

First Presbyterian Church
Service for the Lord's Day
2nd Sunday of Easter / Holy Humor Sunday
247 Days Until "Star Wars: The Last Jedi"

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude "The Celebrated Chop Waltz" Arthur de Lulli (Euphemia Allen)

Concerns of the Church ... *and we have a LOT of concerns about this place!*

Call to Worship
Knock, knock . . .

* Hymn "Joy to the World" (see insert)
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.*

* Silent Confession

Please conclude before noon. We don't have all day.

* Assurance of Pardon

* Passing God's Peace to All Who Are Curiously Saved By Amazing Grace

* Easter Response (587)

Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia!

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

A Bright Prayer for Understanding Cloudy Bible Texts
Psalter: Psalm 150 *with modest accompaniment*

A Time with Little Buckaroos

Anthem Interpretative Dance Solo by Kay Ten Eyck
"Coffee! Coffee! Coffee!" Raible / Dykes

Gospel Lesson: John 20:19-31 (NT, p. 115)
Sermon: "Joy In Spite of the Scars"

The Vicar

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* Hymn

Window side sings Hymn 666, "O Splendor of God's Glory Bright"
Pulpit side sings Hymn 67, "My Song Forever Shall Record"

* Affirmation of Faith

*We believe God takes delight in his creation,
that God enjoys 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.*

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

Sixty Seconds for Sixty Minutes
Introducing the Offering

Offertory "The Pink Panther" Henry Mancini
* Doloxogy

GO IN GOD'S NAME

* Hymn 396 "Brethren, We Have Met to Worship"
* Charge and Benediction
* Congregational Amen 601
* Postlude "Le Saut De Lapin" R. Anthony

* All who are able shall recite a limerick in the Klingon language.

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.

The flowers this morning have been given to the glory of God by generous people who love flowers. Those people would include Barbara Mellander and Carole Grodack who have placed this arrangement in loving memory of Thomas and Marion Abraham, their parents.

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Pastor	Vicar Guillermo Cartier, B.S.
Director of Music	Frankfurter Jones, B.A.
Organist	Kay Ten Nine Eyck, Ph.M.
Liturgist	Giggles Griffiths, L.O.L.
Baby Tuba	Leapin' Leas, A.K.A
Offering Introducer	The Voice of WVIA
Director of Kids and Yutes	Janananana S, E.T.C.
Ushers	They Answered God's Call But Forgot the Offering Plates
Greeters	The Knights That Say Ni



Welcome to Holy Humor Sunday

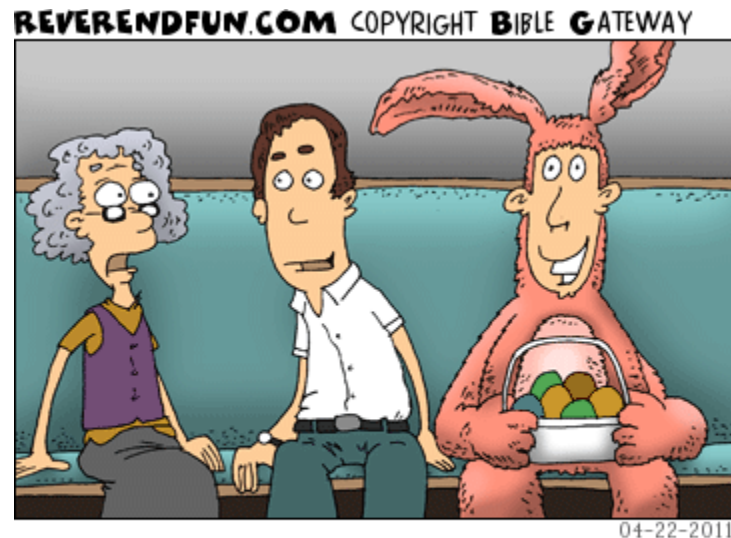
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Joy to the World

Joy to the World, the Lord's alive. Awake, rejoice and sing!
It's just as he had said, he's risen from the dead.
Salvation now he brings, Salvation now he brings,
Salvation, salvation now he brings.

Joy to the World, the empty tomb proclaims a victory.
Of light compelling, a great dispelling
Of darkness in the world, of darkness in the world,
Of darkness, of darkness in the world.

He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove
The glories of his righteousness
And wonders of His love, and wonders of His love,
And wonders, wonders of His love.



YOU'LL HAVE TO FORGIVE HIM ... HE'S
NEW TO THE FAITH AND THIS IS HIS
FIRST EASTER

Psalm 150

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

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.