



First Presbyterian Church



Sunday Worship

Easter Sunday (Year B)

4 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 4/4/21:

Prayer in Preparation

Holy One, you come to us with power beyond all knowing. You lift all things out of the dust, you breathe love into every cell, you call us into communion with you, and you claim victory over death. Blessed be your holy name now and forever. 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: When I Survey the Wondrous Cross (arr. Greg Howlett)

-Saem Lee, pianist

Gathering for Worship

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Minister: Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it. Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Minister: Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

All: Let us worship God!

Hymn: #250 In the Bulb There is a Flower

vv. 1-3

**1 In the bulb there is a flower;
in the seed, an apple tree;
in cocoons, a hidden promise:
butterflies will soon be free!
In the cold and snow of winter
there's a spring that waits to be,
unrevealed until its season,
something God alone can see.**

**2 There's a song in every silence,
seeking word and melody;
there's a dawn in every darkness,
bringing hope to you and me.
From the past will come the future;
what it holds, a mystery,
unrevealed until its season,
something God alone can see.**

**3 In our end is our beginning;
in our time, infinity;
in our doubt there is believing;
in our life, eternity.
In our death, a resurrection;
at the last, a victory,
unrevealed until its season,
something God alone can see.**

Call to Confession

Leader: Jesus' rising from the dead assures us
that we, too, have been given new life.

Let us repent of our sin before God and one another,
certain of God's mercy.

Prayer of Confession

Leader: Let us pray...

**All: All-knowing, all-powerful God,
we confess that, even on this most holy day,
we are unable to believe in the victory over death
shown to us in the resurrection of Jesus Christ, our Lord.
We confess our utter dependence on you not only for life
but also for faith, hope, and love.
Without your astonishing appearance to our ancestors
and your stunning presence throughout the ages,
we would be lost.
Forgive us and transform us,
that in every way our work and prayer will
make whole what is broken and give peace on earth. Amen.**

Assurance of Forgiveness

Leader: By the grace of God and the witness of our ancestors,
the good news of Jesus' resurrection is our rock and our salvation.
You shall not die but live.

The rejected cornerstone has become your strength and your song.
As a called and ordained elder of the church of Christ,
I declare to you the forgiveness of all your sins,
in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God,
who lives and reigns as Mother of us all, now and forever.

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: An Egg-travaganza!

Prayer for Illumination

Leader: Open our eyes and soften our hearts, O God, through the work of your Holy Spirit, that in the hearing of your Word we may receive new life. **Amen.**



Old Testament Lesson

Isaiah 25:6-9

Leader: ⁶On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear. ⁷And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death forever. ⁸Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken.

⁹It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the LORD for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

Ministry of Music

Carlyn Zimmermann et al.

New Testament Lesson:

John 20:1-18

Minister: Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. ²So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." ³Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. ⁴The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. ⁶Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, ⁷and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. ⁸Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; ⁹for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. ¹⁰Then the disciples returned to their homes.

¹¹But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; ¹²and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. ¹³They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." ¹⁴When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. ¹⁵Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." ¹⁶Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). ¹⁷Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" ¹⁸Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

Minister: The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Proclamation of the Word: Only In Your Heart

Hymn: #245 Christ the Lord is Risen Today!

vv. 1-4

1 "Christ the Lord is risen today!" Alleluia!

All creation, join to say: Alleluia!

Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!

Sing, O heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!

2 Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!

Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!

Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia!

Christ has opened paradise. Alleluia!

3 Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!

Where, O death, is now your sting? Alleluia!

Jesus died, our souls to save, Alleluia!

Where your victory, O grave? Alleluia!

4 Hail the Lord of earth and heaven! Alleluia!

Praise to you by both be given, Alleluia!

Every knee to you shall bow, Alleluia!
Risen Christ, triumphant now. Alleluia!

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation:

Minister: "Friends, this is the joyful feast... ..to share the feast he has prepared."

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Minister: The Lord be with you.

Leader: And also with you.

