

First Presbyterian Church

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

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Oak Ridge, Tennessee
April 24, 2022 • Second Sunday of Easter

**Please stand in body or in spirit*

Prelude

Welcome

***Call to Worship**

Alleluia! Let everything with life and breath praise God!
Christ is alive! Let us celebrate with timbral and music!
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**

I Danced in the Morning

(Glory to God, 157)

***I danced in the morning when the world was begun,
and I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun,
and I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth.
At Bethlehem I had my birth. (refrain)***

Refrain:

***Dance, then, wherever you may be;
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he,
and I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,
and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.***

***I danced for the scribe and the Pharisee,
but they would not dance and they would not follow me.
I danced for the fishermen, for James and John.
They came with me and the dance went on. (refrain)***

***I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame.
The holy people said it was a shame.
They whipped and they stripped and they hung me high,
And left me there on a cross to die. (refrain)***

***I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black.
It's hard to dance with the devil on your back.
They buried my body and they thought I'd gone,
But I am the dance and I still go on. (refrain)***

***They cut me down and I leapt up high.
I am the life that will never, never die.
I'll live in you if you'll live in me,
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he. (refrain)***

***Call to Confession**

***Prayer of Confession**

Joyful God, we confess that we often take ourselves too seriously. We forget to rejoice in the happiness that is ours as our children. As a result, we miss out on the joy of your creation and the full delight of your people. Forgive us, we pray. Infuse us with Easter's healing wonder, and remind us often that you will indeed have the last laugh in this world; through the risen Christ we pray. Amen.

***Assurance of Forgiveness**

***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**

The Steadfast Love of the Lord

(Glory to God, 59)

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases;

God's mercies never come to an end.

They are new every morning, new every morning;

Great is your faithfulness, O Lord, great is your faithfulness.

Time with the Children

Scripture Reading

Psalm 126
Genesis 18:1-15

Sermon

Those Who Laugh, Last

Sharon Youngs

Musical Reflection

***Affirmation of Faith**

We believe in God, who made us in our Creator's image. We live and love and laugh because God lives and loves and laughs.

We believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God, our risen Lord and Savior. He had the last laugh on the devil when he was raised from the dead.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, our counselor, our guide, our motivator, and our joy!

With believers in every time and place, we know that nothing in life or in death will separate us from the One who created us, redeemed us, and constantly sustains us. Amen.

Reception of New Member

Call to Prayer

Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks
(first time, choir; second time, all)

(Glory to God, 240)

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer (ecumenical)

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

***Hymn**

Go Tell It on the Mountain

Paul Lintern

Refrain:

***Go tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere,
Go tell it on the mountain that Jesus is alive.***

***While soldiers watched the gravesite that quiet Sunday dawn
There came a big commotion and then the storm was gone.*** (refrain)

***The women found no body their spices to anoint,
Instead they found an angel, God's message to appoint.*** (refrain)

***Go from where he isn't to where he said he'd be.
An Eastertime reunion, the hills of Galilee.*** (refrain)

***Charge and Blessing**

***Sung Response**

Irish Blessing

***May the road rise to meet you, may the wind blow 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. Amen.***

Postlude



The flowers today are given by Fred and Sally Haywood to the glory of God.



Announcements

—Thank you to Chuck Hadden for serving as our liturgist today.

—Welcome to our newest member Lee Robinson (though she doesn't need an introduction)! Lee was received by reaffirmation of faith.

—**Coffee Chat** will be in person tomorrow, April 25, 9:30 a.m., in room 6 of the Sanctuary building. Sharon will have coffee ready. Bring whatever topic is on your mind.

—The **youth group** will be meeting May 1, 5:30 to 7:00 p.m., in the fellowship hall for dinner and a lesson by Sherrie Fairchild-Keyes.

Looking ahead:

May 7: Youth Pride Day

May 8: Youth Sunday (and Mother's Day)

May 12: Welcome Table