

Third Sunday of Easter

May 4, 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			
Prelude	Allegretto	Stanford	
The Call to Worship			
Christ is risen!			
He is risen indeed!			
Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive praise and honor and glory and power, for ever and ever!			
God has done great things. And God continues to do great things.			
Let us sing the praises of the Lord. Let us praise his holy name together.			
We will not be silent. All praise be to God!			
*The Hymn of Praise	Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!	113	
*The Call to Confession			
We are deserving of God's wrath. But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even though we were dead in our transgressions. It is by grace that we have been saved. Believing this to be true, let us confess our sins to God.			
*The Prayer of Confession			
Search us, O God, and know our hearts. Reveal to us those thoughts, attitudes, words, and actions that have not been pleasing to you. If we have caused harm to your name or to your church, forgive us. If we have hindered or opposed the great work that you			
are doing in this world, forgive us. If we have been reluctant or fearful, failing to respond to your call on our lives, forgive us. See if there is any wicked way in us, and lead us in the way everlasting. [Silent confession.] Merciful God, thank you for cleansing us of our sins and creating within us clean hearts. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.			
*The Assurance of Pardon			
If anyone is in Christ, they are a new creation; the old has passed away. In Jesus Christ, we are not who we once were. Our sins are forgiven and we are made new. 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			
Lord, I want to be a Christian			
African-American Spiritual			
The Word of God			
The Time with the Children		Marsha Bennett	
The New Testament Reading		Acts 9:1-20	page 1563
The Sermon		God at Work: Hearts Changed	Rev. Ruth Estell
Our Response to Serve			
*The Affirmation of Faith	The Apostles' Creed (Traditional)		hymnal, page 14
*The Hymn	Just as I Am, Without One Plea		370
The Mission Moment		River Jordan Inc.	Aland Stamps

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 Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus Smith
*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 *Lord, You Give the Great Commission* 429
 Verses 1, 2, & 5

*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 Toccata in D Minor Pachelbel

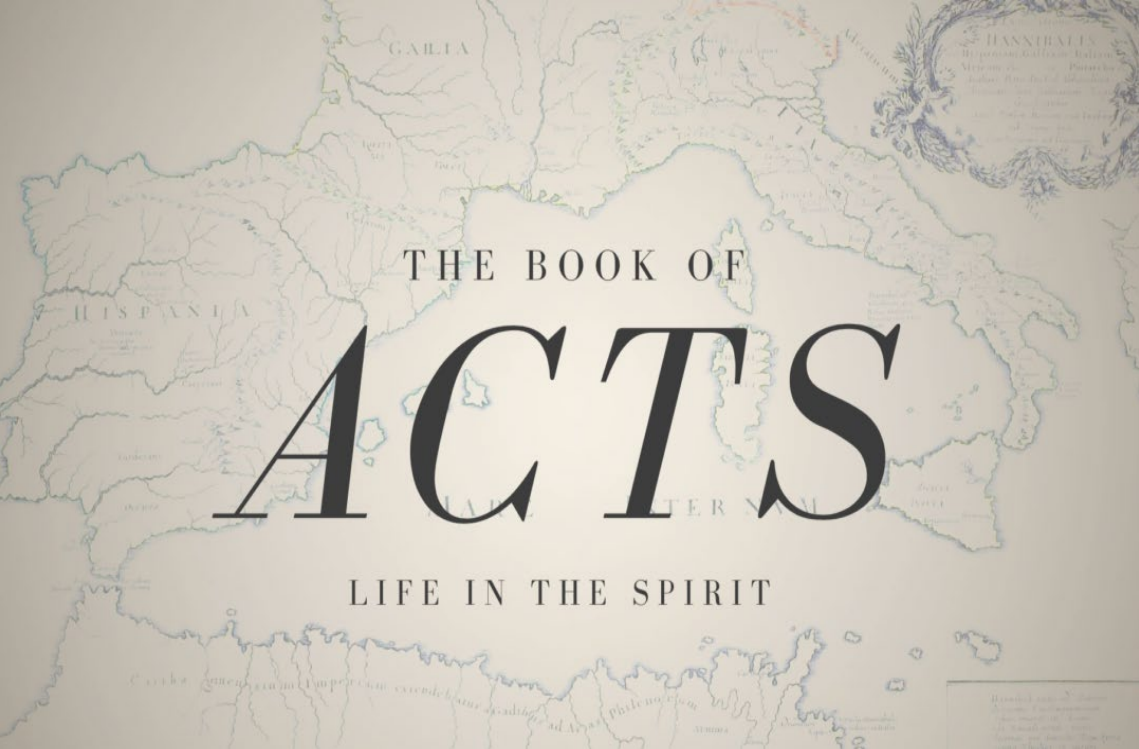
Liturgist : Kitty Myers
Ushers: Cheryl Kelley
Greeters: Betty Leaym and Alice Winchester
Fellowship Hour: Cheryl Kelley
Musical Talents: Thomas Heidenreich – Director of Music Ministry, and the Chancel Choir

