

Third Sunday of Easter  
Service of Holy Communion

May 4, 2025

10:30 a.m. Worship



*Breakfast on the Beach by Peter Koenig*

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After breakfast Jesus asked Simon Peter, “Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?”

“Yes, Lord,” Peter replied, “you know I love you.”

“Then feed my lambs,” Jesus told him.

*--John 21: 15*

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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 with those who rejoice, weep with 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, June 8<sup>th</sup>.**

# Morning Worship†

Lector: Sharon Landeros

## REFLECTION BEFORE THE SERVICE

Delayed gratification has always been difficult for the children of God. Peter and his friends are living in the *meantime* — the time when we wait on God's next move. What do we do when we are waiting for God's next move?

Joy J. Moore, *Working Preacher*

## GATHERING MUSIC

### WELCOME

**PRELUDE**                      *Justice and the Knight's Sword*                      W. Zeitler  
*Allow the music to usher you into sacred space and time.*

## PRAYER of INVOCATION

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

*(Throughout Eastertide, we stand for the Easter Acclamation, Opening Hymn, Prayer of Adoration, and Response. You are invited to be seated at any time if that is more comfortable for you.)*

### \*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 248**                      *Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!*                      HYMN TO JOY

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

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

**\*PRAYER of ADORATION** *(from Psalm 30)*<sup>1</sup>

*(We remain standing in body or spirit for the Prayer of Adoration.  
You may always be seated as you wish.)*

- ✕ I will exalt you, O Lord, because you have lifted me up  
and have not let my enemies triumph over me.  
O Lord my God, I cried out to you,  
and you restored me to health.  
You brought me up, O Lord, from the dead;  
you restored my life as I was going down to the grave.  
Sing to the Lord, you servants of God;  
give thanks for the remembrance of the holiness of God.  
For the wrath of God endures but the twinkling of an eye,  
the divine favor for a lifetime.  
Weeping may spend the night,  
but joy comes in the morning.  
You have turned my wailing into dancing;  
you have put off my sack-cloth and clothed me with joy.  
Therefore my heart sings to you without ceasing;  
O Lord my God, I will give you thanks for ever.

*(We stand and sing)*

**\*REFRAIN 635**

***Laudate Dominum***<sup>2</sup>

*Berthier*

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

**TIME with the CHILDREN**

*[Children are always welcome in worship. After the Time with Children,  
our children are encouraged to remain with us in worship. There are  
children's activity bags available in the Narthex.*

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

**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 place your offering in the basket in  
front or give it to the usher. You may always send gifts by mail or online.)*

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<sup>1</sup> A LITURGICAL PSALTER GENERAL SYNOD 2016 EDITION The Psalter of The Book of  
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## OFFERTORY

### PRAYER of DEDICATION

✕ Receive these gifts  
of thanksgiving and praise  
and use them for your glory  
and the good of your people;  
in the name of Jesus Christ, the Lamb. Amen.

### ANTHEM

#### *A Canticle of Praise<sup>3</sup>*

Larry King

Glory to you, Lord God of our fathers; you are worthy of praise; glory to you. Glory to you for the radiance of your holy name; we will praise you, we will praise you, we will praise you and highly exalt you forever. Glory to you in the splendor of your temple; on the throne of your majesty, glory to you. Glory to you, seated between the cherubim; we will praise you and highly exalt you forever. Glory to you, beholding the depths; in the high vault of heav'n, glory to you. Glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; We will praise you, we praise you and highly exalt you forever.

### SCRIPTURE

John 21:1-19 (CEB)

*New Testament, p. 115*

This is the word of faith that we proclaim

✕ Thanks be to God.

### SERMON

#### *Feed My Sheep*

Pastor Wendy Lamb

HYMN 498 *Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken*<sup>4</sup> BEACH SPRING

*Verses 1-3, Please note singing instructions.*

*Verse 1, Lectern Side:*

Loaves were broken, words were spoken  
by the Galilean shore.

Jesus, Bread of Life from heaven,  
was their food forevermore.

*All:*

By your body broken for us,  
by your wine of life outpoured,  
Jesus, feed again your people.  
Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.

