# Fourth Sunday of Easter

May 11, 2025 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. If you are visiting with us, please introduce yourself to the pastor following the service.

\*Congregation standing for those who are able

The Words of Welcome and Announcements

Please sign the Friendship pads and pass them back to the center aisle. After worship please greet your neighbors by name.

## Our Approach to God

Rebecca Groom te Velde Prelude on "Crimond" Prelude

The Call to Worship

We gather for worship because it is God who calls us.

We come to worship God - the God of creation, of salvation, of time and eternity; the God of all peoples and nations.

Let us praise the Lord! All that is within us, praise his holy name!

We praise the Lord and remember all his kindnesses in forgiving our sins, in healing our diseases, in saving us from destruction, and in surrounding us with his love.

The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in love. God is worthy of all our praise.

\*The Hymn of Praise

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

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\*The Call to Confession

As high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is God's love for those who fear him. With this assurance, let us humbly confess our sins to God.

### \*The Praver of Confession

God of love, we confess before you that all too often our lives do not reflect your love. All too often we are not faithful witnesses of you in this world. Open our eyes, that we may see you in every person we encounter. Open our ears, that we may be quicker to listen than to

speak. Open our mouths to speak good rather than evil. Open our hands in generosity. Open our hearts with a desire to follow Christ in full obedience and love. [Silent confession.] Merciful God, we pray these things, trusting in your forgiveness and in the power of your Holy Spirit to lead us in paths of righteous for your name's sake. Amen.

\*The Assurance of Pardon

As far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us. Through the death and resurrection of Jesus, our sins are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

\*The Response

Alleluia. Alleluia! Give Thanks

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

The Anthem

A Joyful Ring

Barbara Kinyon

The Time with the Children &

Recognition of Scholarship Recipients - Alex Fowler and Isaiah Sova

### The Word of God

The New Testament Reading

Acts 9:32-43

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The Sermon

God at Work: Lives Impacted

Rev. Ruth Estell

## Our Response to Serve

\*The Affirmation of Faith The Apostles' Creed (Traditional)

hymnal, page 14

\*The Hymn

Lord, Speak to Me, that I May Speak

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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 The Lord's My Shepherd **Bob Chilcott** 

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\*The Doxology Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow 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 God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending 422

\*The Charge and Benediction

\*The Congregational Response

Go with Us, Lord

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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

**Covington Toccata** 

Daniel E. Gawthrop

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Liturgist: Peggy Donaldson

**Ushers:** Larry Smith **Greeter:** Mary Smith

Fellowship Hour: Adam Engel & CE

Musical Talents: Thomas Heidenreich - Director of Music Ministry, The

Chancel and JuBELLation Choirs.

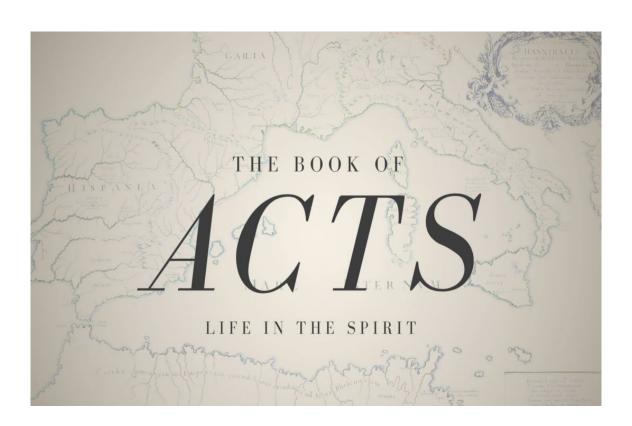
Please join us immediately following worship in the gathering area for fellowship hour.

Please congratulate our scholarship recipients Alex Fowler and Isaiah Sova as they continue their education.

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## Second Presbyterian Church

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# Announcements and Upcoming Events

## 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.



- 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.
- The last day of Sunday school will be May 18 with a celebration of a fantastic year!
- 2<sup>nd</sup> at Second will meet following worship on May 18 to finish the New Testament series. This will be the last meeting until the fall. If you have ideas on new topics, come and share!

### Florence Gilmore Circle



**All women of the church** are invited to join us on **Wednesday, May 14,** at 9:30 a.m. as we continue to study "12 Women of the Bible" focusing on Mary – Mother of Jesus, while enjoying some treats and fellowship. If you have any questions, please call Carol Poole @ 989-793-7485.

### Save the Date

The JuBELLation handbells will be performing a concert at Second Presbyterian Church on Sunday, June 8, at 4 PM. Please mark your calendar and look for more information soon.



National Foster Care Month is celebrated in May, and the Mission Committee has chosen to acknowledge this important subject by supporting "River Jordan, Inc.," located in Bay City, Michigan, and serving surrounding counties. River Jordan's mission statement reads: "to empower current and former foster youth to take responsibility of their own individual lives and become

productive members of society. This is particularly important to those youth 18-21 years of age who have "aged out" of foster care and require "a safety net," including shelter and support services. Pamphlets concerning River Jordan's mission and services will be available on the Mission table, and you may also explore their services online at **www.riverjordaninc.com** and view the YouTube video "I changed my story" of the founder's life story and how this organization came into being. There are volunteer opportunities (if interested, information and specifics found in website/pamphlet).

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#### I AM ONE IN A MINION

COME JOIN US JUNE 28 - 10am TO 1pm
WE ARE HOSTING A SUPER SPECIAL
VACATION BIBLE SATURDAY!!!!!
IF YOUR CHILD, GRANDCHILD, COUSIN, FRIEND, NEIGHBOR
OR EVEN YOU WANT TO JOIN US, PLEASE FILL OUT A
REGISTRATION FORM AND SECURE YOUR SPOT FOR OUR
SUPER SATURDAY!

\*\*\*Feel free to pass along the enclosed flyer.\*\*\*