

First Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day

Third Sunday of Easter

April 26, 2020

10:00 a.m.

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Words of Welcome

Prelude

Call to Worship

The earth is the Lord's and all that it is in, the world and those who live in it;

For God has founded it on the seas and established it on the rivers.

This is the day the Lord has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

Hymn 15 "All Creatures of Our God and King" (verses 1, 2, 3, 6)

1 All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voice and with us sing,
Alleluia! Alleluia!

O brother sun with golden beam, O sister moon with silver gleam,
Sing praises! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

2 O brother wind with clouds and rain, you nurture gifts of fruit and grain.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

O sister water, flowing clear, make music for your Lord to hear.
Sing praises! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

3 O brother fire, so warm and bright, chase off the shadows of the night.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Dear mother earth, who day by day unfolds such blessings on our way,
sing praises! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

6 O sisters, brothers, take your part, and worship God with humble heart.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

All creatures, bless the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Three in One!
Sing praises! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Giver of life, in the midst of a plundered earth we groan with creation:

Have mercy on us.

Giver of life, in the midst of poisoned water we groan with creation:

Have mercy on us.

Giver of life, in the midst of polluted air we groan with creation:

Have mercy on us.

Giver of life, in the midst of mountains of waste we groan with creation:

Have mercy on us.

Giver of life, in the midst of rising seas, we groan with creation:

Have mercy on us.

**Giver of life, forgive us and make us agents of healing
for the good of your creation, through Jesus Christ our Lord we pray.**

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson: 1 Peter 1:17-23

If 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. You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. Through 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. Now 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. You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

Psalter: Psalm 96 (responsive reading)

O sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth.

Sing to the LORD, bless God's name; tell of God's salvation from day to day.

Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples.

For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised, to be revered above all gods.

For all the gods of the peoples are idols, but the LORD made the heavens.

Honor and majesty are before him; strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.

Ascribe to the LORD, O families of the peoples, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

Ascribe to the LORD the glory due; bring an offering, come into his courts.

Worship the LORD in holy splendor; tremble before him, all the earth.

Say among the nations, 'The LORD rules over all!

The world is firmly established; it shall never be moved.

God will judge the peoples with equity.'

Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice;

let the sea roar, and all that fills it; let the field exult, and everything in it.

Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy before the LORD;

for God is coming, for God is coming to judge the earth

The Lord will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with his truth.

Protect me, O God, for in you I take refuge.

I say to the LORD, "You are my Lord; I have no good apart from you."

Gospel Lesson: Luke 24:13-35

Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad.

Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet

mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him.”

Then he said to them, “Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?” Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.” So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?”

That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!” Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

Sermon: “The Dinner Guest Who Gives Heartburn”

Rev. Carter

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Hymn 500 “Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread”

- 1 Be known to us in breaking bread, but do not then depart;
Savior, abide with us, and spread your table in our heart.
- 2 Here share with us, in love divine, your body and your blood,
that living bread, that heavenly wine be our immortal food.

Affirmation of Faith: Apostles’ Creed

**I 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.**

Offering
Offertory

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

GO IN GOD'S NAME

Hymn 14 "For the Beauty of the Earth"

- 1 For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,
for the love which from our birth over and around us lies:
(Refrain) Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.
- 2 For the wonder of each hour of the day and of the night,
hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light: (Refrain)
- 3 For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's delight,
for the mystic harmony linking sense to sound and sight: (Refrain)
- 4 For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth, and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild: (Refrain)
- 5 For thyself, best gift divine to the world so freely given;
for that great, great love of thine, peace on earth and joy in heaven: (Refrain)

Charge and Benediction

Postlude

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