

THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF GREENLAWN



Sunday Celebration of Worship
April 11, 2021 – The Second Sunday of the Easter Season
10:30 a.m.

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE RINGING OF THE BELL

Deacon Barbara Small

GATHERING MUSIC

CALL TO WORSHIP

Christ is risen.

He is risen, indeed. God is alive. New birth is given.

Hope is alive. A new age is dawning.

Joy is alive. Redemption is here.

Love is alive. Death cannot harm us.

We are alive. New life is within us.

The church is alive. Grief has been replaced by joy.

Darkness has been dispelled by light.

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

He is risen, indeed. Alleluia!

HYMN # 119

The Strife Is O'er

VICTORY

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

The strife is o'er, the battle done, the victory of life is won.

The song of triumph has begun. Alleluia!

The powers of death have done their worst, but Christ their legions hath dispersed.

Let shouts of holy joy outburst. Alleluia!

The three sad days are quickly sped. Christ rises glorious from the dead.

All glory to our risen Head! Alleluia!

Lord, by Your wounds on Calvary, from death's dread sting Your servants free,

That we may live eternally. Alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Forgiving God, we have experienced Easter radiance, but we seldom reflect the light of our risen Savior. We have heard the message of salvation, but it grows cold on our lips and is of little influence on our lives. Sometimes we delude ourselves that, because we are basically good people, there is no sin in us. We deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. Sin is separation from You, and we have allowed great chasms and built high walls to keep You out of our lives. Forgive us, we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

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.*

PRAYER CONCERNS

Elder Betty Chatfield

PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Congregational Response:

*Breathe on me, breath of God. Fill me with life anew.
That I may love what Thou dost love, and do what Thou wouldst do.*

INVITATION TO OFFERING

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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.*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

In these gifts, O God, we acclaim You as our Lord. May they be useful to You in bringing Your kingdom into its fullness through the ministries of Your Church, we pray in Christ's name. Amen.

THE READING OF SCRIPTURE

Acts 4:32-35
John 20:19-31

HOLY SPIRIT PRAYER

SERMON

“It’s Okay to Doubt”

Rev. Dr. Van Cleef

HYMN # 108
TRURO

Christ Is Alive!

*Christ is alive! Let Christians sing. The cross stands empty to the sky.
Let streets and homes with praises ring. Love, drowned in death, shall never die.*

*Christ is alive, and comes to bring good news to this and every age,
Till earth and sky and ocean ring with joy, with jus-tice, love, and praise.*

BENEDICTION

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE:

*Let there be peace on Earth, and let it begin with me.
Let there be peace on Earth, the peace that was meant to be.
With God, our Creator, we are family.*
Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.*

*Let peace begin with me, let this be the moment now.
With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow:
To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally.
Let there be peace on Earth, and let it begin with me.*

(*Original words: *With God as our Father, brothers all are we.*)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Vision Team Meets Today

The Vision Team will meet in the Narthex today immediately after worship. The meeting is open to anyone who would like to attend.

Women’s Choir

Our Women’s Choir will rehearse next week, and will sing at a Service in late May. Pastor Ann has some music for you; please see her after worship.

We would love to have some more women join us. You don’t have to sing like a Broadway star – just be able to match pitch. Please see Pastor Ann.

One Great Hour of Sharing

Thank you for your support of the One Great Hour of Sharing offering. You were extremely generous; we received a record-breaking \$1,078.84!

We Need a Bit of Help

We would like to start using our brass candlesticks again, but they are sorely in need of polishing. Is anyone willing to take them home and polish them?

Also, there is a lot of trash scattered about the church grounds. Is anyone willing to don some gloves and pick up that trash sometime this week? We have plastic bags for you, and you may put those trash-filled bags in the Dumpster.

Thank you!

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