

3rd Sunday of Easter

April 23, 2023

10:30 a.m. Worship



Cactus Blooms at Joshua Tree, 2008 by Dale Showman

But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. --Luke 24:1

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Welcome to Worship at First Presbyterian Church

This service is being livestreamed and can be viewed on our YouTube channel in real time or as a recording. **Large-print copies of this order of service**, as well as **audio enhancement devices** are available **from the ushers**.

We gather on Sunday for 3 reasons:

- **To seek God**- whom we find in sacred text and sacrament, in music and in song, in prayer, in the beauty of this space, in the stillness where we can hear our hearts. We offer God our thanks and praise, our lament and longing, and our resources. We let go of burdens and receive grace and forgiveness. We see the One our hearts love.
- **To practice Community** – rejoice w/those who rejoice, weep w/those who weep. To break bread with those whom we love and those whom we need to love more fully. We practice things our culture does not emphasize: resting, forgiving, sharing. Jesus asked us to love one another as he loved us, and we cannot do so without practice.
- **To listen for our Call**- often an invitation to go out and be or do or remember. God is speaking all the time: through conscience, nature, friends, and certainly scripture. We gather to listen for that Call and to recommit ourselves to discipleship.

Information on our common life can be found on our website www.fpcsb.net, along with sermons and newsletters. You can participate in our work by supporting us financially with a one-time or sustaining donation.

Children are welcome in worship. Younger children may go to the Nursery at any time.

OUR NEXT COMMUNION will be Sunday, May 7th.

Morning Worship†

REFLECTION BEFORE THE SERVICE

We spend a lot of our time thinking about what’s going on in our world and what’s affecting us directly. “Awe changes that, making us see ourselves as a small piece of something larger.”

Feeling small makes us feel humbled (thereby lessening selfish tendencies like entitlement, arrogance, and narcissism). And feeling small and humbled makes us want to engage with others and feel more connected to others, [Amie] Gordon adds.

“All of that is important for wellbeing,” she says.

--Sarah DiGiulio,

“Why Scientists Say Experiencing Awe Can Help you Live your Best Life”

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME

PRELUDE *The Name Above Every Name* *William Zeitler*
Allow the music to usher you into sacred space and time.

INTROIT *With a Voice of Singing*¹ *Martin Shaw*
With a voice of singing, declare ye this, and let it be heard, Alleluia..

*EASTER ACCLAMATION

This is the good news—

The grave is empty, Christ is risen.

✘ Alleluia! Amen!

This is the Good News- the light shines in the darkness,
and the darkness can never put it out.

✘ Alleluia! Amen!

This is the Good News – Our doubts and our fears
are no barrier to Christ, let us worship God!

✘ Alleluia! Amen!

***HYMN 245** *Christ the Lord is Risen Today!* LLANFAIR

† The symbols you will see in this order of worship mean:

*** Stand if you are able** **✘ The congregation will read.**

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May you have the strength to meet the day's troubles.

May all your plans prosper.

May your victories bring goodness to those around you.

To set yourself to these ordinary tasks

is to take up the holy work of your life

Trust it—

money and possessions and glory;

these things come and go and

they will never make us feel secure.

Serenity is the goal.

It comes from living deeply in the gift of life

doing the work of love, cultivating our gratitude, and

noting the touch of Spirit in our lives.

Luke 24:1-12

SERMON

Wonder at the Tomb

Dr. Wendy Lamb

***REFRAIN 635**

*Laudate Dominum*⁵

Jacques Berthier

✘ **Laudate Dominum, laudate Dominum omnes gentes, alleluia!**

Laudate Dominum, laudate Dominum omnes gentes, alleluia!

THE OFFERING of OUR TITHES and GIFTS

(We offer our tithes and gifts to be part of God's purposes in the world, and we invite you to take part. You may bring forward your gifts and place them in the basket. You may always send gifts by mail or online.)

OFFERTORY

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

***DOXOLOGY**

OLD HUNDREDTH

✘ **Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;**

Praise God, all creatures here below;

Praise God above, ye Heavenly Host:

Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen.

PRAYERS of the PEOPLE, OUR 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;

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and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever.
Amen.

