

First Presbyterian Church

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Embodying Christ's inclusive love through heart, mind, and service

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Oak Ridge, Tennessee
A Congregation of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)
April 19, 2020 • Second Sunday of Easter

Prelude
Welcome

Call to Worship

Alleluia! Let everything with life and breath praise God!

Christ is alive! Let us celebrate with music and cymbals!

God had the last laugh on the devil when Jesus was raised from the dead.

Let our hearts and voices proclaim the joy of our salvation.

Christ is risen!

Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

Hymn

In the Bulb There Is a Flower

Hymn 250 in *Glory to God*

In the bulb there is a flower; in the seed, an apple tree;
In cocoons, a hidden promise: butterflies will soon be free!
In the cold and snow of winter there's a spring that waits to be,
Unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

There's a song in every silence, seeking word and melody;
There's a dawn in every darkness, bringing hope to you and me.
From the past will come the future; what it holds a mystery,
Unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

In our end is our beginning; in our time, infinity;
In our doubt there is believing; in our life, eternity.
In our death, a resurrection; at the last, a victory,
Unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

Prayer of Confession

Joyful God, we confess that we often take ourselves too seriously. We forget to rejoice in all that you have given to us. As a result, we miss out on the full joy of your creation. Forgive us, Lord. Infuse us with Easter's healing delight, that we might radiate the wonder and pleasure of your grace and goodness to others; through the risen Christ we pray. Amen.

The Peace of Christ

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.

The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

Let us share the peace of Christ with one another.

Sung Response

We are Forgiven

Hymn 447 in *Glory to God*

We are forgiven. We are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God. (repeat)

Scripture Reading

Ecclesiastes 3:1-13

Sermon

It's About Time

Sharon Youngs

Affirmation of Faith *(adapted by members of FPC)*

We believe in God, the Father Almighty, and in Jesus Christ, His Son, our Lord, and in the Holy Spirit. We seek to know God's will, to walk in God's ways, and to proclaim the Gospel to all people, by our lives as well as by our words. We work and pray for the progress of knowledge, the promotion of justice, the reign of peace, and the realization of human unity in our time. And we look with faith for the triumph of righteousness in our community and in our world. Amen.

Call to Prayer

There Is a Place of Quiet Rest
(verse 2)

Hymn 824 in *Glory to God*

There is a place of comfort sweet, near to the heart of God,
A place where we our Savior meet, near to the heart of God.
O Jesus, blest Redeemer, sent from the heart of God,
Hold us, who wait before thee, near to the heart of God.

Prayers of the People - with the Lord's Prayer *(traditional)*

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.

Offering Our Gifts and Ourselves

Hymn

Sing a Happy Alleluia

Sing a happy alleluia,
sing it out with heart and style—
we're the echo of God's laughter,
we're the image of God's smile.

Refrain: Alleluia, all creation, alleluia, everyone!

We're the proof of God's good humor,
we're the twinkle in God's eye,
made to shine, reflect the glory,
given light and space to fly. *(refrain)*

Sarah laughed at God's good timing,
Mary sang and David danced,
Jesus smiled and hugged the children—
so is life for us enhanced. *(refrain)*

Every day sing alleluia!
We are loved, though so absurd,
human, foolish, chosen people,
God still takes us at our word! *(refrain)*

Charge and Blessing

Sung Response

Irish Blessing

*May the road rise to meet you, may the wind be at your back,
May the sun shine warmly on your face.
May the rain fall softly on your field, and until we meet again,
Until we meet again, may God hold you in the palm of his hand.*

Postlude



Worship Notes

This Second Sunday of Easter is also known as Holy Humor Sunday—or Bright Sunday, Laughter Sunday, Hilarity Sunday. In 15th-century Bavaria, priests and parishioners laughed and exchanged stories and jokes as their way of celebrating the supreme joke God played on Satan: raising Jesus from the dead. Thank you to all who submitted jokes for this morning!

Our final hymn is a text by Shirley Erena Murray, a prolific New Zealand writer of hymn texts who died earlier this year. We're singing her text to the tune *Lauda Anima*, which is used for hymn 619 ("Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven") in *Glory to God*.

*No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, or your faith journey,
you are welcome at First Presbyterian Church.*

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