

Welcome to First Presbyterian Church

The Lord's Prayer

(from The Book of Praise, #535)

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as it is 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

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Sunday April 21st, 2019

WE GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

*Entry of the Bible

Introit

Easter Sunday (see insert)

Hymn: "Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord" #260

Opening Prayer:

Gracious, powerful, and life-giving God: on the first day of the world, you spoke and out of darkness came light. On the first day of the week, Christ was resurrected by your grace and out of death came life. Into our darkness came the Light of the World once more. You raised Jesus from the grave and shattered the powers of sin and death. But we confess that we remain captive to fear. We are bound to ways that lead to narrow living. We hide in tombs of indifference and seek comfort rather than justice. We cling to hurt, resentment, and disappointment and refuse the freedom that comes with forgiveness. Forgive us, O God, and restore us to joy and wholeness. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Choir Anthem: "He Is Risen" Sally DeFord

WE CELEBRATE GOD'S CHILDREN

*Praise Song: "Jesus is risen from the grave" (verses 1-5) #254

Exploring God Together

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Hymn of Preparation: #384 v. 3

"O breath of love, come breathe within us, renewing thought and will and heart: come, Love of Christ, afresh to win us, revive your church in every part."

Please stand at items marked * if you are able. Passages in **Bold Print** are to be spoken in unison.

Bible Readings:

Luke 24:1-12

pg. 90 NT

Psalms 118:15-24

pg. 565-566 OT

Acts 10:34-43

pg 129-130 NT

Gloria Patri:

#594

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be world without end. Amen, amen.

Sermon: "He Is Not Here"

Hymn: "At the dawning of salvation"

#248

WE RESPOND TO GOD

Tithes and Offerings

* Offertory Response:

#625 v. 1

"Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you. Al-le-lu, al-lel- lu--ia!"

*Prayer of Dedication:

Generous God, we thank you with grateful hearts, recognizing how much you have given us in Christ and what that gift has cost. Bless the gifts we bring so they may help spread the hope and joy we feel today in the world you love so dearly. In the name of your greatest gift, Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer

#535

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

*Hymn: "I danced in the morning/Lord of the dance"

#250

Blessing

"Praise the Lord from whom all blessings flow. He has washed and made me white as snow. I'm redeemed from all my sin and shame. Now and forever, praise his holy name. Praise his holy name. Praise his holy name. To God be the glory now and forever. Praise his holy name!"

Postlude: (Please maintain a reverent silence and stillness)