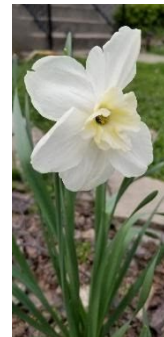


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COF Worship, Sunday April 19, 10:30 am

Second Sunday of Easter



Opening Music

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Call to Worship and Opening Prayer

L: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

P: Christ is risen indeed!

L: Peace be with you. Jesus stands among us.

P: Peace be with you. The risen Lord is here.

Presbyterian Church. Book of Common Worship (p. 332). Presbyterian Publishing. Kindle Edition.

Let us pray: **Almighty and eternal God, the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt, may we, who have not seen, have faith and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing, who is alive and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever; and who taught us to pray: *Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever.***

Amen. Presbyterian Church. Book of Common Worship (p. 332). Presbyterian Publishing. Kindle Edition.

Song: O Christ the Great Foundation

*O Christ the great foundation on which your people stand
To preach your true salvation in every age and land
Pour out your holy Spirit to make us strong and pure
To keep the faith unbroken as long as worlds endure*

*Baptized in one confession, one church in all the earth
We bear our Lord's impression, the sign of second birth
One holy people gathered in love beyond our own
By grace we were invited, by grace we make you known.*

*Where tyrant's hold is tightened, where strong devour the weak,
Where innocents are frightened, the righteous fear to speak,
There let your church awaking attack the powers of sin
And, all their ramparts breaking, with you the victory win*

*This is the moment glorious when he who once was dead
Shall lead his church victorious, their champion and their head,
The Lord of all creation his heavenly kingdom brings,
The final consummation, the glory of all things.*

(There is an extra verse in the accompaniment. You may sing v. 1 again or just listen.)

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**Merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you
with our whole heart and mind and strength.
We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

**In your mercy, forgive what we have been,
help us amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be,
that we may delight in your will
and walk in your ways
to the glory of your holy name. (moment of silence.)**

The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting.

I declare that, in the name of Jesus Christ,
we are forgiven! Thanks be to God! Amen!

Doxology

*Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord,
Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to his name. (2x)*

Special Music

Prayer for Illumination

Listen to the Word

Listen to the word that God has spoken

Listen to the one who is close at hand

Listen to the voice that began creation

Listen even if you don't understand

Scripture I Peter 1:3-9

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, ⁵who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

⁶In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, ⁷so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. ⁸Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, ⁹for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

Hymn *The Day of Resurrection*

*The day of resurrection, earth tell it out abroad;
The Passover of gladness, the Passover of God,
From death to life eternal, from this world to the sky,
Our Christ hath brought us over with hymns of victory*

*Our hearts be pure from evil, that we may see aright
The Lord in rays eternal of resurrection light;
And, listening to his accents, may hear, so calm and plain,
'His own "All Hail!" and hearing, may raise the victor strain.*

*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.*

Gospel **John 20:19-31**

¹⁹When 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." ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." ²⁴But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So 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."

²⁶A 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." ²⁷Then 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." ²⁸Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." ³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹But 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.

Sermon

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

Joys and Concerns—*please type into the comments box on the lower right hand sign of the screen, or speak them out loud if you're on the conference call.*

Prayers of the People

From the chaos before creation and the destruction of the flood. **O Lord of life, deliver us.**

From the devastating sacrifice and the armies of the enemy. **O Lord of life, deliver us.**

From the vanity of wickedness and the bread that only perishes. **O Lord of life, deliver us.**

From the power of the oppressor and the hardness of our own hearts. **O Lord of life, deliver us.**

From the valley of dry bones and the furnace of blazing fire. **O Lord of life, deliver us.**

From the belly of the beast and the disgrace of exile. **O Lord of life, deliver us.**

Prayers for the community are given: (moment of silence)

God of mercy, we no longer look for Jesus among the dead, for he is alive and has become the Lord of life. From the waters of death you raise us with him and renew your gift of life within us. Increase in our minds and hearts the risen life we share with Christ, and help us to grow as your people toward the fullness of eternal life with you, through Christ our Lord. Amen. Presbyterian Church. Book of Common Worship (pp. 318-319). Presbyterian Publishing. Kindle Edition.

Song: *Sent Out in Jesus' Name*

*Sent out in Jesus name, our hands are ready now
To make the earth a place in which the kingdom comes (2x)*

*The angels cannot change a world of hurt and pain
Into a world of love, of justice and of peace,
The task is ours to do, to set it really free,
O help us to obey and carry out your will.*

(Repeat)

Charge and Benediction