



# First Presbyterian Church



## **Sunday Worship**

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter (Year B)

11 April 2021

9:30 a.m.

## Everyone Is Welcome!



You are invited to join us on our journey of faith! We seek to serve God, to minister to our community, and to love one another. Help us in our quest to become an ever more inclusive church that welcomes all people from all backgrounds, abilities, and identities. Come along and experience the love of God, the grace of Christ, and the communion of the Holy Spirit.

Christian worship joyfully ascribes all praise and honor, glory and power to the triune God.

In worship the people of God acknowledge God present in the world and in their lives. As they respond to God’s claim and redemptive action in Jesus Christ, believers are transformed and renewed. In worship the faithful offer themselves to God and are equipped for God’s service in the world. (*Book of Order, Directory for Worship W 1.1001*)

### **First Presbyterian Church of Carbondale Order of Worship for Sunday 4/11/21:**

#### Prayer in Preparation

Breathe in this place, O Lord,  
by the power of your Holy Spirit,  
to open our minds,  
unlock our hearts,  
and enliven our faith  
so that we may welcome  
the risen one among us. Amen.



#### Ministry of the Church

One: We thank God for these opportunities for fellowship and service.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

#### **Where I Saw God This Week...**

#### Joys and Concerns

One: We give thanks to God for these blessings.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

One: For all these people and all who are in need

**All: Please hold your people near, O God!**

**Prelude:** He Leadeth Me (arr. Greg Howlett)

-Saem Lee, pianist

**Gathering for Worship**

Leader: Peace be with you.

How good and pleasant it is  
when we live together in unity.

Receive the Holy Spirit.

It is like precious oil on the head,  
the blessing of the Lord.

**All: Let us worship God!**

**Hymn:** #248 Christ is Risen! Shout Hosanna!

vv. 1-3

**1 Christ is risen! Shout Hosanna!**

**Celebrate this day of days!**

**Christ is risen! Hush in wonder:  
all creation is amazed.**

**In the desert all-surrounding,  
see, a spreading tree has grown.**

**Healing leaves of grace abounding  
bring a taste of love unknown.**

**2 Christ is risen! Raise your spirits  
from the caverns of despair.**

**Walk with gladness in the morning.**

**See what love can do and dare.**

**Drink the wine of resurrection,  
not a servant, but a friend.**

**Jesus is our strong companion.**

**Joy and peace shall never end.**

**3 Christ is risen! Earth and heaven  
nevermore shall be the same.**

**Break the bread of new creation  
where the world is still in pain.**

**Tell its grim, demonic chorus:**

**"Christ is risen! Get you gone!"**

**God the First and Last is with us.**

**Sing Hosanna everyone!**

## **Call to Confession**

Leader: If we say that we have no sin,  
we deceive ourselves,  
and the truth is not in us.  
But if we confess our sins,  
God who is faithful and just  
will forgive us our sins  
and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.  
Trusting in God's mercy,  
let us confess our sin.

## **Prayer of Confession**

Leader: Let us pray...

**All: You have shown yourself to us, O God,  
by Word and Spirit,  
with signs and wonders,  
in flesh and blood,  
yet we still struggle to live and believe  
the good news of Jesus Christ.  
Have mercy on us; forgive us.  
Enter into our lives  
and cast out our fear  
so that we may come to trust in you  
and have life in Jesus' name. Amen.**

## **Assurance of Forgiveness**

Leader: We have an advocate with God—  
Jesus Christ, the righteous one—  
who offered his life in love to save the world from sin.  
This is the good news of the gospel:  
in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## **Giving of the Peace**

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you all!

