

First Presbyterian Church
Organized May 25, 1822

*With Christ as our Savior and Guide,
We seek to know God's love and share it
With each other, our community, and the world.
We invite you to join us in this journey
of discipleship!*

Rev. Dr. Gregory L. Glover, Pastor

Second Sunday of Easter
April 19, 2020
GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE

GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE AND GREETING

The LORD be with you.
And also with you.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

With Mary, whose glad tidings signaled hope and summoned joy, we proclaim:

We have seen the Lord!

With the disciples, whom Jesus greeted with peace and freed from fear, we declare:

We have seen the Lord!

Behold! The risen Lord is in our midst!

Let us worship God!

*HYMN #331 "God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand"

THE 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!"

Now hear our silent, personal prayers of confession...

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*GLORIA PATRI, Hymn #581

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 16:1-11 (p. 430)

SPECIAL MUSIC

"(I Will Have) Faith"

Words by Eloise Bilderback Ladd/Music & Performance by Leo Adames

I will have Faith, however dreams are shattered,
I will have Faith that righteousness can live,
I will have Faith 'en when my heart is breaking,
To work and pray and give.....
I will have Faith.

I will have Faith, when troubled in life's ocean,
When low-blown clouds the Pilot's face shall hide,
I will have Faith, when my fair ship is battered,
I will await
the turning of the tide.

I will have Faith that God is in his heaven,
I will have Faith that he is by my side,
I will have Faith though every star is darkened,
That He and Truth abide!

I will have Faith.
I will have Faith
I have Faith

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

INTERLUDE

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

John 20:19-31 (p. 883)

Holy wisdom, holy word.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"Life and Peace"

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*HYMN #840

"When Peace Like a River"

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Confession of 1967 (9.26, adapted)

Life in Christ is life eternal. The resurrection of Jesus is the sign that God will consummate the work of creation and reconciliation beyond death and bring to fulfillment the new life begun in Christ.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

THE OFFERTORY

"All That We Have"

Music by Gary Ault & Performed by Leo Adames

All that we have and all that we offer
Comes from a heart both frightened and free.
Take what we bring now and give what we need.
All done in his name.

Some would rely on their power,
Others put trust in their gold.
Some have only their Savior,
Whose faithfulness never grows old.
Sometimes the road may be lonesome,
Often we may lose our way;
Take courage and always remember
Love isn't just for a day.
Sometimes when troubles are many,
Life can seem empty, it's true,
But look at the life of the Master,
Who lovingly suffered for you.

*THE DOXOLOGY, HYMN #606

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN #757

"Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples"

*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE & POSTLUDE

WORSHIP NOTES

Pastor Greg Glover is today's Liturgist.
Eric Salyer is today's Audio-Visual Specialist.
Beth Glover is Interim Director of Music
Dylan May is Interim Accompanist

