

**First Presbyterian Church**

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**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Easter**

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**Welcome to our Worship Service!**

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

**April 26, 2020**

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**WELCOME & CALL TO REFLECTION**

**PRELUDE** – *Fairest Lord Jesus* . . . . . arr. Frederick Swann

**PRAYER OF TRANSFORMATION**

**\*HYMN** – **Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty** (verse 1) . . . . . **# 482**

**Praise ye the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!  
O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation!  
All ye who hear, now to His temple draw near;  
Praise Him in glad adoration!**

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

**O Risen Christ, you breathe your Holy Spirit upon us like a gentle breeze and tell us: ‘Peace be yours.’ Opening ourselves to your peace, letting it penetrate the hard and rocky ground of our hearts, means preparing ourselves to be bearers of reconciliation wherever you may place us. But you know that at times we are at a loss. So, come and lead us to wait in silence, to let a ray of hope shine through in our world. In the name of the One who is our Hope and Salvation we pray.  
Amen.**

**A TIME OF SILENCE**

**ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

**\*AMAZING GRACE (# 280, verse 1)**

**Amazing grace! How sweet the sound That saved a wretch like me.  
I once was lost, but now am found, Was blind, but now I see.**

**Solo - *Come to Jesus* ..... Chris Rice  
Michael Gonzalez, soloist**

**THE NEWS OF THE COMMUNITY**

**SCRIPTURE READING – Isaiah 41:17-20 (NRSV)**

**When the poor and needy seek water, and there is none, and their tongue is parched with thirst, I the LORD will answer them, “I the God of Israel will not forsake them. I will open rivers on the bare heights, and fountains in the midst of the valleys; I will make the wilderness a pool of water, and the dry land springs of water. I will put in the wilderness the cedar, the acacia, the myrtle, and the olive; I will set in the desert the cypress, the plane and the pine together, so that all may see and know, all may consider and understand, that the hand of the LORD has done this, the Holy One of Israel has created it.”**

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

**Living in the Garden  
*The Persistent Power 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 from St. Gregory of Nazianzus, 330-38**

**Today we rejoice in the salvation of the world. Christ is risen; let us  
arise in him! Christ enters new life; let us live in him! Christ has come  
forth from the tomb; let us shake off the shackles of evils! The gates  
of hell are open, the powers of evil are overcome! In Christ a new  
creation is coming to birth, Alleluia! Lord, make us new, Alleluia! Amen.**

**\*HYMN – Christ Is Alive! (verse 5) . . . . . # 108**

**Christ is alive, and comes to bring  
Good news to this and every age,  
Till earth and sky and ocean ring  
With joy, with justice, love and praise.**

**\*CHARGE AND BLESSING**

**\*POSTLUDE – Festive Postlude on Jesus Christ Is Risen . . . . . arr. Mary McDonald**

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

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**WELCOME VISITORS!**

**It is our hope that you will feel invited, welcomed, and loved as you worship  
with us. First Presbyterian Church is a family of faith committed to families, peacemaking,  
and mission. All are welcome. For information, visit us at our web site at: [fpcoh.org](http://fpcoh.org)**

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Go to “Worship;” click on “Sermon & Worship;” on right side of screen click on  
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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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