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(conference call only)

Worship will also be connected through Facebook Live

April 24, 2022, 11:15 am

Second Sunday of Easter

Gathering

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Centering Music

+Call to Worship

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

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

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; for we pray, as Jesus Christ our Lord, taught us to pray, saying: *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: *Christ is Risen, Shout Hosanna! (104)*

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our failure to be what you created us to be. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. By your loving mercy, help us to live in your light and abide in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior.

Presbyterian Church. Book of Common Worship (p. 21). Presbyterian Publishing. Kindle Edition.

Assurance of Pardon

L: Alleluia! Christ is risen! By his grace, we are saved.

P: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God! Amen.

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Response of Praise *Alleluia! Alleluia! Give Thanks (refrain only)*

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

Sharing of the Peace

In the face of a stranger, in the greeting of a friend, we see our Lord, Jesus Christ. May the love and peace of Christ be with you all. **And also with you.**

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Hearing the Word

Prayer for Illumination Open our hearts and minds today, O God, that we may hear the word and wisdom you have for us. Amen.

First Reading Acts 19:1-7 While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the interior regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. ² He said to them, “Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?” They replied, “No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit.” ³ Then he said, “Into what then were you baptized?” They answered, “Into John’s baptism.” ⁴ Paul said, “John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus.” ⁵ On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. ⁶ When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied— ⁷ altogether there were about twelve of them.

Hymn *I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry (2051)*

Gospel Reading 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

Responding to the Word

Offering Prayer

In response to God’s goodness, let us give thanks to God. Let us pray:

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: ourselves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love; through the one who is the light of the world. Amen.

Response of Praise *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow (593)*

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow, praise God all creatures here below
Praise God above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.
Amen, amen, amen, amen, amen, amen, amen.*

Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

Baptism of Sam Level

Introduction

Presentation (Elder) On behalf of the session, I present *Samuel Burton Level* to receive Sacrament of Baptism.

(Pastor) Putting your whole trust in the grace and love of Jesus Christ, do you, *Sam Level*, want to be baptized?

(Sam) I do.

(Pastor, to parents and elder) Will you, by your prayers and witness, help Sam grow into the full stature of Christ? **I will, with God's help.**

(To Congregation) Do you, as members of the church of Jesus Christ, promise to guide and nurture Sam by word and deed, with love and prayer? **We do.**

Will you encourage him to know and follow Christ and to be faithful members of his church? **We will.**

Profession of Faith

Through Baptism we enter the covenant God established in Jesus Christ. Within this covenant God gives us new life, strengthens us to resist evil, and nurtures us in love. Through this covenant, we choose whom we will serve, by turning from evil and turning to Jesus Christ.

Sam, trusting in the gracious mercy of God, do you turn from the ways of sin and renounce evil and its power in the world? **I renounce them. or I do.**

Who is your Lord and Savior? **Jesus Christ is my Lord and Savior.**

Will you be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying his word and showing his love? **I will, with God's help.**

Apostles' Creed—Ecumenical

(We will make our way to the Baptismal pool)

Thanksgiving over the Water

The Baptism

Samuel Burton Level, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Prayer

O Lord, uphold *Sam* by your Holy Spirit. Give him the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the awe of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever. Amen.

Gracious God, we rejoice that *Sam*, child of the covenant, has been sealed by the Holy Spirit in baptism, and marked as Christ's own forever. God who began a good work in *Sam* will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Welcome

Pastor: Sam, you have been received into the one holy catholic and apostolic church through Baptism. By the power of the Holy Spirit, you have become members of the household of God, to share with us in the ministry of Christ and the priesthood of all believers.

Congregation: With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you into the body of Christ.

Presbyterian Church. Book of Common Worship (p. 408-413). Presbyterian Publishing. Kindle Edition.

Taking the Word into the World

+Song: *Baptized in Water (492) verse 3 only*

+Charge Led by the Spirit, let us go forth in God's love. Illumined by the Spirit, let us shine with Christ's light. Amen. Adapted from www.ministrymatters.com

+Benediction

+Stand as you are able

HYMNS

Christ is Risen, Shout Hosanna!

Christ is risen, shout hosanna, celebrate this day of days!
 Christ is risen! Hush in wonder, all creation is amazed.
 In the desert all surrounding, see, a spreading tree has grown.
 Healing loaves of grace abounding bring a taste of love unknown.

Christ is risen! Raise your spirits from the caverns of despair.
 Walk with gladness in the morning, see what love can do and dare.
 Drink the wine of resurrection, not a servant but a friend,
 Jesus is our strong companion, joy and peace shall never end.

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 rise! Get you gone!"
 God the first and last is with us, sing hosanna everyone!

I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry

I was there to hear your borning cry, I'll be there when you are old
 I rejoiced the day you were baptized, to see your life unfold;

I was there when you were but a child with a faith to suit you well
 In a blaze of light you wandered off, to find where demons dwell.

When you heard the wonder of the Word, I was there to cheer you on,
 You were raised to praise the living Lord to whom you now belong.

If you find someone to share your time and you join your hearts as one
 I'll be there to make your verses rhyme from dusk til rising dawn.

In the middle ages of your life, not too old, no longer young,
 I'll be there to guide you through the night, complete what I've begun.

When the evening gently closes in and you shut your weary eyes,
 I'll be there as I have always been with just one more surprise.

I was there to hear your borning cry, I'll be there when you are old,
 I rejoiced the day you were baptized, to see your life unfold.

Baptized in Water (v.3)

Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, marked with the sign of Christ, our king;
 Born of the Spirit, we are God's children, joyfully now God's praises we sing.