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

*****2nd @ Second will meet today following worship in the church library*****

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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.



- Sonia Hoepfner, the church secretary, will be on vacation through Wednesday, May 7.
- 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.

Mother's Day Flowers



On Mother's Day, May 11, we invite you to help decorate the sanctuary with flowers in honor or memory of mothers. You bring whatever blooms you wish on Sunday morning and then take the flowers home after Worship.

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). Today we welcome Aland Stamps as he shares about this ministry.

Valet Service Trial

Session has approved a trial to see if a valet service would be helpful to those of us who have some difficulty getting into the Church from the parking lot for worship. The plan is to have worship attendees drive up to the door and hand their car key to a volunteer valet. The valet will park the car in a designated spot, lock the car, and return the key to the owner waiting inside the front door.

At the end of the service, the process will be reversed. The car owner will give the keys to a volunteer valet. The valet will drive the car to the front door, then give the keys to the owner. **The trial is planned for Sunday, May 4.**

Building Maintenance Updates

- The parts to repair the entry door have been ordered and will be scheduled once the parts arrive.
- The roof/ceiling repair in the old hallway continues as we make sure the leak is fixed.

● Acts 9:1-20 New International Version

- 9 Meanwhile, Saul was still breathing out murderous threats against the Lord's disciples. He went to the high priest ² and asked him for letters to the synagogues in Damascus, so that if he found any there who belonged to the Way, whether men or women, he might take them as prisoners to Jerusalem. ³ As he neared Damascus on his journey, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. ⁴ He fell to the ground and heard a voice say to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?"
- ⁵ "Who are you, Lord?" Saul asked.
- "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting," he replied. ⁶ "Now get up and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do."
- ⁷ The men traveling with Saul stood there speechless; they heard the sound but did not see anyone. ⁸ Saul got up from the ground, but when he opened his eyes he could see nothing. So they led him by the hand into Damascus. ⁹ For three days he was blind, and did not eat or drink anything.
- ¹⁰ In Damascus there was a disciple named Ananias. The Lord called to him in a vision, "Ananias!"
- "Yes, Lord," he answered.
- ¹¹ The Lord told him, "Go to the house of Judas on Straight Street and ask for a man from Tarsus named Saul, for he is praying. ¹² In a vision he has seen a man named Ananias come and place his hands on him to restore his sight."
- ¹³ "Lord," Ananias answered, "I have heard many reports about this man and all the harm he has done to your holy people in Jerusalem. ¹⁴ And he

has come here with authority from the chief priests to arrest all who call on your name."

- ¹⁵ But the Lord said to Ananias, "Go! This man is my chosen instrument to proclaim my name to the Gentiles and their kings and to the people of Israel. ¹⁶ I will show him how much he must suffer for my name."
- ¹⁷ Then Ananias went to the house and entered it. Placing his hands on Saul, he said, "Brother Saul, the Lord—Jesus, who appeared to you on the road as you were coming here—has sent me so that you may see again and be filled with the Holy Spirit." ¹⁸ Immediately, something like scales fell from Saul's eyes, and he could see again. He got up and was baptized, ¹⁹ and after taking some food, he regained his strength.
- Saul spent several days with the disciples in Damascus. ²⁰ At once he began to preach in the synagogues that Jesus is the Son of God.