

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Third Sunday of Easter
April 18, 2021 – 11:00 a.m.

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE

“Air” from *From Holberg's Time*
Samuel Libra, organ

Edvard Grieg, arr. Moore

WELCOME

INTROIT

Easter Anthem
The Octet

William Billings

PRESENTING THE MEANS OF GRACE

+*HYMN 238

Thine Is the Glory
Hymns can be found on page 5 and 6

JUDAS MACCABEUS

*CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. Nathan Sautter

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(Read in unison)*

Good and gracious God, we are ignorant of your presence among us - blinded by our own needs, wants and failures. Forgive us for our inward perspective unaware of the work of your Spirit all around us. We repent of our failure to give as you have given to us. Forgive us and lead us so that we might bring your light, grace, and mercy to the world.

(Time for silent prayer)

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

*RESPONSE

Alleluia, Alleluia! Give thanks to the Risen Lord!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Give praise to his name!

ALLELUIA No. 1

*THE PEACE OF CHRIST

THE WORD

MOMENT FOR CHILDREN

Lorie Williamson

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Rev. Samuel Asiedu

FIRST READING

Acts 3:12-19

THE RESPONSE

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

This is the good news which we have received, in which we are saved, if we hold it fast: that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day, and that he appeared first to the women, then to Peter, and to the Twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses. We believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God. Jesus Christ is the first and the last, the beginning and the end; he is our Lord and our God. Amen.

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Please see the information about ways to give on page 6.

OFFERTORY SOLO

Easter (from Five Mystical Songs)

Ralph Vaughan Williams

Jason Steigerwalt, baritone; Samuel Libra, piano

Rise heart; thy Lord is risen.
Sing his praise
Without delays,
Who takes thee by the hand,
that thou likewise
With him may'st rise;
That, as his death calcined thee
to dust,
His life may make thee gold,
and much more, Just.

Awake, my lute, and struggle for
thy part
With all thy art.
The cross taught all wood to
resound his name
Who bore the same.
His stretched sinews taught all
strings, what key
Is best to celebrate this most
high day.

Consort both heart and lute, and
twist a song
Pleasant and long:
Or since all music is but three
parts vied,
And multiplied;
O let thy blessed Spirit bear a
part,
And make up our defects with
his sweet art. - *George Herbert*

*DOXOLOGY

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God from whom all blessings flow!
Praise God, all creatures here below! Alleluia, Alleluia!
Praise God above, you heavenly host!
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost! Alleluia, Alleluia!
Alleluia, Alleluia! Alleluia!

SHARING GRACE *(Read responsively)*

“God of grace, hear our prayer...”

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Lord's Prayer

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.

THE SENDING

***HYMN 246**

Christ Is Alive!
Stanzas 1, 2, and 5
Hymn can be found on page 7

TRURO

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

“Gavotte” from *From Holberg’s Time*

Edvard Grieg, arr. Moore

SHARING GRACE THROUGH GIVING: We welcome you to visit our Giving page on our website, www.2ndpreslou.org/giving to fulfill your pledges and offer your financial support for the ongoing ministries of Second Presbyterian Church. You can also give toward the COVID-19 Relief Fund. When you scan this QR code, it will direct you to the giving page of our website.. Giving by text message is also available: Text 844-584-2059 or by using the Vanco app and enter the amount you wish to donate. Thank you for your faithful support!



A Message from Stewardship

At this time there are more than thirty members who pledged last year but have not made a pledge for 2021. Our church is great because our congregation is so generous with their time, talent, and wealth. It is essential to meeting our financial needs that we know this funding will be forthcoming. Our outreach to those hurting people during this time of the Covid crisis has been tremendous. Please call Jackie at 895-3483 ext-228 to make your pledge if you have not already done so. Thank you!

The Stewardship Committee

IN WORSHIP TODAY

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Ken Jaegers, Jr. and in honor of Eric Jaegers by their mother, Pat Jaegers.

USHERS: Connie Smith, Karen Hadley, Ernie Dreher, Valerie Dreher, Edie Wells

OUR MUSIC AND PRODUCTION: The Octet of the Sanctuary Choir; Samuel Libra, Organist
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WE LIFT UP IN PRAYER

The family of Martha Dupps on her death, 4/14/2021.

Madge and Jeff Roberts on the death of her husband/father Gorman Roberts, 4/11/2021.

Cheryl Cooper on the death of her daughter, Courtney Cooper, 4/3/2021.

Elizabeth Haynes and her family on the death of her brother, the Rev. Lewis Marshall Johnson, 3/21/2021.

The family of Kent Taylor on his death, 3/18/2021.

Karla Renaud and her family on the death of her husband, Ray Renaud, 3/17/2021.

UPCOMING EVENTS: Week of April 18, 2021

Member Inquiry Class - Are you interested in learning more about Second Presbyterian Church? Come to the New Member Inquiry Class! Class begins April 25. Contact Beth at 502-895-3483 for more information or to sign up.

