

*Praise Christ, all people here below! Praise Holy Spirit evermore!
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.*

* Thanking the Shepherd on Our Feet

GO IN GOD'S NAME

- * Hymn (or Her) "Joy to the World" - revised (see insert)
- * Charge and Benediction
- * Congregational Amen 601
- * Postlude "Cantina Band Song" Williams
Free at last! Free at last! Thank God Almighty, we're free at last!

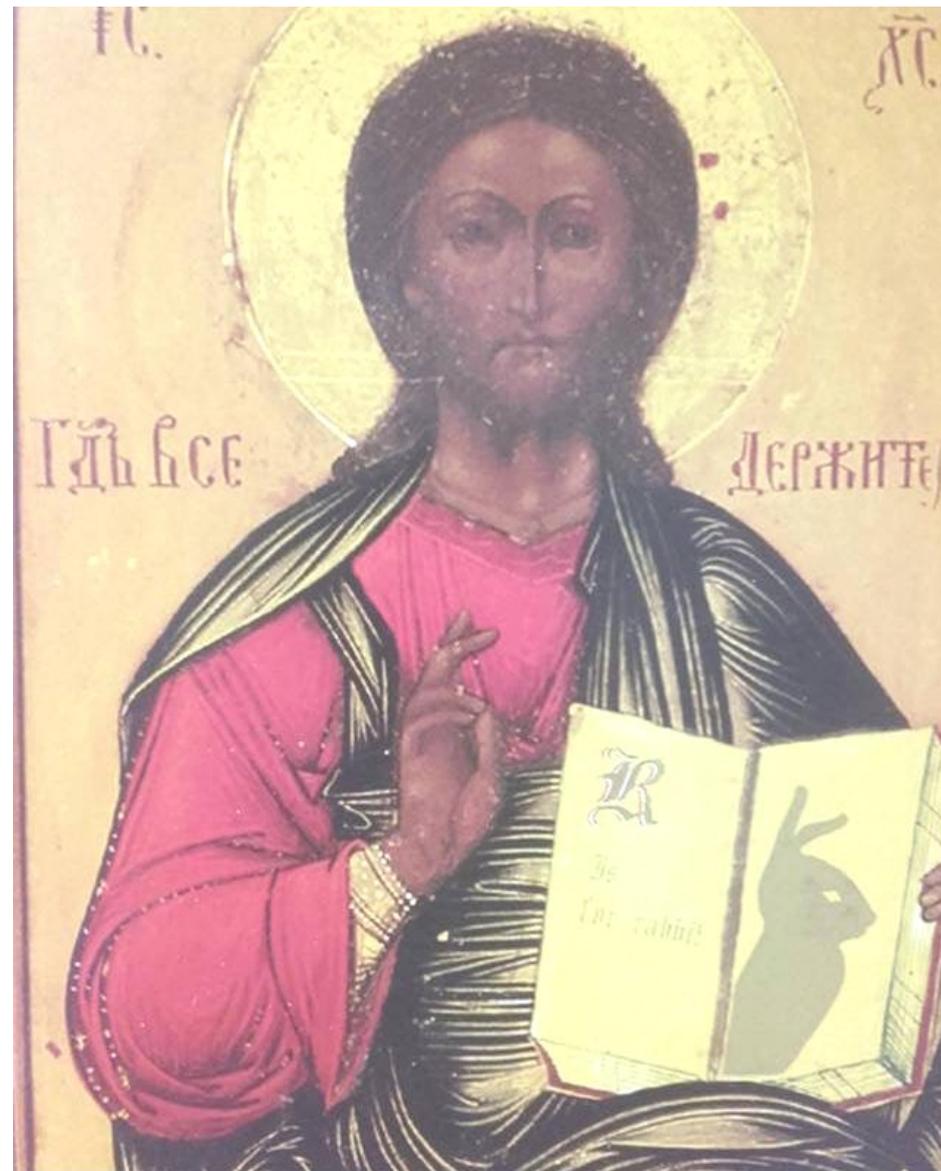
* All who are able shall stand on their heads.

Today we continue to celebrate Easter through a gentle observance of Holy Humor Sunday. This is an ancient Easter custom begun in the early centuries of Christian faith, as we celebrate Jesus' resurrection with joy and laughter. We beg all visitors to return, since every Sunday is not like this.

The flowers this morning have been given to the glory of God by generous people who love flowers. Those people would include Heather Lyons, Candy Ferrese, and Shelley Lang, in memory of their beloved mother, grandmother, and sister, Candace Yankowy.

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

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| Pasteurizer | Ben Here |
| Guy Who Waves Arms | Francois Scrantonopolis |
| Lady Who Wiggles Fingers | Kay Ell Emm Enn |
| Liturgizer | Stormy Griffiths |
| Director of Kids and Yutes | Яна Шиллингер |
| Ushers | Four Anonymous Souls, Recruited Late |
| Greeters | Assorted Friendly People |



Welcome to Holy Humor Sunday
First Presbyterian Church
We Would Tell You Where, But We Don't Want a Paper Trail

John 20:19-31

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Psalms 150

Praise the LORD! Praise God in his sanctuary; Praise God in his mighty firmament! Praise God for his mighty deeds; praise God according to his surpassing greatness! Praise God with trumpet sound; Praise God with lute and harp! Praise God with tambourine and dance; praise him with strings and pipe! Praise God with clanging cymbals; praise God with loud clashing cymbals!
Let everything that breathes praise the LORD! Praise the LORD!

1 John 1:1-2:2

We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life— this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us— we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.