**All: And also with you!**

**Response: #282** Glory to God Whose Goodness Shines on Me

**Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,  
And to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,**

**And to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen. (2x)**

### **Children's Sermon: I'm Sorry. No, Really.**

#### **Prayer for Illumination**

Leader: God of all who doubt and believe,  
by the gift of your Spirit enable us to hear with our ears,  
to see with our eyes, and to touch with our hands  
your Word of life—Jesus Christ—  
our Lord and our God. **Amen.**



#### **Old Testament Lesson**

Psalm 133

Leader: <sup>1</sup>How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity!  
<sup>2</sup>It is like the precious oil on the head, running down upon the beard, on the  
beard of Aaron, running down over the collar of his robes.  
<sup>3</sup>It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion. For there  
the LORD ordained his blessing, life forevermore.

#### **Ministry of Music**

*Carlyn Zimmermann et al.*

#### **New Testament Lesson:**

John 20:19-31

Minister: <sup>19</sup>When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the  
doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews,  
Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." <sup>20</sup>After he said  
this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when  
they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup>Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father  
has sent me, so I send you." <sup>22</sup>When he had said this, he breathed on them and  
said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup>If you forgive the sins of any, they are  
forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." <sup>24</sup>But Thomas  
(who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus  
came. <sup>25</sup>So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to  
them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the  
mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

<sup>26</sup>A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them.  
Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said,  
"Peace be with you." <sup>27</sup>Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my  
hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but  
believe." <sup>28</sup>Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" <sup>29</sup>Jesus said to him,

“Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.” <sup>30</sup>Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. <sup>31</sup>But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Minister: The word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**Proclamation of the Word:** “You Are A Sinner.” “Okay.”

**Affirmation of Faith:** PCUSA Confession of 1967 Section 9.25

**The members of the church are emissaries of peace  
and seek the good of all  
in cooperation with powers and authorities  
in politics, culture, and economics.  
But they have to fight against pretensions and injustices  
when these same powers endanger human welfare.  
Their strength is in their confidence  
that God’s purpose rather than human schemes  
will finally prevail .**

**Hymn:** #761 Called as Partners in Christ’s Service vv. 1-2

**1 Called as partners in Christ's service  
Called to ministries of grace  
We respond with deep commitment  
Fresh new lines of faith to trace  
May we learn the art of sharing  
Side by side and friend with friend  
Equal partners in our caring  
To fulfil God's chosen end**

**2 Christ's example Christ's inspiring  
Christ's clear call to work and worth  
Let us follow never faltering  
Reconciling folk on earth  
Men and women richer poorer  
All God's people young and old  
Blending human skills together  
Gracious gifts from God unfold**

## **Minute for Mission:** Holocaust Remembrance and International Roma Day

### **Invitation to the Offering:**

Leader: Remember the first believers—  
who shared one heart and soul,  
held their possessions in common,  
and distributed them to all in need.  
In that same spirit,  
let us present our offerings  
at the feet of the risen Lord.

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### **\*Doxology: #606**

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

### **Prayer of Dedication**

Leader: Holy God, we give you thanks and praise  
for light and life and love, and—above all—  
the presence of the living Lord among us.  
By your Spirit who breathes within us,  
strengthen our faith, use our gifts,  
and work in our lives to bear witness  
to the resurrection of Christ our Lord,  
in whose name we pray. **Amen.**

### **Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer**

Minister: God inspires us to pray, hears our prayers, and answers our prayers.

**All: Alleluia! Amen!**

Minister: Let us pray...

*Silent Prayer*

Minister: Let us pray together the Lord's Prayer...

**All: Our Father in heaven,  
Hallowed be your name,  
Your kingdom come, your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours  
Now and forever. Amen.**

**Hymn: #761** Called as Partners in Christ's Service

vv. 3-4

**3 Thus new patterns for Christ's mission  
In a small or global sense  
Help us bear each other's burdens  
Breaking down each wall or fence  
Words of comfort words of vision  
Words of challenge said with care  
Bring new power and strength for action  
Make us colleagues free and fair**

**4 So God grant us for tomorrow  
Ways to order human life  
That surround each person's sorrow  
With a calm that conquers strife  
Make us partners in our living  
Our compassion to increase  
Messengers of faith thus giving  
Hope and confidence and peace**