Sunday School - April's Sunday School will be based on the story of "The Lorax" by Dr. Suess. This children's classic provides a wonderful opportunity to learn about the gift of creation and how we are called to be good stewards of that gift. Please take the time to have a movie night at home with your family. Craft bags are available in their usual spot underneath the portico. Videos will be sent out each Sunday through the children's newsletter, 2PK, and will be on the church's website the following week under the resource tab.

Mission of the Month - During the month of April, we will be collecting art supplies needed for Cedar Ridge this summer. A full list of items needed can be found in Seconds to Go each week or in the April Second Thoughts Monthly Newsletter. Please drop off supplies under the portico (use any type of bag or box) any time Sunday or during office hours throughout the week.

Presbytery Disaster Assistance - The Presbytery Mission Committee is organizing Disaster Relief Hygiene Kits. This is a special collection in addition to our Mission of the Month. There will be a box labeled "Presbyterian Disaster Assistance" under the portico. You are invited to contribute one particular item or several different ones. This collection will be during the month of April. The following is the list of needed items: Toothbrushes – individually packaged in original wraps, no multiple packs, Wide tooth combs, Nail clippers, Hand towels – no microfiber, Wash cloths – no microfiber, Soap – individually packaged in original wraps, no multiple packs, Band aids.

THE MINISTRY TEAM

Rev. Steven P. Jester, Pastor

Rev. Nathan Sautter, Associate Pastor for
Community Life

Rev. Jordan Akin, Associate Pastor for Youth

Jim Rittenhouse, Director of Worship and Music
Ministries

Lorie Williamson, Director of Children's Ministries

Hayley Abell, Director of Weekday School

Lisa Bickett, Pastoral Assistant

Chelsea Beasley, Formation Assistant

Beth Haendiges, Community Life Assistant

Keith DeCosta, Sexton

Samuel Libra, DMA, Organist

Christina Recktenwald, Children's Choirs
Co-Coordinator

Ricky Case, Children's Choirs Co-Coordinator

Elizabeth Clay, Parish Associate

Jackie Grimley, Bookkeeper

Virginia Fortner, Worship and Music Assistant

Rev. Samuel Oboamah Asiedu, Seminary Intern

Paula S. Roberts, Organist Emerita

238 Thine Is the Glory

1 Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con- quering Son; end - less is
 2 Lo! Je - sus meets us, ris - en from the tomb; lov - ing - ly
 3 No more we doubt thee, glo - rious Prince of life! Life is naught

the vic - tory thou o'er death hast won. An - gels in bright rai - ment
 he greets us, scat - ters fear and gloom. Let the church with glad - ness
 with - out thee; aid us in our strife. Make us more than con - querors

rolled the stone a - way, kept the fold - ed grave - clothes
 hymns of tri - umph sing, for the Lord now liv - eth;
 through thy death - less love; bring us safe through Jor - dan

Refrain

where thy bod - y lay.
 death hath lost its sting. Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con - quering
 to thy home a - bove.

This Easter text, first in French and later in English, was written to fit the music, a chorus created for Handel's oratorio *Joshua* and moved to *Judas Maccabeus* in 1751. It grew widely popular following its use at the First Assembly of the World Council of Churches in 1948.

JESUS CHRIST: RESURRECTION

Son; end - less is the vic - tory thou o'er death hast won.

The musical score consists of two staves. The upper staff is in treble clef with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat) and a common time signature (C). It begins with a whole rest, followed by a series of eighth and quarter notes, and ends with a double bar line. The lower staff is in bass clef with the same key signature and time signature. It begins with a whole rest, followed by a series of eighth and quarter notes, and ends with a double bar line. The lyrics are positioned between the two staves, aligned with the vocal line.

Christ Is Alive!

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1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. The cross stands
 2 Christ is a - live! No lon - ger bound to dis - tant
 3 In ev - ery in - sult, rift, and war where col - or,
 4 Wom - en and men, in age and youth, can feel the
 5 Christ is a - live, and comes to bring good news to

emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with
 years in Pal - es - tine, but sav - ing, heal - ing,
 scorn, or wealth di - vide, Christ suf - fers still, yet
 Spir - it, hear the call, and find the way, the
 this and ev - ery age, till earth and sky and

prais - es ring. Love, drowned in death, shall nev - er die.
 here and now, and touch - ing ev - ery place and time.
 loves the more, and lives, where e - ven hope has died.
 life, the truth, re - vealed in Je - sus, freed for all.
 o - cean ring with joy, with jus - tice, love, and praise.

In 1968 Easter fell ten days after the assassination of Martin Luther King Jr., and this text was written to express an Easter hope while mindful of that terrible event. Buoyed by a triple-arched tune, it affirms the presence of a wounded, risen Christ with all who suffer.