

## Second Sunday of Easter

April 7, 2024

10:30 a.m. Worship



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Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.

--Genesis 1:2

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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](http://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 5<sup>th</sup>.**

# Morning Worship†

Lector: Irene Sandoval-Suverkrup

## REFLECTION BEFORE THE SERVICE

The rock pigeons found in our cities and barns are probably from populations established by escaped domestic pigeons. They are often referred to as feral pigeons. How is that for a symbol of the Holy Spirit? I believe it's a good one. I like it. It's ubiquitous, on the streets... There are lots of birds that want to avoid us, who are too wild for us, who need their space. You could call them unfriendly. Pigeons want to be close to us. They are where we are—in some of the worst places we have made (our neglected projects and abandoned buildings) and some of the best (art museums, parks, Rome's piazzas). They won't leave us alone.

Debbie Blue, *Consider the Birds*

## GATHERING MUSIC

### WELCOME

### PRELUDE

*Consolation*

*William Zeitler*

*Allow the music to usher you into sacred space and time.*

### INTROIT

*From the Rising of the Sun*<sup>1</sup>

*Eric H. Thiman*

From the rising of the sun unto the going down of the same, the Lord's name be praised, the Lord's name be praised.

### \*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!

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

\* **Stand if you are able**    ✠ **The congregation will read.**

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\*PRAYER of ADORATION<sup>2</sup>

✠ God of all glory,  
on this first day you began creation,  
bringing light out of darkness.

On this first day you began your new creation,  
raising Jesus Christ from the darkness of death.

On this Lord's Day grant that we,  
the people you create by water and the Spirit,  
may be joined with all your works  
in praising you for your great glory.  
Through Jesus Christ,  
in union with the Holy Spirit,  
we praise you now and forever. Amen.

*(We stand and sing Alleluia)*

\*ALLELUIA

*William Zeitler*

The image shows two staves of musical notation for the Alleluia. The first staff is in G major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. It begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody starts on G4, moves to A4, then B4, and continues with a series of eighth and quarter notes. Chord symbols above the staff include G, A, B, and C. The lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia' are written below the notes. The second staff continues the melody, starting on G4 and moving to A4, B4, and C5. Chord symbols include G, D, F#m, B, F#m, Bm, and Gm. The lyrics 'lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia' are written below. The piece ends with a double bar line.

TIME with the CHILDREN

*[Children are always welcome in worship. There are activity bags and books in the narthex (entryway).*

*Infants through pre-Kindergarten may go to the Nursery at any time.]*

ANTHEM *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*<sup>3</sup> K. Thomerson

I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to follow Jesus. God set the stars to give light to the world. The star of my life is Jesus. *Refrain: In Him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike. The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.* I want to see the brightness of God. I want to look at Jesus. Clear Sun of Righteousness, shine on my path, and show me the way to the Father. *(Refrain)* I'm looking for the coming of

<sup>2</sup> Book of Common Worship

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Christ. I want to be with Jesus. When we have run with patience the race, we shall know the joy of Jesus. (*Refrain*)

## SCRIPTURE

### Genesis 1:1-2 (NIV)

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.

Genesis 8:6-12

*Old Testament p. 6*

John 1:29-32

*New Testament p. 92*

## SERMON

*Pigeons and Doves*

*Pastor Wendy Lamb*

\*HYMN 291 v. 1

*Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness*<sup>4</sup>

*James K. Manley*

*Refrain: Spirit, spirit of gentleness,  
blow through the wilderness, calling and free.*

*Spirit, spirit of restlessness,  
stir me from placidness,  
wind, wind on the sea.*

*You moved on the waters;  
you called to the deep;  
then you coaxed up the mountains  
from the valleys of sleep;  
and over the eons  
you called to each thing,  
"Awake from your slumbers  
and rise on your wings." (*Refrain*)*

## A MOMENT for MISSION

*Rick Rodriguez*

## 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 plate. You may always send gifts by mail or online.)*

## BELL OFFERTORY

## SACRAMENT of the LORD'S SUPPER

## INVITATION to the LORD'S TABLE

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## **SURSUM CORDA**

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.**

## **GREAT PRAYER of THANKSGIVING**

### **SANCTUS**

*James C. Huffstutler*

✘ **Holy, holy, Lord Almighty, God of power and might.**

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Glory in the highest.

Blessed, blessed,

blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna, hosanna,

Hosanna in the highest.

### **MORNING PRAYER and 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;

and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever.

Amen.

### **PRAYER of CONSECRATION**

### **The WORDS of INSTITUTION**

### **WE SHARE GOD'S GIFTS**

*The cup is non-alcoholic. Gluten free bread and pre-packaged elements are available at the station under the pulpit.*

*Communion will be served by intinction at 2 stations. As you feel ready, please come up the center aisle to a station, receive a piece of bread, dip it in the cup, eat it, and return to your seat by the side aisle.*

*As you prepare to go forward and when you have returned, please join us in our sung prayer. These refrains will be sung over and over as we make them our own prayers.*

**SUNG PRAYERS**

**527 *Eat This Bread*<sup>5</sup>**

Eat this bread; drink this cup;  
come to me and never be hungry.  
Eat this bread; drink this cup;  
trust in me and you will not thirst”

**466 *Come and Fill Our Hearts*<sup>6</sup>**

Come and fill our hearts with your peace;  
You alone, O God, are holy.  
Come and fill our hearts with your peace;  
Alleluia.

