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# SERVICE OF THE LORD'S DAY

APRIL 19, 2020

ELEVEN O'CLOCK

## SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

### GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

CHIMING OF THE LORD'S DAY

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

ORGAN PRELUDE

*(Please use the prelude as a time to quietly prepare for worship)*

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

One: I bless the Lord who gives me counsel;

**All: in the night also my heart instructs me.**

One: I keep the Lord always before me;

**All: because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.**

OPENING PRAYER

One: God of signs and wonders, you have revealed to us that Jesus Christ is your Son and our Savior. Strengthen our faith, that we may believe and have life in Christ's name.

**All: Amen.**

HYMN 233

*The Day of Resurrection!*

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CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Risen Lord, you have breathed the Spirit upon us, and sent us forth to testify to what we have heard and seen. Yet we resist this calling, huddling behind locked doors rather than stepping out with confidence. We yearn for more—more proof, more courage, more guidance, more faith—and forget that you have given us all we need: the gift of the Holy Spirit. Forgive us, we pray. Free us from fear and send us forth to proclaim: “We have seen the Lord!”**

## TIME FOR SILENCE

*(We ask for forgiveness for our individual faults)*

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

### THE PEACE

One: Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.  
The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

All: **And also with you.**

*(The congregation is invited to exchange signs of peace  
and reconciliation.)*

## PROCLAIMING THE WORD

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

#### FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 16:1-11

Protect me, O God, for in you I take refuge.

I say to the Lord, 'You are my Lord;

I have no good apart from you.'

As for the holy ones in the land, they are the noble,  
in whom is all my delight.

Those who choose another god multiply their sorrows;  
their drink-offerings of blood I will not pour out  
or take their names upon my lips.

The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup;  
you hold my lot.

The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places;  
I have a goodly heritage.

I bless the Lord who gives me counsel;  
in the night also my heart instructs me.

I keep the Lord always before me;  
because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.

Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices;  
my body also rests secure.

For you do not give me up to Sheol,  
or let your faithful one see the Pit.

You show me the path of life.

In your presence there is fullness of joy;  
in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.

## SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

John 20:19-31

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.' After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. 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.'

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.' 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.' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!'

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.'

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. 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.

One: The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

## SERMON

### RESPONDING TO THE WORD

#### AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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 Ghost, 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 on 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**

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

#### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

One: We offer our prayers through Christ, who lives and reigns forever, and prays for us in heaven. Through Christ, we pray for the church . . . By the gift of your Holy Spirit, let us be agents of reconciliation and signs of your grace in the world.

Lord, in your mercy,

**All: hear our prayer.**

One: Through Christ, we pray for the earth . . . By the power of Christ's resurrection, make of this world a new creation: imperishable, undefiled, unfading. Lord, in your mercy,

**All: hear our prayer.**

One: Through Christ, we pray for all nations . . . Send forth the breath of your Spirit: where there is war, breathe peace; where there is fear, breathe forgiveness. Lord, in your mercy,

**All: hear our prayer.**

One: Through Christ, we pray for this community . . . Teach us not to lock our doors in fear but to open our hearts to our neighbors, trusting in the peace of Christ. Lord, in your mercy,

**All: hear our prayer.**

One: Through Christ, we pray for loved ones . . . Heal the wounds of body, mind, and spirit. Be present in the actions of those who believe and in the questions of those who doubt.

Lord, in your mercy,

**All: hear our prayer.**

One: God of all power and glory, receive these prayers, and continue your mighty work among us, through Jesus Christ, who taught us to pray - Our Father...

#### LORD'S PRAYER

### BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

HYMN 817 *We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight* (page 9 of bulletin)

CHARGE

## BLESSING

One: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: **Alleluia! Amen.**

## CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

## POSTLUDE



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**First Presbyterian Church worship services will be streamed live on Facebook and YouTube each Sunday at 11:00 am until further notice to comply with the social distancing due to the Corona Virus.**

**Join us on Facebook at fpc roanoke rapids or YouTube using “First Presbyterian Church - Roanoke Rapids, NC Worship Service” in the YouTube search bar. A recorded version can also be found later on the church website—[www.fpc-rr.org](http://www.fpc-rr.org).**

All other church activities at the church have been canceled until further notice.

**The Session will meet tonight (April 19th) at 6:00 pm via Zoom.**

Youth Sunday is April 26th. Join us via Facebook or YouTube at 11:00 am. Rev. Joe, Cameron Pate and Robert Keyes will be collaborating on the service together.

**Offerings can made by mailing your checks to the church at 16 East 5th Street, RR, NC 27870 or placing them in the letter slot in the Administration Building.**

**Although the church is not open physically, the work of the church continues, so please remember your tithes and offerings.**

## **Prayers for the Healing of Friends & Families of the Church**

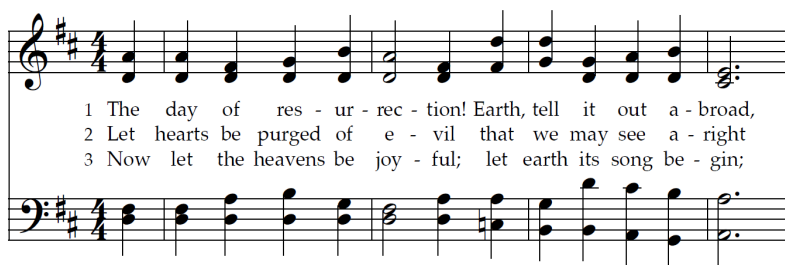
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Bill Howell  
Glenn & Gayle Garner, @ Meals on Wheels  
Sally Ray Warren  
Sheryl and Wayne O'Neil  
Ken and Holly Phipps & family  
Kevin and Michael  
David and LaNae Grimes  
Sandra Stephenson  
Mary Francis Fisher  
Harrison West