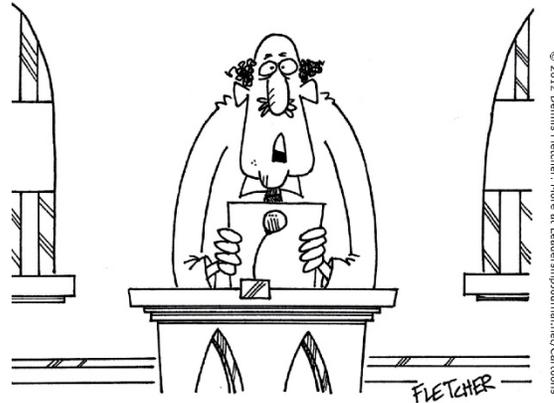
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**Charge and Blessing:**

Minister: Let your life be a sign of Christ's life  
so that others may come to believe  
that the Lord is risen indeed.  
This is the blessing of the Lord:  
life forevermore. Amen.

**Postlude:** Resurrection Medley (arr. Mark Hayes)

## Moment of Reflection:



"... and the church unity workshop has been postponed until the deacons can agree on the date, time, and color of the participant's name tags."

### ***Household Prayer: Morning***

God of light, I praise you  
for the gift of this new day.  
By the power of your Spirit  
enable me to live in your light  
and seek the holy fellowship  
of Jesus Christ my Lord. Amen.

### ***Household Prayer: Evening***

Be with me, Lord Jesus, at the evening of this day.  
Enter into my heart  
and fill it with your peace  
so that I may rejoice and rest  
in your presence. Amen.

**Worship Assistant:** Kathy Manfredi

Next Week: Sharon Wittke

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 14, 2021**

Wednesday Afternoon Bible Study at 3:30pm

**SUNDAY, APRIL 18, 2021**

Sunday worship via Zoom at 9:30am. Sign in early for fellowship.

<p><b>Pastor Kerry's Office Hours</b> <b>Monday-Thursday 10:00am-2:00pm</b></p>
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*If you would like a call or a visit—or if you know someone who needs a visit—please let Kerry or one of the Deacons know.*

## **Announcements**

**Faith Dialogues** returns today with a discussion about interfaith ministries here in Carbondale.

The **Presbyterian Preschool** is having a fundraiser at MOD Pizza on Sunday 4/18. From 10:30am-9:00pm you can dine in or order out and the Preschool will receive 20% of the proceeds. Use the Promo Code: GR184883P. More details at <https://www.groupraise.com/events/184883>

**Session** meets this month on Tuesday 4/13 at 7:00pm.

Our **Pentecost** worship on Sunday 5/23 will be in-person outdoors on the Greenspace and available via Zoom! Communion will be shared.

Small Group Ministry invites you to take a **Walk in the Woods** at Chautauqua Bottoms Nature Preserve tomorrow (4/12) at 1:00pm. Meet at the northern trailhead. Masks and social distancing, please.

There is a special called meeting of the Presbytery of SE Illinois at 1:00pm on Thursday 4/15.

## **Joys and Concerns**

### **Pray for God's grace, mercy & help:**

- Covid19 Pandemic patients, including national and local leaders and the ongoing vaccination efforts
- Social unrest and political polarization
- Those in the destructive path of natural disasters
- Those who are homeless, hungry, and in harm's way
- For the victims of mass shootings and hate crimes

- For those in shelters on the southern border

Each week we pray for one of the faith communities that participate in the Carbondale Interfaith Council. This week the council asks us to please pray for: **Epiphany Lutheran Church**

The Mission/Ministry we are praying for this month is: **Nominating Committee**

**Remember to pray for:**

- Our National Leaders
- Students, faculty, and staff at school
- Our nation in midst of violence
- Our world, in the midst of terrorism
- Refugees in Europe
- Resolution to the migrant dilemma
- Homeless, unemployed and those without adequate health care
- Missionaries in Africa and everywhere
- Service men and women

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