the VBS table.

### **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.

### **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. Childcare, including snacks and activities, will be available.

**Ushers for May 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:** Ferrand and Gladys Ethington; Joe and Lulu Floriano

### **COME THOU FOUNT OF EVERY BLESSING**

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Come Thou fount of ev'ry blessing  
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace  
Streams of mercy never ceasing  
Call for songs of loudest praise  
Teach me some melodious sonnet  
Sung by flaming tongues above  
Praise the mount I'm fixed upon it  
Mount of Thy redeeming love

Here I raise my Ebenezer  
Here by Thy great help I've come  
And I hope by Thy good pleasure  
Safely to arrive at home  
Jesus sought me when a stranger  
Wand'ring from the fold of God  
He to rescue me from danger  
Interposed His precious blood

O to grace how great a debtor  
Daily I'm constrained to be  
Let Thy goodness like a fetter  
Bind my wand'ring heart to Thee  
Prone to wander Lord I feel it  
Prone to leave the God I love  
Here's my heart Lord take and seal it  
Seal it for Thy courts above

## ALL CREATURES OF OUR GOD AND KING

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All creatures of our God and King  
Lift up your voice with us and sing  
Alleluia alleluia  
O burning sun with golden beam  
And silver moon with softer gleam  
O praise Him O praise Him  
Alleluia alleluia alleluia

Thou rushing wind that art so strong  
Ye clouds that sail in Heav'n along  
O praise Him alleluia  
Thou rising morn in praise rejoice  
Ye lights of evening find a voice  
O praise Him O praise Him  
Alleluia alleluia alleluia

Let all things their Creator bless  
And worship Him in humbleness  
O praise Him alleluia  
Praise praise the Father praise the Son  
And praise the Spirit three in One  
O praise Him O praise Him  
Alleluia alleluia alleluia