



First Presbyterian

CHURCH OF EASTON



A Service for the Worship of God

April 14, 2024

The Third Sunday of Easter

**Indicates an invitation to rise in body and/or spirit as you are able.*

MISSION STATEMENT

First Presbyterian Church of Easton strives to be a vital and energetic congregation by increasing our devotion to God, our fellowship with one another, and our outreach to all, so that we may be a witness to Jesus Christ in our community and world.

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

GATHERING MUSIC

TOWER BELLS

PRELUDE

Blessed Jesus, at Your Word (Hymn 454)

Dupré

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASSING OF THE PEACE

WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 4

Answer me when I call, O God of my right!

You gave me room when I was in distress.

Be gracious to me and hear my prayer.

There are many who say: "O that we may see some good.

Let the light of your face shine upon us, O Lord."

You have put gladness in my heart;

more than when their grain and wine abound.

I will both lie down and sleep in peace;

for you alone, O Lord, make me lie down in safety.

Come, let us worship God.

*HYMN 430 (V.1-4)

Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O Lord, we sing in bold accord and praise your name. And we ask that courage be our friend and wisdom our guide. And having asked for courage and wisdom, we quickly let fear, mistrust and doubt consume our perspective and cloud our imaginations. We are more afraid of being wrong than hopeful of being right. We are more distrustful of our wisdom than confident of our insight. And we are more doubtful of our future than certain of our prospects. Lord, send your Spirit to heighten our courage and magnify our wisdom so that we may step forward believing that with you nothing is impossible. In Jesus' name we pray.

Silent prayer

Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, believe that God knows the weakness of our character and the failings of our spirit. So God came to be among us in Jesus Christ and to assure us that in the end, we are whole and complete in God's eyes. Praise be to God.

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

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.**

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

A TIME WITH CHILDREN

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Acts 3:12-19

Luke 24:36-48

SERMON

Seeing is Believing – Sometimes!

Rev. Larry Van Hise

ANTHEM

Be Not Afraid

Taylor Davis
The Chancel Choir

Be not afraid, for I have redeemed you.
Be not afraid, I've called you by name.
My love for you is everlasting,
My love for you shall have no end.

When you pass through the waters, I will surround you.
When you pass through the floods, they will not sweep o'er.
When you walk through the fire, you will not be consumed.
You are my child, you are so precious to me.

Be not afraid...

You are my child, and I'll love you always.
Just hold my hand, and I'll lead you home.
When you feel lost, always remember:
I am right here, just call out my name.

When you pass through the waters...

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

Humbled by God's generosity, let us offer our gifts to God and God's ministries through Christ's church.

*Please leave your offering in the boxes at the front and rear of the sanctuary
or make your gifts online or via mail.*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Gracious God, our offering seems all too small in relationship to the blessings from your heart and the grace that is provided to us through the love and sacrifice of Jesus Christ. Yet we make these offerings in your name and dedicate them toward furthering your Kingdom here on earth. Amen.

*RESPONSE

Doxology

**Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

WE GO IN GOD'S NAME

*HYMN 332 (V.1-4)

Live Into Hope

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Fairest Lord Jesus (Hymn 306)

Callahan

Worship Leaders

Rev. Larry Van Hise

Gloria Snyder, Organist

Elizabeth Campbell, Chancel Choir Director

The Chancel Choir

Ruthann Arras, Liturgist

Susan Charlton and Shirley Heinsohn, Coffee Hour Hosts

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