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*Verse 2, Pulpit Side:*

Loaves were broken, words were spoken  
in a quiet room one night  
In the bread and wine you gave them,  
Christ, you came as Light from Light.

*All:*

**By your body broken for us,  
by your wine of life outpoured,  
Jesus, feed again your people.  
Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.**

*Verse 3, Choir:*

Loaves are broken, words are spoken,  
as in faith we gather here.  
Jesus speaks across the ages:  
"I am with you; do not fear!"

*All:*

**By your body broken for us,  
by your wine of life outpoured,  
Jesus, feed again your people.  
Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.**

**SACRAMENT of the LORD'S SUPPER**

**INVITATION to the LORD'S TABLE**

**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.**

- ✘ 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 is available at the station under the pulpit. Communion will be served by intinction at two 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; Drink This Cup* <sup>5</sup> *Taizé*  
 ✘ 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.
- 507**    *Come to the Table of Grace* <sup>6</sup> *Barbara Hamm*  
 ✘ Come to the table of grace.  
 Come to the table of grace.  
 This is God's table; it's not yours or mine.  
 Come to the table of grace.  
 Come to the table of peace...  
 Come to the table of love...  
 Come to the table of hope...  
 Come to the table of joy...

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635 *Laudate Dominum*<sup>2</sup>

Taizé

- ✠ Laudate Dominum, laudate Dominum,  
omnes gentes, alleluia!  
Laudate Dominum, laudate Dominum  
omnes gentes, alleluia!

**PRAYER after COMMUNION**

- ✠ Easter God, you have met us in bread and cup,  
and surprised us with your joy. Alleluia! Amen.

**\*HYMN 498** *Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken*<sup>4</sup> BEACH SPRING

*Verse 4*

By the loaves you break and give us,  
send us in your name to share  
bread for which the millions hunger,  
words that tell your love and care.

By your body broken for us,  
by your wine of life outpoured,  
Jesus, feed again your people.  
Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.

**\*MOMENT for REFLECTION**

**\*CHARGE and BENEDICTION**

**\*RESPONSE** *God Be with You till We Meet Again* William G. Tomer

**POSTLUDE** *Hymn*

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**GREETER:** Meryll Davis

**USHERS:** Dave Thomas, *Lead Usher*

Marilyn Kraft, Rick Rodriguez, *Security Ushers*

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

**LIVESTREAM ENGINEER:** James Welte

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



**REMEMBER IN PRAYER THIS WEEK**

**Debora Holk, Jim Huffstutler, Ron & Ruby Kraft**

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

**Deacons: Chris Thomas, Joanna Nord, Mindy Rueda**

**Pastor Nominating Committee:**

**Brian Gano, Kendra Lamb, Jim Morris**

**This Weeks' Celebrations**

**May 4** Erika Mantei

**May 6** Kaiyah Dubois

Katie Willis

**May 7** Brian Gano

Maggie Willis

**May 9** Chasen Bricker

Rosalind Mantei

Phil Savage III

**May 10** Marissa Congdon

Susan Skoglund

***Help our food ministry*** through a what we hope is a temporary shortage of food at the food bank by donating shelf-stable items, such as beans, cereal, pasta, rice, peanut butter, and canned fruits and vegetables, granola bars, and crackers. See bulletin insert. Food can be brought to Fellowship Hall stage or Rick, Marilyn, or Dave. ***Thanks!***

***Symphonie Jeunesse Youth Orchestra*** presents a concert on **Sunday, May 11<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m.** in the Fellowship Hall. Come listen to these talented young musicians. You will be delighted.

***Big Bear Camp Early Bird Special.*** Get 50 dollars off normal prices for your campers through May 30th. Incoming 4th - 12th graders are invited to join us at Big Bear Lake Christian Conference Center for a weeklong of summer camp fun! The theme for this year of Summer Camp is 'The Fruits of The Spirit'.

***Scholarships available.*** Scholarships are available from the church and the Presbytery. Grant applications to make it easier for you to apply to Partners in Ministry for Camp Scholarships or Norlund Fund Camp Scholarships or Projects that involve Fourth Graders, Contact Mimi in the church office for brochures and forms to apply.

