

First Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day
Third Sunday of Easter

April 30, 2017

10:00 a.m.

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Gathering Music: Hymn 231
Concerns of the Church
Prelude

Call to Worship

The Lord is risen! Alleluia!

Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!

When Jesus speaks, our hearts burn within us;

our eyes are opened when he breaks the bread.

* Hymn 236

"The Strife is O'er"

Ushers will collect prayer request cards from the center aisle.

* Call to Confession

* Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, our world is tainted with corruption:

power disguises itself as truth;

convenience masquerades as goodness;

selfish pleasure imitates love.

We confess to you, O God,

that we have been caught in the web of the world's sin.

By the power of the Holy Spirit,

save us from these deceptions and free us for glad obedience,

that we may see the joy of Jesus' resurrection

and receive the promise of everlasting life.

* Silent Confession

* Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace

* Easter Response (Hymnal 587)

Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia!

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson: 1 Peter 1:17-23 (NT, p. 232)

Psalter: Psalm 116 (Hymnal 799)

A Time with Children

Anthem

"Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether"

Harold W. Friedell

Second Lesson: Acts 2:36-41 (NT, p. 119)

Sermon: "How Far Can Easter Reach?"

Rev. Carter

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* Hymn 231

"Christ Has Risen While Earth Slumbers"

* Affirmation of Faith: Apostles' Creed (Hymnal, p. 35)

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

A Minute on Making a Legacy

Offering

Offertory

* Doxology (Hymnal 606)

* Prayer of Dedication

GO IN GOD'S NAME

* Hymn 238

"Thine is the Glory"

* Charge and Benediction

* Congregational Amen (Hymnal 601)

* Postlude

* All who are able shall stand.

The flowers this morning have been given by Shelley Lang to the glory of God and in loving memory of her sister, Candace Yankowy.

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Pastor	Rev. William G. Carter
Coordinator of Children and Youth	Jana Schillinger
Director of Music	Frank Jones
Organist	Kay Ten Eyck
Liturgist	John Conklin
Ushers	Gayle Hamilton, Sara Ann Hosier

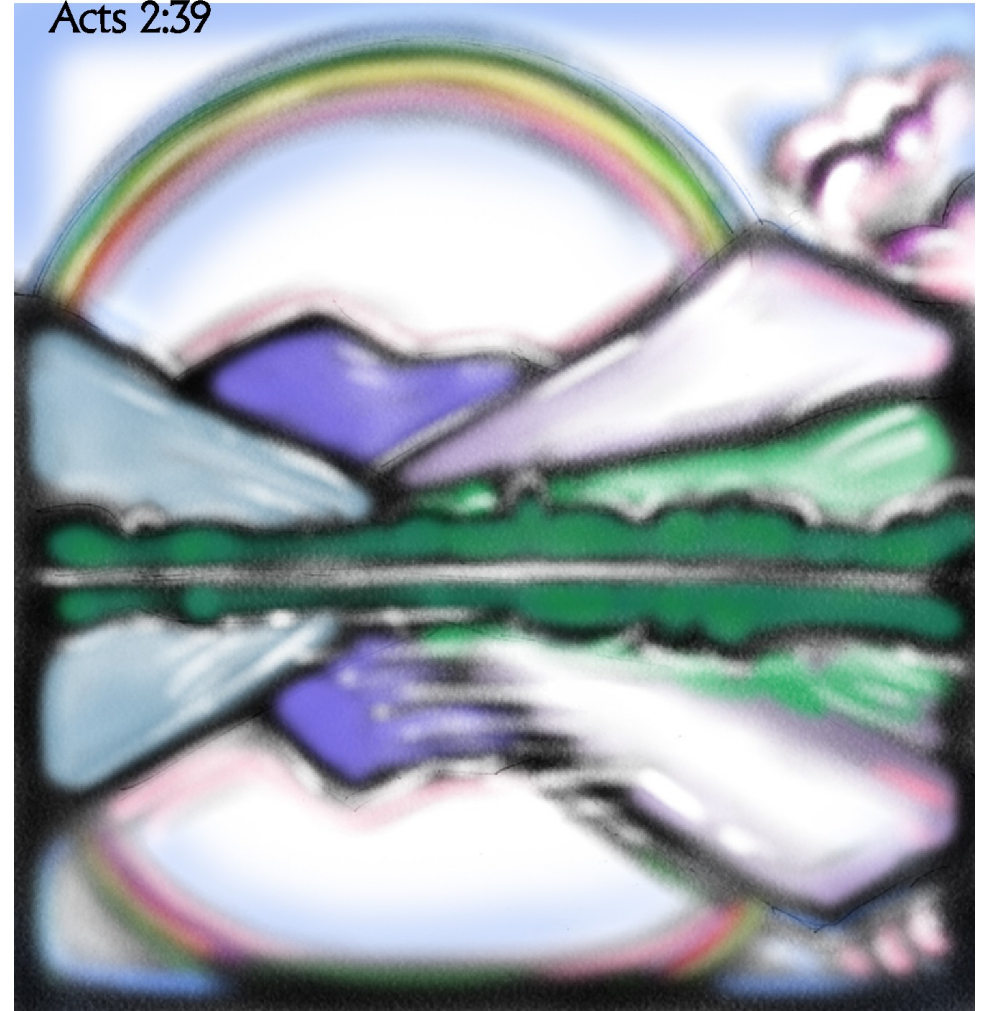


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For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.

Acts 2:39



1 Peter 1:17-23

¹⁷If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile. ¹⁸You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, ¹⁹but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. ²⁰He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. ²¹Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God. ²²Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. ²³You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

Acts 2:36-41

³⁶Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified.”

³⁷Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, “Brothers, what should we do?” ³⁸Peter said to them, “Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.” ⁴⁰And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, “Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.” ⁴¹So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.