

2nd Sunday of Easter

April 7, 2024

9:00 a.m.

Welcome friends in Christ! We are glad you have come to worship today and to celebrate the love of God in Jesus Christ. We extend a warm greeting of Christian Fellowship to you.

*Congregation standing for those who are able

The Words of Welcome and Announcements

Our Approach to God

Prelude *Adoration* Florence Price

The Call to Worship

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Let us give thanks to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!

Because of his great mercy, he gave us new life by raising Jesus from the dead.

He pours his blessings into the lives of his people.

He fills us with a living hope and the promise of eternal life.

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He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

*The Hymn of Praise *Thine Is the Glory* 122

*The Call to Confession

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. Let us confess our sins to God.

*The Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, you have shown us the way of life through your Son, Jesus Christ. When we accept your offer of salvation, but fail to walk in your ways, forgive us. When we allow doubts to overwhelm us and take our eyes off you, forgive us. When we are judgmental or unkind toward our brothers and sisters, neglecting to live in fellowship with one another, forgive us. [Silent Confession.]

O God, purify us from all sin that we may walk in the light, just as you are in the light. Through Christ, our Lord, Amen.

*The Assurance of Pardon

The blood of Jesus, the Son of God, purifies us from all sin. He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins and for the sins of the whole world. Brothers and sisters in Christ, our sins are forgiven. **Thanks be to God!**

*The Response *Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks* 106

**Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.
Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to His Name.**

The Anthem *Praise the Lord, Proclaim His Glory* Joseph M. Martin
Chancel Choir

The Word of God

The Time with the Children & Mission Moment

The Gospel Reading John 20:19-31 page 154 NT

The New Testament Reading 1 John 1:1 – 2:2 page 324 NT

The Sermon Pastor Ruth Estell

Our Response to Serve

* The Affirmation of Faith The Apostles' Creed (Traditional) hymnal, page 14

*The Hymn *We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight* 399

The Morning Prayers and the Lord's Prayer(using sins)

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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

The Offering of our Tithes and Gifts

The Offertory *Chorale Prelude on Houston* Rebecca Groom te Velde

*The Doxology *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* 592

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*The Prayer of Dedication

*The Hymn *Open My Eyes That I May See* 324

*The Charge and Benediction

*The Congregational Response *Go with Us, Lord* 535

Go with us, Lord, and guide the way through this and every coming day, that in your Spirit strong and true our lives may be our gift to You.

*Postlude *At Easter-tide* Charles V. Stanford

* Congregation Standing – for those who are able.

Liturgist : Karen Kalina

Ushers: Beverly Briggs, Josh Peters, Randy Wierda, and Patty Donohue

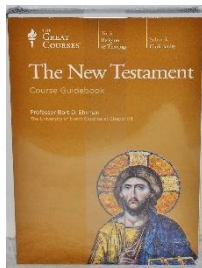
Greeter: Betty Miller

Fellowship Hour: Natalie Martinez

Musical Talents: Thomas Heidenreich, Director of Music Ministry and the Chancel Choir

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Grab a refreshment and join us today after worship in the library as we begin a new Great Courses Series on The New Testament.

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Announcements and Upcoming Event

For The Hearing Impaired

The service audio is being broadcast on 96.7-FM throughout the building and parking lot. Feel free to bring your pocket size radio, with headphones or earbuds, and listen to the service at an audio level that is more comfortable for you.



Florence Gilmore Circle

All women of the church are invited to join us on **Wednesday, April 10**, at 9:30 a.m. in the church library as we continue watching and discussing the DVD "The Jesus I Never Knew" by Philip Yancey.



The office is open Monday through Thursday 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. (unless otherwise noted) but, as unforeseen circumstances may occur, please call 989-792-1023 to be sure that someone is in the office before you drive to the church.

- **If you volunteered** to be on the Green Team, a copy of the 2024 schedule is on the table in the gathering area near the restrooms.
- **We are still** in need of the following volunteers for the rest of the Sundays in April:
 1. Greeter(s)
 2. Fellowship Hour Host(s)

Sign-up sheets are on the sign-up table.

Stewardship and Mission Committee Update

With February's "Hope and Care" totes project, we were able to deliver 26 bags of personal care items to Saginaw Rescue Ministries.

March's "Baby Pantry" mission was well received, as always, with 145 items donated (diapers, wipes, knitted hats and sweaters, knitted and quilted blankets, toys, clothing, and, other miscellaneous items) delivered to the pantry.



For the month of April, our Mission Focus will be through Presbyterian Giving Catalog - Livestock Gifts. The goal of the Presbyterian Giving Catalog is "To connect people as neighbors with others experiencing needs, supporting projects and friendships that grow gardens and generations, bring water and watch for corruption, share education, tools and training, and link each of us, more closely with one another and with God." Throughout the month of April, we will be collecting donations to purchase livestock, which will be given to those in need to help foster independence through farming. The amount and number of donations received will determine the animals we are able to sponsor (flocks of chickens, piglets, goats, cows, beekeeping, or oxen/plow). These animals will help those in need to become self-sufficient, support their families, and enrich communities.

Donations may be placed in the box on the Missions table or in the offering plate (designate for Livestock gift). If you would like more information on the Presbyterian Giving Catalog, please visit their website at <https://presbyteriangifts.pcusa.org>.

The Stewardship and Mission Committee is truly thankful for your receptiveness and generosity to on-going Mission projects!

Prayer of Illumination

Holy God,
You have the words that lead to eternal life.
Help us now to hear, believe, and respond to what you say to us today.
Through Christ, our Lord, Amen.

John 20:19-31 New International Version

¹⁹ On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you!” ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.

²¹ Again Jesus said, “Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.” ²² And with that he breathed on them and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive anyone’s sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.”

²⁴ Now Thomas (also known as Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. ²⁵ So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord!”

But he said to them, “Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe.”

²⁶ A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you!” ²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe.”

²⁸ Thomas said to him, “My Lord and my God!”

²⁹ Then Jesus told him, “Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”

³⁰ Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. ³¹ But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

1 John 1:1-2:2 New International Version

1 That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked at and our hands have touched—this we proclaim concerning the Word of life. ² The life appeared; we have seen it and testify to it, and we proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and has appeared to us. ³ We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard, so that you also may have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ. ⁴ We write this to make our joy complete.

⁵ This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all. ⁶ If we claim to have fellowship with him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live out the truth. ⁷ But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all[Ⓜ] sin.

⁸ If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. ⁹ If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all

unrighteousness. ¹⁰ If we claim we have not sinned, we make him out to be a liar and his word is not in us.

2 My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have an advocate with the Father—Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. ² He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.