

First Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day
2nd Sunday of Easter / Holy Humor Sunday
The 81st Day of the Chinese Year of the Pig

GATHER THIS MOTLEY CREW

Pre-Game Show "Egestas Saliunt" Anthony
Concerns of the Church ... *and we have a LOT of concerns about this place!*

Call to Worship

This is the day the Lord has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

How is today's sermon like the peace of God?

It surpasses all understanding.

How many choir directors does it take to change a light bulb?

No one knows, because no one ever watches the director!

What is the greatest joke of all time?

The one God played on death on Easter morning!

* Hymn 649 "Amazing Grace"
Ushers will collect prayer request cards from the center aisle.

* Call to Confession

* Prayer of Confession

**Lord of life, as we rejoice in the gift of laughter,
we confess the ways we have abused the gift.**

We fall short of your glory

when we use laughter as a weapon,

when we laugh at the expense of another,

when we use humor to tear others down,

or to excuse hateful beliefs and harmful stereotypes.

Lord, forgive us and grant us wisdom.

Teach us to take ourselves lightly,

to giggle, guffaw, and howl when the moment is right,

to diffuse tension with an injection of grace,

to distinguish between that which builds up or tears down.

The Forgiveness Sequence:

* Shh! I'm Praying. You'd Better, As Well

* Are We Off the Hook Yet?

* Passing the Peas of God

* The Hallelujah Moment

LISTEN UP - GOD'S TALKING

Prayer for Comprehending Old Bible Texts

Psalm of the Day: We'll Pick One

A Time with Young Buckaroos

Anthem "Hic Est Petrus Cauda Bombacio"

Traditional

Gospel Lesson: John 20:26-31, 21:24-25

(NT, p. 115)

Sermon: "One Ending is Never Enough"

(The Rev with commentary by Chuck-Back-16)



SO WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO ABOUT IT?

* Time to Sing "Joy to the World" (see insert)

* What We Believe

We believe God takes delight in his creation,

that God enjoys his people,

that God laughs at the self-important.

We believe Jesus told jokes that many did not understand,

that he took joy in his saving work,

that people are still astonished to discover he is alive.

We believe that joy is evidence of the Holy Spirit,

that love is stronger than the grave,

that all things will work out well for those who love God.

Standing in the Need of Prayer. Or Sitting. Your Call.

The Give-Til-it-Feels-Good Sequence

- Last Minute for One Great Hour of Sharing
- Cough It Up for Christ
- Music for a Plateful of Love “Entry of the Gladiators” Fucik
- * Doxolololology (to 606)

***Praise God, if stingy ones are here.
Praise God, all generous ones, draw near!
Praise God, all those who burned their toast.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

YOU DON'T HAVE TO GO HOME BUT YOU CAN'T STAY HERE

- * Hern 248 "Christ is Risen, Shout Hosanna!"
- * Cattle Prod and Blessing
- * Post Game Show “Chorus Pullam” Traditional

* All who are able shall walk on their hands in the center aisle

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.

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

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| Pasture | His Holy Mess, W.G.C. |
| Deconstructor of Music | Jolly Bones Jones |
| Keys and Stomps | Kay Ten Nine Eight |
| Playing Toots | J.F. LeasDiddy |
| Teaching the Yoots and Coots | Jana Banana |
| M.C. | Ichabod Griffiths |
| Ushers | Chosen By God <u>After</u> the Deacons Meeting |
| Greeters | The Frozen Chosen, Slightly Thawed |

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Oh no, not again



It's Holy Humor Sunday
*It's the day you should have stayed home,
but we are glad you are here.
Today we are glad that anybody is here.*