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

Leader: We lift them up to the Lord.

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Leader: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Minister: By your own power you raised Christ Jesus from death to life. Through his victory... ..We praise you that as we break bread in faith, we shall know the risen Christ among us.

How wonderful are your ways... ..we lift our hearts in joyful praise:

Leader: Holy, holy, holy Lord. God of power and might,

Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Minister: We praise you most holy God... ..we will celebrate victory with him.

Words of Institution

Minister: We thank you that on the night before he died, Jesus took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat. This is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

(The bread is eaten.)

Minister: In the same way he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood, shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this for the remembrance of me." *(The cup is shared.)*

Conclusion of the Prayer

Minister: Therefore in remembrance of your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we take this bread and this cup and give you praise and thanksgiving. Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

All: **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

One: Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us...
...for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

Invitation to the Offering:

Leader: Jesus gave himself for the life of the world. With humble hearts bowed in awe, let us offer ourselves and our gifts to God, including our special offering to the One Great Hour of Sharing.

Please, as you are financially able, continue to contribute to the life and ministry of the church through your gifts. Give online at <http://www.firstprescdale.org>, through direct deposit or by sending checks in the mail.



***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, you shower us with gifts so abundant,
we cannot measure them all.
You give us life itself
and the power to befriend our companions in this world.
Bless these gifts for the sake of those in need,
in the name of the Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier,
one God, now and forever. **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: #254 That Easter Day with Joy was Bright

vv. 1-3

**1 That Easter day with joy was bright;
the sun shone out with fairer light
when, to their longing eyes restored,
the apostles saw their risen Lord.**

**2 He bade them see his hands, his side,
where yet the glorious wounds abide,
the tokens true which made it plain
their Lord indeed was risen again.**

**3 From every weapon death can wield,
your own redeemed forever shield;
O Lord of all, with us abide
in this our joyful Eastertide.**

Charge and Blessing:

Minister: Go from here renewed and strong,
knowing that the Lord is alive, almighty, and present.
Look for the blessings that await you this week.
Weep with those who weep.
Rejoice with those who celebrate.
Tell the story of hope.
Now may the truth of the empty tomb—
the astonishing reality of Jesus' resurrection—
keep you fearless and sure
that you will see the Resurrected One
again and again in this life.
May the power of God's endless love
surround you and guide you,
this day and always.

Postlude: Christ the Lord is Risen Today (arr. Mark Hayes)

Moment of Reflection:

"Easter is the shared space where Jesus meets us, calling our name, receiving our touch, calming our anxious worries, and reminding us again and again that grace is not an object to be known but a gift to be lived."

— Serene Jones

Household Prayer: Morning

Heavenly God, our Father,
I am full of thanks for a night of rest
and for this new day and all that now awaits me.
I go forward toward encounters with family and friends,
work and play,
and all that will bring me into contact with strangers,
certain that you are with me.
Lead and guide me in the way of a resurrected life.
Help me to see the risen Lord today; in Jesus' name. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

Holy God, our Mother,
you are my comfort at the end as at the beginning of each day.
You pull me toward the goodness you desire for me.
I give you thanks for all that has come my way this day,
and I ask your enveloping power to watch over me this night.
Give rest to all your people.
Wherever there is pain and struggle,
may your holy angels bring peace; in Jesus' name. Amen.
and begin afresh tomorrow. Amen.

Worship Assistant: Pat Manfredi

Next Week: Kathy Manfredi

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 7, 2021

Wednesday Afternoon Bible Study at 3:30pm

SUNDAY, APRIL 11, 2021

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

<p>Pastor Kerry's Office Hours Monday-Thursday 10:00am-2:00pm</p>

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 takes a break today but returns on 4/11 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.

The **Per Capita for 2021** is *still* only \$42.00! (Why not get two?)

Mark your calendar for **Southern Illinois Pride Weekend**: Sept. 24th-26th.

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

Ongoing Concerns:

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: **Dayemi Teriqat**

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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