



# First Presbyterian

## CHURCH OF EASTON



A Service for the Worship of God  
May 1, 2022  
The Third Sunday of Easter

### WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

GATHERING MUSIC

TOWER BELLS

PRELUDE

Improvisation on 'Be Thou My Vision' (Hymn 339)

Lasky

ANNOUNCEMENTS

### WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD

CALL TO WORSHIP

Sing praises to the Lord, you faithful;

**We will give thanks to God's holy name.**

Weeping may linger for the night, but joy comes with the morning.

**We will give thanks to God's holy name.**

God has turned our mourning into dancing! Let us praise and not be silent!

**Lord our God, we will give thanks to your holy name, now and always!**

\*HYMN 476, V. 1-5

O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!

O worship the King, all glorious above!  
O gratefully sing God's power and God's love;  
Our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days,  
Pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.

O tell of God's might, O sing of God's grace,  
Whose robe is the light, whose canopy space.  
The chariots of heaven the deep thunderclouds form,  
And bright is God's path on the wings of the storm.

The earth with its store of wonders untold,  
Almighty, Thy power hath founded of old;  
Hath established it fast by a changeless decree,  
And round it hath cast, like a mantle, the sea.

Thy bountiful care what tongue can recite?  
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light;  
It streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,  
And sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,  
In Thee do we trust, nor find Thee to fail;  
Thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end,  
Our maker, defender, redeemer, and friend.

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of each and every life, week by week we lay our lives before you, acknowledging ways in which we fall short of your hope for us. Today we confess we sometimes find it hard to forgive ourselves. Things done long ago still haunt us. We hear your forgiveness proclaimed, yet your promise of a fresh start can ring hollow. Forgive us if we think we are the one sinner who cannot be forgiven. Forgive us when we cannot find the peace you offer.**

*Silent prayer*

**Amen.**

#### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends in Christ, while it is true we have all fallen short of God's intentions, it is a greater truth that we are forgiven through God's love in Jesus Christ. To all who humbly seek the mercy of God, Jesus offers forgiveness and new life. So be at peace with God, with yourself, and with one another.

\*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

Gloria Patri

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen. Amen.**

#### WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

John 21:1-19

SERMON

Rev. Stefanie Muntzel

\*HYMN 505, V. 1-2

Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread

Be known to us in breaking bread,  
But do not then depart;  
Savior, abide with us, and spread  
Thy table in our heart.

There sup with us in love divine;  
Thy body and Thy blood,  
That living bread, that heavenly wine,  
Be our immortal food.

## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

### INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

Our lives overflow with God's blessings in Christ and in creation. With gratitude for all that we have received, let us present our offering to God, trusting that God can do a new thing with our gifts – and with our lives!

### PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Gracious God, you have given us life and furnished it with much beauty and blessing. In Christ you gave yourself to us. So we offer to you a portion of what we have received to share in the work of your kingdom. Use our energy and ability for your purposes for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Risen Lord. Amen.

### \*RESPONSE

Doxology

**Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, ye heav'nly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

### THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

#### INVITATION

#### THE PRAYER OF GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We will lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

#### PRAYER

It is truly right and our greatest joy to praise to you, O God... we sing your praise:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.**

#### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

#### PRAYER

...Great is the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Jesus said: I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. Come now to Christ's table, know you are welcome here.

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

*The bread and juice are distributed together and can be enjoyed immediately.*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**WE GO IN GOD'S NAME**

\*HYMN 508, V. 1-4

For the Bread Which You Have Broken

For the bread which You have broken,  
For the wine which You have poured,  
For the words which You have spoken,  
Now we give You thanks, O Lord.

By this promise that You love us,  
By Your gift of peace restored,  
By Your call to heaven above us,  
Hallow all our lives, O Lord.

With the saints who now adore You  
Seated at the heavenly board,  
May the church still waiting for You  
Keep love's tie unbroken, Lord.

In Your service, Lord, defend us;  
In our hearts keep watch and ward;  
In the world to which You send us  
Let Your kingdom come, O Lord.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Aria

Handel

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Worship Leaders

Rev. Stefanie Muntzel

Gloria Snyder, Organist

Elizabeth Campbell, Chancel Choir Director

Linda Martin, Liturgist

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**John 21:1-19**

After these things Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, "Children, you have no fish, have you?" They answered him, "No." He said to them, "Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the sea. But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off.

When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." A second time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep." He said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go." (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, "Follow me."