***Blood Drive.*** On **Sunday, June 1** we will host our **FIRST** blood drive of the year. ***Sign-ups will begin on Sunday, May 11 in Fellowship Hall*** immediately after church. On **Sunday, November 30** we will host a second blood drive. Please share with others.

***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 once was a young apprentice named Renn who studied under a master builder. The city had grown tall and proud, full of towers, and Renn dreamed of building the highest spire the world had ever seen. He memorized every ratio, calculated every load-bearing equation, and studied wind patterns on the upper terraces.

He was gifted. Focused. Obsessively so. He thought height was glory, and glory was purpose.

But when his apprenticeship ended, no commission came.

The master retired. The guilds were full. The city had all the towers it needed—or so they said. Renn waited. Applied. Begged. Nothing.

Out of money, he took the only work he could find: inspecting and refurbishing the foundation stones of an abandoned bathhouse at the edge of the city. The job was shameful. No one saw it except the rats.

The first day, he cursed every hour.

The second, he worked in silence.

The third, he began to pay attention.

The deeper he dug, the more he saw how uneven the ancient stones were—not because the builders were clumsy, but because they had accounted for shifting earth. The stones leaned into each other like old friends bearing weight. Their strength was in their irregularity.

These bathhouses weren't the proud, angular towers he had once idolized. But they had held up for generations — ready for more generations still.

One dusk, as he brushed moss from a particularly curious cornerstone, he noticed a symbol carved into its underside: a spiral, barely visible, smoothed by time.

He froze.

It matched a symbol on a scroll his old master had once shown him—once, and never again.

The “foundation sigil,” it was called. Supposedly, whoever found three such stones could locate the city beneath the city—the First Settlement—lost, buried, forgotten.

A city before towers.

A city built to endure, not impress.

Renn stared at the stone long into the night.

He returned every day, not just to inspect and refurbish, but to search. And as he worked, he began to understand why the builders of old had buried their wisdom beneath the feet of the ambitious. Why the First Settlement was hidden beneath the very city that forgot it.

Because some truths cannot be seen from above.

Because some knowledge must be earned through failure. Through the lowly path.

And because some callings do not arrive with fanfare, but with a sigh of shifting earth and a whisper in the stone. And paying attention.

*(To be continued.)*

*-- William Zeidler*

## Help Your Neighbors by Donating:

### Shelf-Stable Food Essentials

- ☐ Bars – Protein, Granola, Snack
- ☐ Beans – canned or dry
- ☐ Canned Chicken, Meat, Seafood
- ☐ Canned Fruits & Vegetables
- ☐ Cereal
- ☐ Pasta & Rice – plain or flavored
- ☐ Peanut Butter
- ☐ Soup, Stew, Chili
- ☐ Tomatoes or Tomato Sauce

### Special Items just for Non-cooking

#### bags

- ☐ Beverages – Protein drink, Fruit juice, flavored or plain water
- ☐ Pop-top meal (e.g. Soup, Chili, SpaghettiOs)
- ☐ Pop-top chicken, meat, or seafood
- ☐ Pop-top fruit, single serve applesauce.
- ☐ Crackers, nuts & seeds

Thanks!

Your First Pres  
Food Ministry





*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:

Lily Bolaños, Margaret Doane, Jon Horstmann, Phyllis Hough,  
Sue Alexander, Jeanne Clark, Kathy Showman, Norm Wallis,  
Pat Morris, Susan Skoglund, Katie Smith, Neal Williams,  
and Clerk of Session Amy Smith

and supported by our Board of Deacons:

Rebecca Allen, Brad Smith, Dave Thomas, Chris Wright-Thomas,  
Kristine French, Joyce Lyons, Joanna Nord, Mindy Rueda, Rick  
Rodriguez, Jim Siegmund, Kyle Smith, and Christian Usher.

In this time of change for our congregation, a Pastor Nominating Committee has been elected by the congregation:

Susan Addington, Mary Bolaños, John-Paul Fletcher,  
Brian Gano, Kendra Lamb, Jim Morris,  
Shelby Obershaw, Christa Wallis, Neal Williams