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**COF Worship, Sunday April 26, 10:30 am**

**Third Sunday of Easter**



**Opening Music**

**Lighting of the Christ Candle**

**Call to Worship and Prayer of Approach**

**L: This is the day the Lord has made!**

**P: We will rejoice and be glad in it!**

Let us pray: **Lord Jesus,**  
**In those days of wonder after Easter,**  
**You called Mary and Peter by their names**  
**And they recognized you;**  
**And we too draw near to hear our names**  
**Spoken in love**  
**And to know you again.**

**You broke bread with your followers**  
**On the road to Emmaus,**  
**And in the blessing, they recognized you;**  
**And we too come to share your blessing**  
**And your broken life**  
**And to know you again.**

**You spoke peace to your disciples,**  
**Showed them the marks on your hands,**  
**Sent them out to bear witness to your risen life;**  
**And we too come seeking peace, seeking to bear witness**  
**And to be sent out renewed.**

**Come among us now,**  
**That we may recognize you**  
**In each other,**  
**And together know your healing and hope.** —Kathy Galloway in *Praying for the Dawn: A Resource Book for Ministry*, Wild Goose publications, © 2000

**Song: Morning Has Broken (4v.)**

*Morning has broken like the first morning, blackbird has spoken like the first bird  
 Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning! Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word*

*Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven, like the first dew fall on the first grass.  
 Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden, sprung in completeness where God's feet pass.*

*Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning, born of the one light Eden saw play!  
 Praise with elation, praise every morning, God's recreation of the new day!*

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### **Call to Confession**

Broken as we are  
Living in a time of worry and fear and isolation  
We are beloved people of God.  
God doesn't "need" our confessions  
But uses them to heal us  
For we know that,  
to admit you have made a mistake  
Is the first step to making it right.  
Let us share with God and ourselves and each other  
The places where we have fallen short  
As a community  
As a people  
As human beings.  
Let us pray:

**Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear... Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image; through Jesus Christ, the light of the world.**

Presbyterian Church. Book of Common Worship (p. 58). Presbyterian Publishing. Kindle Edition.



### **(moment of silence.)**

As God hears our confessions,  
may we hear God say in return:  
*I forgive you,  
I love you always,  
And I am with you.*  
Thanks be to God. **Amen.**

### **Response of Praise**

*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 John 10:1-10** “Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. <sup>2</sup>The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. <sup>3</sup>The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. <sup>4</sup>When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. <sup>5</sup>They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.” <sup>6</sup>Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. <sup>7</sup>So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. <sup>8</sup>All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. <sup>9</sup>I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. <sup>10</sup>The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.

**Hymn** *The Lord’s My Shepherd, All My Need (to the tune, Amazing Grace)*  
*The Lord’s my Shepherd, all my need will surely be supplied*  
*By quiet streams and through green fields the Lord will be my guide.*

*The Lord revives me, guides my feet on pathways that are right*  
*And I shall fear no evil though I walk through darkest night*

*Your rod and staff, they comfort me; in presence of my foes.*  
*You feed me; you anoint my head and my cup overflows.*

*Your goodness and your mercy Lord, shall surely follow me*  
*And I will dwell in God’s own house, for all eternity.*

**Scripture Acts 2:42-47** <sup>42</sup>They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. <sup>43</sup>Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. <sup>44</sup>All who believed were together and had all things in common; <sup>45</sup>they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. <sup>46</sup>Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, <sup>47</sup>praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

**Sermon** *Day By Day*

**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**

***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.

**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.*

## **A Celebration of Holy Communion**

The Lord be with you... **And also with you**  
Lift up your hearts...**We lift them to the Lord**  
Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God... **It is right to give our thanks and praise**

**Holy holy holy, is the Lord of Hosts (2x)**  
**The whole world is full of God's glory(2x)**  
**Holy is the Lord!**

### **Great is the mystery of faith:**

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

### **Song: They Will Know We are Christians by Our Love**

*We are one in the Spirit we are one in the Lord,*

*We are one in the Spirit we are one in the Lord*

*And we pray that all unity will one day be restored*

*Refrain*

*And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love;*

*Yes they'll know we are Christians by our love.*

*We will walk with each other we will walk hand in hand,*

*We will walk with each other we will walk hand*

*And together we will spread the news that God is in our land*

*Refrain*

*We will work with each other we will work side by side,*

*We will work with each other we will work side by side*

*And we'll guard human dignity and save human pride*

*Refrain*

*All praise to the Father from whom all things come*

*And all praise to Christ Jesus, God's only son*

*And all praise to the Spirit who makes us one.*

*Refrain*

## **Charge and Benediction**



“So I ask you to share my prayer, that ‘the mountain be cast into the depths of the sea’, the fear be lifted from all our hearts and that we may develop the daring, viscerally moved, shepherdly heart of love along with the creative projects such a heart will enflame as we follow our Lord outside the camp.” James Alison, *On Being Liked* (London: Darton, Longman and Todd, 2003), p. 130.