**814 *In God Alone*<sup>7</sup>**

In God alone my soul can find rest and peace,  
in God my peace and joy.  
Only in God my soul can find its rest,  
find its rest and peace.

**PRAYER after COMMUNION**

✠ Easter God, you have met us in bread and cup,  
and surprised us with your joy.  
Send us out into the world dancing with delight,  
and with hallelujahs ringing in our hearts  
to share your love, your justice, and your praise.  
Amen.

**\*HYMN 247**

***Now the Green Blade Rises***

NOËL NOUVELET

**\*MOMENT for REFLECTION**

**\*CHARGE and BENEDICTION**

**\*RESPONSE**

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

The Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord lift His countenance upon you;  
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***

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**GREETERS:** Phyllis Hough, Meryl Davis

**USHERS:** Lynn Usher, *Lead Usher*

Jim Siegmund, Tim Usher, *Security Ushers*

**SOUND ENGINEERS:** Dan Direen, Brent Nord

**LIVESTREAM ENGINEER:** James Welte

**CAMERA OPERATORS:** Kevin Lamb, Lynn Usher

**REMEMBER IN PRAYER THIS WEEK**

**Judy Steppins, George Biddlecombe, Lorraine Bishop**

*Elders:* Jeanne Clark, Kathy Showman, Norm Wallis

*Deacons:* Katie Smith, Rebecca Allen, Brad Smith

**This Weeks' Celebrations**

*Apr 7* Patricia Parks

*Apr 8* Mary Bolaños

Don & Earleen Dudley

*Apr 12* Frederick Star

*Apr 13* Cassidy Wright

***A memorial service for Roy Nix*** will be held on **Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup>** at **Montecito Memorial Park and Mortuary, 3520 E. Washington Street in Colton.** The funeral service will be held at 1:00 p.m. and the graveside service will be held at 2:30 p.m.

***Symphonie Jeunesse Youth Orchestra*** presents ***Music in Myth and Fantasy*** on **Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m.** in the Fellowship Hall. Come listen to these talented young musicians. You will be delighted.

Our Mission Assessment Team has completed the **Mission Assessment Plan**, a necessary first step toward calling a new pastor, and the Plan has been approved by the Session and the Presbytery. You can see it on our website: <https://fpcsb.net/mission-assessment>

***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.



## *Music Box*

There's a particular detail of the Resurrection story that has always captivated me. And that is – the resurrected Jesus still has the holes in His hands and feet.

Think about it. We've had the stupendous miracle of rising from the dead. He's got a new resurrection body that, according to the Gospel accounts, can do miraculous things like appear in locked rooms. For the tsunami of miracles that comprise the resurrection, you'd think a little detail like fixing the holes would just be a matter of course. But it wasn't!

I think there's a deeper meaning here. And that is: there are some traumatic events that mark us, that change us forever. They become part of who we are. Sure, for a while after we suffer a major trauma (physical, emotional, whatever the type), we've got the long work of recovery and healing. It just takes us mere mortals more than three days to recover. But in time we do. No, we'll never be the same, we'll never be like we were before the trauma. But we CAN emerge from those terrible trips to the Underworld a little wiser, a little more compassionate, a kinder and gentler human being.

So, it would appear that Jesus will have the holes in His hands and feet forever. The crucifixion marks Him forever, for all to see. And there is a rightness to that.

Likewise major trauma marks each of us – it changes our soul's DNA. And we carry that mark, that new 'DNA' – forever. -- William Zeidler



*The seal of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) is a symbolic statement of the church's heritage, identity, and mission in contemporary form. Its power depends on both its simplicity and complexity, as well as its traditional and enduring qualities.*

*The basic symbols in the seal are the cross, Scripture, the dove, and flames.*

As a church of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), our congregational life is governed by the Ruling Elders of our current Session:

Mary Bolaños, Brooke Dvorak, Pat Morris, Martha Pinckney, Lily Bolaños, Margaret Doane, Jon Horstmann, Phyllis Hough, Sue Alexander, Jeanne Clark, Kathy Showman, Norm Wallis, and Clerk of Session Amy Smith

and supported by our Board of Deacons:

Rebecca Allen, Robin Edwards, Rick Rodriguez, Katie Smith, Brad Smith, Dave Thomas, Chris Wright-Thomas, Joyce Lyons, Joanna Nord, Mindy Rueda

In this time of change for our congregation, a Mission Assessment Plan has been completed by our Mission Assessment Team:

Mary Bolaños, John-Paul Fletcher, Nancy Horstmann, Marilyn Kraft, Jim Morris, Brent Nord, Irene Sandoval Suverkrup

*We will be forming our Pastor Nominating Committee in the next few weeks.*