

### SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

April 25, 2021

Fourth Sunday of Easter

10:00 A.M.

#### THE GATHERING

To Glorify God and Enjoy God Forever

Prelude Sonata 6 (Vivace)

Johann Sebastian Bach

CHIMING THE HOUR

**CHORAL INTROIT** 

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

from John 10

Leader: I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays

down his life for the sheep.

People: The hired hand runs away because a hired hand

does not care for the sheep.

Leader: I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my

own know me.

People: The Father knows me and I know the Father.

Leader: I lay down my life for the sheep.

People: The Father loves me, because I lay down my life in

order to take it up again.

\*HYMN No. 420 God of Grace and God of Glory

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#### CALL TO RECONCILIATION

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Holy Lord, your steadfast love endures forever.

Your commitment to us is unquestionable, and yet we turn away from your promise of salvation. We confess that we reject the one you send and fail to tell the world of your mighty deeds. When the gates of righteousness are open, we turn away. Forgive us, we pray. May we always rejoice and be glad in you. Amen.

#### SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

#### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the

Lord.

People: Jesus Christ is the chief cornerstone.

Leader: In his name we are forgiven and made new.

People: This is the work of the Lord. Thanks be to God!

<sup>\*</sup> Those who are able are invited to stand.

\*GLORIA PATRI Hymn No. 579

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.

#### \*THE PEACE

The Peace of Christ be with you. And also with you.

ANTHEM

The Lord Is My Shepherd

arr. Walter Ehret

My Shepherd will supply my need; Jehovah is His name; In pastures fresh He makes me feed Beside the living stream. He brings my wand'ring spirit back When I forsake His ways; He leads me for His mercy's sake In paths of truth and grace.

When I walk through the shades of death, Thy presence is my stay; One word of Thy supporting truth Drives all my fears away. Thy hand, in sight of all my foes, Doth still my table spread; My cup with blessings over flows, Thine oil anoints my head.

#### TIME FOR THE CHILDREN

#### THE WORD OF GOD

#### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

O Lord our God, your Word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path. Give us grace to receive your truth in faith and love, that we may be obedient to your will and live always for your glory; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

#### SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 4:1-12

By what power or by what name did you do this?

SERMON

Power

Rev. Sherard Edington

#### RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

#### \*Affirmation of Faith

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,

And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

## OFFERTORY PRAYER \*DOXOLOGY

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

#### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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#### SENDING FORTH

\*HYMN No. 106 Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks

alleluia no. 1

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*Choral Response

\*Postlude

Jubilate

Noel Rawsthorne

#### Acts 4:1-12

While Peter and John were speaking to the people, the priests, the captain of the temple, and the Sadducees came to them, much annoyed because they were teaching the people and proclaiming that in Jesus there is the resurrection of the dead. So they arrested them and put them in custody until the next day, for it was already evening. But many of those who heard the word believed; and they numbered about five thousand.

The next day their rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?"

Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is 'the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone.' There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved."

#### WELCOME

We extend a warm welcome to all who worship with us this morning. If you are seeking a church home, we invite you to become a member of First Presbyterian Church. For more information, please speak to the pastor at the close of the service.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Wednesday Night Fellowship Dinner May 19, 6:00 p.m.

> Covered Dish Meat will be provided

To make a reservation, please call the church office at (615) 444-1360 Friday, May 14.

CROSSROADS CLASS – The CrossRoads Sunday School Class will resume meeting in-person on Sunday, May 9, immediately following the worship service. They will meet in the Library.

KRISTY ON LEAVE—Kristy will be on medical leave from April 26 until May 11 due to having surgery.

A TIME TO BLOOM—Bloom Yoga Studio is hosting a community event to benefit Compassionate Hands. The event will be held on Saturday, May 1, from 10:00 am to noon at the Compassionate Hands Center for Hope and Renewal. Tickets are \$45. There will be yoga practice, guided flower arranging, refreshments, giveaways, and more! For information, please visit bloomyoga.studio online.

#### YOUTH

YOUTH GROUP (5<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> grade) – In-person youth group will meet on **1st and 3rd Wednesdays** from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. for fellowship and opportunities to serve the homeless in our community.

#### THIS WEEK AT FPC

Today

10:00 a.m. Worship 11:10 a.m. Book Club

Monday Tuesday

9:00 a.m. Preschool

Wednesday

7:00 p.m. Choir Practice

Thursday

9:00 a.m. Preschool

Friday Saturday

# Class of 2021 Class of 2022 Suanne Bone Jessica Fain Don Goodwin Mickey Stueck Adrienne Johnson

Class of 2023 Max Carter Frank Reeves

	DIACONATE
Class of 2021	Class of 2022
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Becky Harm Lee Lyle Sandra Patton Emily Peyton

David Howell

Class of 2022
Jack Emmert
Marilyn Peyton
Laura Simmons
Margaret Ann Trail

Class of 2023 Margaret Carroll

#### **CHURCH COMMITTEES**

Clerk of Session – Barbara Howell
Treasurer – Robin Orewiler
Budget & Finance – Frank Reeves
Buildings and Grounds – David Howell
Christian Education – Mickey Stueck
Congregational Care – Adrienne Johnson
Outreach – Adrienne Johnson
Personnel – Jessica Fain
Worship – Suanne Bone

#### **STAFF**

Ministers – All Members of the Congregation
Pastor – Sherard Edington
Director of Music – Branson Clark
Organist – J. D. Plant
Director of Christian Education – Michael Schulte
Office Administrator – Kristy Vincent
Preschool Director – Angela Hankins
Nursery – Sara Brown
Custodians – Stratus Cleaning Service

#### SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

Children
Nursery
Atypical Class
Preschool – 1<sup>st</sup> Grade
Elementary Class
Middle School Class
High School Class
Women's Class

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