

Response

Liturgist: This is the Word of the Lord
People: *Thanks be to God*

Sermon *Resurrection Story: Freed*

Rev. Melick

***Reflection Time Hymn** #462 *I Love to Tell the Story*

***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 Spirit, 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 at 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 Spirit; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offering Music

***The 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

Communion Hymn #525 *Let Us Break Bread Together*

Communion

Invitation to the Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

All: *And also with you.*

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

All: *We lift them to the Lord.*

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

All: *It is right to give our thanks and praise.*

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

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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.

***Sending Hymn** #543 *O Christ, Surround Me*

***Charge and Benediction**

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***Congregational Response** *Threefold Amen* Hymn #601

***Postlude**

This Week at FPC

April 15 – 10:00am, Sewing Group

April 17 – 7:00pm, Choir practice

April 18 – 6:30pm, Elizabeth Circle

Mark Your Calendars

April 27 – 9:00am, Men's breakfast

April 28 – 9:30am, Coffee Discussion Group

April 28 – 12:00pm, Almost Mission May 5K

Domestic Violence Shelter They are asking for donations of Plus Size Clothing, Hair care products (blow dryers, straighteners, etc.), personal care supplies, phone chargers, laundry soap, and cleaning supplies.

Ladies Tea – the upcoming tea will be held May, 18th at Noon. Cost is \$10.00 to be paid with reservation. Reservation papers are on the Information Tables.

2024 Mission Almost May 5K on April 28, 12:00. Walk and Run in nature enjoying God's world while supporting our Youth Mission Team. This year our team will be building ramps and fences for families in need in Altoona, Pa. Register to walk or run for a fee of \$15.



The flowers this morning are given by Jack & Carmel Mann in honor of their wedding anniversary.

Prayers of First Presbyterian Church Family and Friends

"Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you"

~Jeremiah 29:12

In our continuing prayers:

Countries at War

Sarah Gregg - continuing cancer treatment, Cy Acheson's granddaughter

Cy – pray for strength and healing

Logan Eifort – tumor is shrinking, Keith & Chris Jones grandson

Zoe Barnes – home but still needs a lot of care, Kelly Smith's cousin

Remember and Uphold:

Betty Stewart-Greenbriar

Betty Bourne –Vancrest (Vickie Volkerding's mother)

Our at Home Shut-ins

Doris Barker

Marge Jordan

Julia Withrow

Elaine Hawley

For our Nation and those who serve

Church Members & Friends In The Service

Mac Altom/ U.S. Army

Zack Pool/ Air Force

Addam Moore/ U.S. Marines

Jeremy Barnes/ Navy

Tanner Crabtree/ Army

Brett Barnes / Navy

Caleb Cosmi / Air Force

Cameron Rife / U.S. Navy

Nicholas Rife / U.S. Navy

Laura Soper/ Air Force Reserve

Grant Davis / Army Reserve

Cliff Garey / Navy

Richard (Alex) Trogdon/ Navy

Ryan Kiracofe / Air Force

Grace Wagner/Basic Training

Drew Roach / Navy

Ryan Hall / Army

Miguel Martinez/Army Reserve- Active now

Please contact our prayer chain coordinator, Ann Murray, 937-336-0116, email: annmurray916@yahoo.com, call the church office, 937-456-3754, office@eatonfpc.org, or drop a note in the offering plate with updates.

Liturgist: Jesus vanished from the room as quickly as he had appeared on the road but they were left with the awe and wonder of having their hearts transformed...

All: We open to the possibility that nothing is closed, that our hearts can be opened anytime, anywhere, and resurrection from death-dealing forces is possible.

Liturgist: This is a Word of Hope for the people who long for it.

All: Thanks be to the Living Word.

*Opening Hymn #836 *Abide With Me*

Prayer of Confession & Passing of the Peace

Kathy McCreary

Prayer of Confession

Risen Christ, we are often troubled by our doubts. But you are not troubled by them. You do not require perfect understanding. Instead, you reveal yourself to us again and again that we might come to know you. Forgive us when our doubts keep us stuck, when fear prevents us from loving all creation as you call us to do. Help us to accept the peace you so graciously offer to us. Have mercy on us when we hoard or hide it, when we fail to offer it to others. Renew us and make us whole that in this world of strife we may be bearers of your peace. In resurrection hope we pray, Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness and the Passing of the Peace

Liturgist: May the peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

*Our Response of Praise – #581 *Gloria Patri*

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.

Children's Message *The Road to Emmaus*

Rev. Melick

Prayer for Illumination

Kathy McCreary

New Testament Scripture Readings

Romans 8:12-25 PB 991 LP 148

Acts 16:16-24 PB 972 LP 129

First Presbyterian Church
April 14, 2024
Resurrection Stories: Unlock Yours
Communion Sunday

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Melick

Prelude

Call to Worship

Kathy McCreary

Liturgist: They were on the road to Emmaus...

All: We travel so many roads, so many journeys in this life, sometimes traveling towards, sometimes away from, a life of freedom.

Liturgist: Jesus came and fell into step with them, but they did not recognize him...

All: We are sometimes so overwhelmed with the struggles of this world that we can't see the Companion that walks alongside us.

Liturgist: Jesus asked them what they were talking about...

All: We have recited our stories of pain so often that we can't imagine there are other ways to interpret events, to get past the regret.

Liturgist: They explained the horror of the recent past, about their friend who was crucified and their disappointment at dreams of liberation dashed...

All: We so often think we've hit the end of the road, the finale of the story, with nothing left to say.

Liturgist: Then Jesus began to tell the story as a bigger picture...

All: We sometimes perceive only the parts that feel insurmountable without zooming out to notice the larger narrative of hope.

Liturgist: They invited Jesus to dinner after such a long walk...

All: We actually know how to reach for help, even when we don't realize we need it.

Liturgist: Jesus took the bread, blessed, broke and gave it to them...

All: We are capable of having our eyes opened to the presence of Love in our midst.

WORSHIP AT HOME

We may be imprisoned by many things. Jesus' declaration that he had come to "set the prisoner free" can be interpreted for all of us, whether or not we've ever experienced being behind literal prison bars. This day, we will hear Resurrection Stories that move from chains to freedom. We will reflect on how we can each step into freedom from whatever binds us.

About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly there was an earthquake so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken, and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened.

... — from Acts 16: 16-34

Journaling Prompt

We heard the amazing story of rapper-turned-country singer Jelly Roll on his journey from jail to the biggest stages in the world. Jelly Roll harnessed the power of music for self-expression and empowerment, and his journey across genres and subject matter mirrors his personal transformation. How could a relationship with creative expression (writing, music, art, cooking, building, etc.) help you find new joy and healing?

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Our Mission:

*Listening to God's call, following in the way of Jesus
and serving neighbors through the Spirit.*

~Approved by Session November 2016



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