***HYMN 20**

All Things Bright and Beautiful

ROYAL OAK

***MOMENT for REFLECTION**

***CHARGE and BENEDICTION**

***RESPONSE** *The Lord Bless You and Keep You*⁶ *Peter C. Lutkin*

The Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord lift His countenance upon you;
and give you peace, and give you peace, the Lord make His face to shine upon
you, and be gracious unto you, be gracious, the Lord be gracious, gracious
unto you. Amen.

POSTLUDE

Improvisation

William Zeitler

(For health reasons we are not greeting at the door)

GREETERS: Gill & Jane Snyder

USHERS: Chris Thomas, *Lead Usher*

Dave Thomas, Marilyn Kraft, *Security Ushers*

SOUND ENGINEERS: Dan Direen, Brent Nord

LIVESTREAM ENGINEER: James Welte

CAMERA OPERATORS: Kevin Lamb, Lynn Usher

REMEMBER IN PRAYER THIS WEEK

Jim Huffstutler, Ramon Ramirez, Robert Saenz

Elders: **Tim Usher, Mary Bolaños, Brooke Dvorak**

Deacons: **Marianna Fowles, Rick Rodriguez, Katie Smith**

This Weeks' Birthdays

Apr 24 Harlan Leonard Wright
Apr 27 Jonah Roy Morales
Apr 28 Jim Cimino
Jim Coyne
Mark Freeman
Apr 29 Jim & Helen Babcock
Apr 30 Tom Rennard

TODAY! BENEFIT CONCERT--FREE ADMISSION, FREEWILL OFFERING. 3pm concert, 5pm Taco Truck Social at Spirit of our Savior Lutheran Church, 5050 N. Sierra Way, San Bernardino. Featuring 4 Bands: Hip hop, gospel, Celtic, Jazz, classical, global multicultural and more. Amazing concert.

VOLUNTEER FOR HOSPITALITY. We have returned to serving coffee and tea and donuts for coffee hour after church, but we need volunteers to pick up the donuts, set up, serve and clean up. If you can help out with any of the tasks for this important ministry, speak to Rick Rodriguez or Dave Thomas. Whether you want to do this once a month or once a year, your help is appreciated!

A MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR KAY GUSTAFSON WEBSTER will be held on June 10th at St. Mark's Presbyterian Church, Newport Beach, CA at 11:00 a.m. The church is located at 2200 San Joaquin Hills Road. Kay was the attorney for many of the Presbyteries and churches in our Synod, and the wife of our former interim pastor, Curtis Webster, currently pastor of Westminster Presbyterian, Ontario.

More news and announcements are available in your Friday *Keeping in Touch* emails. If you are not receiving these, and you would like to, contact Mimi in the church office.

The Music Box

After Isaac Watts (1674-1748) finished college and returned home to Southampton, he wrote many of his now-immortalized hymns for the Above Bar Congregational Church. Then, at age 22, he left home for London to become a tutor.

Meanwhile, he was feeling inexorably drawn to ministry. On his 24th birthday he preached his first sermon, and a year later became assistant pastor of London's Mark Lane Church.

Two years later (1700), he received a long letter from his brother, Enoch, urging him to publish the hymns he had written in Southampton. His brother wrote:

"Dear Brother: In your last [letter] you [mentioned] an inclination to oblige the world by showing it your hymns in print, and I heartily wish ... that you were something more than inclinable thereunto. ... I am very confident whoever has the happiness of reading your hymns (unless he be either sot or atheist) will have a very favorable opinion of their author There is ... a great need of a pen, vigorous and lively as yours, to quicken and revive the dying devotion of the age.... Yours now is the old truth, stripped of its ragged ornaments, and appears, if we may so, younger by ages in a new and fashionable dress."

Isaac still hesitated — he had other obligations on his mind. In 1702 he became Mark Lane's pastor, and a year later the church hired an assistant pastor due to Isaac's frail health.

In 1707 Isaac finally published his hymns, selling the copyright to a Mr. Lawrence, the publisher, for ten pounds. (Hard to translate to modern money values: something like two or three thousand dollars?) It was an instant success — an enlarged second edition was published in 1709.

Charles Wesley said that he would rather have written the words to "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" than all his own put together. (No small number!)

--William Zeitler