Ellen Burnett  
Diane Bone  
Eula Cutler  
Yvonne Joyner  
Susan Horrell  
Delbra Davis  
Betsy Medlin  
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Larry Spears  
B.T. Brown  
Bill Davis  
Billy Green  
Joyce Thomas  
Jason Mitcham  
Yvonne Joyner  
Tim Hardy  
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Jeff Peedin  
Amy Browder Heybrock  
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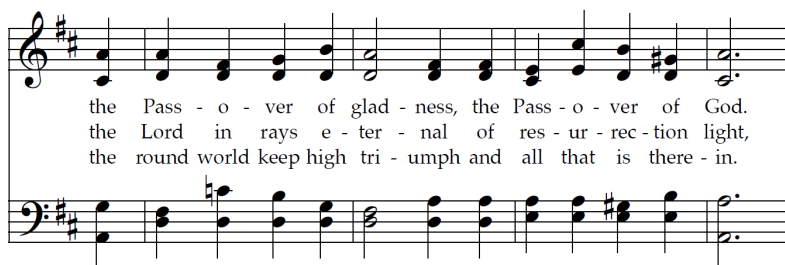
### **Concerns Outside of our Community**

\*SYRIA and YEMEN  
\*SOMALIA, drought, famine, anarchy  
\*EGYPT and LIBYA, political unrest  
\*ISRAEL, PALESTINE, GAZA peaceful  
coexistence  
\*IRAQ, AFGHANISTAN, security  
\*USA, war in Syria, Iraq & Afghanistan  
\*NIGERIA, abducted Chibok school girls  
\*Ukrainian people victimized by foreign  
aggression  
\*People of Sudan  
\*Victims of gun violence in our country  
\*People in Nashville, TN  
\*People who have the coronavirus, been  
exposed or caring for others with the virus

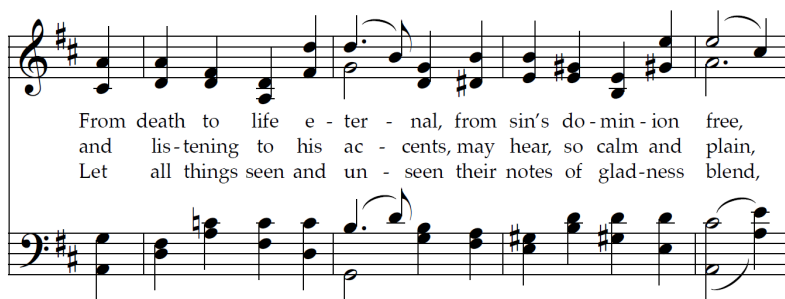
## 233 The Day of Resurrection!



1 The day of res - ur - rec - tion! Earth, tell it out a - broad,  
 2 Let hearts be purged of e - vil that we may see a - right  
 3 Now let the heavens be joy - ful; let earth its song be - gin;



the Pass - o - ver of glad - ness, the Pass - o - ver of God.  
 the Lord in rays e - ter - nal of res - ur - rec - tion light,  
 the round world keep high tri - umph and all that is there - in.



From death to life e - ter - nal, from sin's do - min - ion free,  
 and lis - tening to his ac - cents, may hear, so calm and plain,  
 Let all things seen and un - seen their notes of glad - ness blend,



our Christ has brought us o - ver with hymns of vic - to - ry.  
 his own "All hail!" and hear - ing, may raise the vic - tor strain.  
 for Christ the Lord has ris - en, our joy that has no end.

The roots of this English text come from a mid-8th century Greek hymn that continues to be used in Orthodox churches at the midnight Eucharist marking the beginning of Easter. The tune is named for the county in northwestern England where the composer was then an organist.

TEXT: John of Damascus, 8th cent.; trans. John Mason Neale, 1862, alt.  
 MUSIC: Henry Thomas Smart, c. 1835

LANCASHIRE  
 7.6.7.6.D  
 (this tune in a lower key, 269)



## 817 We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight

1 We walk by faith and not by sight; with  
 2 We may not touch your hands and side, nor  
 3 Help then, O Lord, our un - be - lief; and  
 4 And when our life of faith is done, in

gra - cious words draw near, O Christ, who spoke as  
 fol - low where you trod; but in your prom - ise  
 may our faith a - bound to call on you when  
 realms of clear - er light may we be - hold you

none e'er spoke: "My peace be with you here."  
 we re - joice and cry, "My Lord and God!"  
 you are near and seek where you are found.  
 as you are, with full and end - less sight.

*Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.*

The opening line here is essentially a quotation of 2 Corinthians 5:7, but that affirmation is fleshed out by references to the appearance of the risen Christ to Thomas (John 20:19–29). The shape note tune, named for a stream in Fayette County, Pennsylvania, adds resolution to the words.