

# First Presbyterian Church

Rev. Robert Malsack, Interim Pastor

6<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 25, 2025

Greeting: The Lord has risen! Alleluia!

**Response: Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!**

Announcements / Opening Prayer

Prelude

\*Praise Medley

Insert

Prayer of Confession:

Heavenly Father, free those of us and all of us who are paralyzed by sinful ways, and teach us to run with joy in the way of Your commandment to love one another. **Lord, have mercy!**

*(Silence)*

Loving Savior, give sight to those of us and all of us who are blinded by self-centeredness and teach us to see the beauty of those around us. **Christ, have mercy!**

*(Silence)*

Beloved Holy Spirit, grant hearing to those around us and to all of us who are deaf of heart and teach us to rejoice in Your perfect word. **Lord, have mercy!**

*(Silence)*

**Response: God our Father, You sent Your only Son to bring Your healing love into our wounded world. Through the power of His Death and Resurrection, make whole all that is broken in us and between us, that we may sing praise to Your name with one voice through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon: The Lord has heard your cry for mercy and your heart's desire to love as He has loved us. Dearly beloved, hear and believe the Good News;

**In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen. Alleluia!**

**\*Alleluia! Alleluia! Hearts to heav'n and voices raise;  
Sing to God a hymn of gladness, sing to God a hymn of praise.  
He who on the cross as Savior for the world's salvation bled,  
Jesus Christ, the King of Glory, now is risen from the dead.**

\*Sharing the Peace of Christ

Time with Young Disciples

Prayer for Illumination

Debbie LaCourt

Scripture Reading: Acts 16:9-15

Pg. 925, Pew Bible

Responsive Reading: Psalm 67

Pg. 481, Pew Bible

Sermon Text: John 14:23-29

Pg. 901, Pew Bible

Sermon: *Jesus' Parting Words*

\*Affirmation of Faith (adapted from Revelation 21:1-4, JB Phillips):

**We will see a new Heaven and a new earth, for the first Heaven and the first earth will have disappeared and the sea will be no more. We will see the holy city, the new Jerusalem, descending from God out of Heaven, prepared as a bride dressed in beauty for her husband. We will hear a great voice from the throne crying, "See! The home of God is with us all, and He will live among us. We will be his people, and God Himself shall be with us, and will wipe away every tear from our eyes. Death shall be no more, and never again shall there be sorrow or crying or pain. For all those former things are past and gone."**

\*Hymn: *Let There Be Peace on Earth*

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**Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.**

**Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.**

**With God as our Father, brothers all are we.**

**Let me walk with my brother in perfect harmony.**

**Let peace begin with me; let this be the moment now.**

**With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow:**

**To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally!**

**Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.**

A Time of Remembrance

Anthem: *God of Our Fathers*

Ralph Kramer

INTERCESSIONS / PRAYER CONCERNS:

Jon LaCourt, Sunny Johnson, Holly Werner, Wendy Hawkins,  
Mary Rushford, Scott Doda, Kathy Eavenson, Chris Hanley,  
Bonnie Hyde, Phil Peterson, Anne Starr, Carl VanDusen,  
Emily Cummings; the PNC; missionaries, Sam and Cayla

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.**

The Offering

Offertory

\*Doxology: **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.**

\*Prayer of Thanksgiving

\*Ascension Hymn: *Crown Him with Many Crowns*

No. 45, vs. 1-3

\*Charge and Benediction

\*Response: *Crown Him with Many Crowns*

v. 4

\*Postlude

\*Those who are able, please stand.

## CHURCH NOTES

**Monday:** No Soup Kitchen  
**Tuesday:** 1:00p.m. Shawl Ministry  
**Wednesday:** No Reflections with Pastor Bob  
**Thursday:** 9:30a.m. Sit, Chat, Finish That

**SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE BEGINS TODAY** and continuing throughout the summer, worship will be at 9:00a.m.  
Regular 9:30a.m. worship will resume on September 7<sup>th</sup>.

**Scholarship applications** are due this week by May 31<sup>st</sup>.

**All VBS Volunteers:** We need your completed form with your t-shirt size ASAP.

**VBS Food Sign-ups:** The sign-up sheets are located on the VBS table outside the sanctuary.

### **VBS: June 16<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> from 9:00a.m.-12:00p.m**

All children 4-years old through those completing 6<sup>th</sup> grade are encouraged to attend. Registration forms are available on the VBS table in the Fireside Room. You may also register online on our website [kingsfpc.org](http://kingsfpc.org). We need Crew Leaders!  
Please see the sign-up sheets in the Fireside Room for volunteer opportunities.

**Ushers:** Andy and Laurie Fuller; Joe and Lulu Floriano

## **THE GREATEST THING**

The greatest thing in all my life is knowing you.  
The greatest thing in all my life is knowing you.  
I want to know you more, I want to know you more.  
The greatest thing in all my life is knowing you.

The greatest thing in all my life is *loving* you...

The greatest thing in all my life is *serving* you...

## **CHANGE MY HEART, O GOD**

Change my heart, O God, make it ever true;  
Change my heart, O God, may I be like you.

You are the Potter, I am the clay;  
Mold me and make me, this is what I pray.

Change my heart, O God, make it ever true;  
Change my heart, O God, may I be like you. (*repeat*)

## **FREELY, FREELY**

God forgave my sin in Jesus' name, I've been born again  
in Jesus' name, and in Jesus' name I come to you to  
share his love as he told me to. He said,

*Chorus:*

"Freely, freely you have received; freely, freely give.  
Go in my name; and because you believe, others will  
know that I live."

All power is given in Jesus' name, in earth and heaven,  
in Jesus' name; and in Jesus' name I come to you to  
share his power as he told me to. He said, (*chorus*)