

# **First Presbyterian Church**

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## **2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Easter**

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**Welcome to our Worship Service!**

**We are so glad you are here.**

**April 19, 2020**

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### **WELCOME & CALL TO REFLECTION**

**PRELUDE** – *Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing* . . . . . Wilbur Held

### **PRAYER OF TRANSFORMATION**

**\*HYMN – Christ Is Alive! (Verse 1)**

**Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.**

**The cross stands empty to the sky.**

**Let streets and homes with praises ring.**

**Love, drowned in death, shall never die.**

**PRAYER FOR FORGIVENESS** . . . . . Adapted from Brother Roger of Taizé, 1915-2005

**If you were not risen, Lord Christ, to whom would we go to discover a radiance of the face of God? If you were not risen, we would not be together seeking your communion. We would not find in your presence, forgiveness, wellspring of a new beginning. If you were not risen, where would we draw the energy for following you right to the end of our existence, for choosing you again and anew. May we choose your love each day, and may we rest in your grace when, in our choices, we fall short. In your name we pray. Amen.**

### **A TIME OF SILENCE**

### **ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

**\*CHRIST IS RISEN! SHOUT HOSANNA! (Verse 3)**

**Christ is risen! Earth and heaven Nevermore shall be the same.  
Break the bread of new creation Where the world is still in pain.  
Tell its grim, demonic chorus: "Christ is risen! Get you gone!"  
God the First and Last is with us. Sing Hosanna, everyone!**

**Solo - *There Is a Balm in Gilead* . . . . . arr. Mark Hayes**

J'Von Brown, soloist

**THE NEWS OF THE COMMUNITY**

**SCRIPTURE READING – Genesis 1:29-31, 2:7-9, 2:15-17**

Genesis 1:29-31 **God said, “See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.” And it was so. God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good.**

Genesis 2:7-9 **then the Lord God formed man from the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and the man became a living being. And the Lord God planted a garden in Eden, in the east; and there he put the man whom he had formed. Out of the ground the Lord God made to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food, the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.**

Genesis 2:15-17 **The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the Lord God commanded the man, “You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.”**

**PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD** ..... Kennedy M. McGowan

**Living in the Garden**

*The Tree of Life*

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER - Debtors version**

**OUR FATHER, WHO ART IN HEAVEN  
HALLOWED BE THY NAME,  
THY KINGDOM COME, THY WILL BE DONE  
ON EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN.  
GIVE US THIS DAY OUR DAILY BREAD.  
FORGIVE US OUR DEBTS,  
AS WE FORGIVE OUR DEBTORS.  
LEAD US NOT INTO TEMPTATION.  
BUT DELIVER US FROM EVIL.  
FOR THINE IS THE KINGDOM,  
THE POWER AND THE GLORY. AMEN.**

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**\*OFFERING OF PRAYER (in unison)** . . . . . Adapted Nicola Slee, Theologian and Poet

**God of the open garden, we have found you and long to hold you fast.  
But you refuse our clinging need, eluding the love that would bind and  
possess you, sending us out beyond the bounds of our feeble knowing.  
Rapt in our joy and desire, we cannot interpret you; you have gone from  
us again, moving into morning, moving into light. In your great love, wait  
for us where you have sent us, go ahead of us, be there to meet us, risen,  
released in your world. And on our journey, give us eyes to see and  
behold your presence even now among us. In Jesus name we pray. Amen.**

**\*HYMN – The Day of Resurrection! (verse 3)**

**Now let the heavens be joyful, Let earth the song begin,  
Let the round world keep triumph, And all that is therein;  
Let all things seen and unseen Their notes of gladness blend,  
For Christ the Lord is risen, Our joy that hath no end.**

**\*CHARGE AND BLESSING**

**\*POSTLUDE – *Thine Is the Glory*** . . . . . G. F. Handel

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**Facebook Live! — Broadcast at Noon, each Sunday through Friday  
Zoom meeting Bible study and prayer time — Each Sunday at 11 AM**

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**It is our hope that you will feel invited, welcomed, and loved as you worship  
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Each Sunday morning at 11 AM, Pastor Kennedy’s **Zoom meeting Bible study and prayer time.**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/762642399?pwd=R2NmZ2NiSERlCVRrRzEwLlplLL2lSUT09>

And if they ask for a password, it will always be - Invited.

*(Since Zoom might feel a little intimidating, included is a link with a brief and super helpful video that will tell you all you need to know about joining a zoom meeting: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9isp3qPeQ0E> - if you watch this, you’ll be Zoom ready. As the narrator of the video explains, Zoom is a great way to stay connected in these days of Covid 19. Take the Zoom plunge and join us!*

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