

Sunday, April 7, 2024

First Presbyterian Church of Dunedin

Sanctuary Worship, 10:30 a.m.

Celebration



of God's love, justice, and peace in creation, in others and in ourselves.

***Hymn 104 – Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!**

in *The Presbyterian Hymnal*

***Opening Sentences**

Eric Wells, Liturgist

We gather with joy, for Easter continues.

Locked doors have been opened and fear has turned to peace.

We celebrate the presence of the Risen Christ among us.

Doubts can be erased, and uncertainty turned to faith.

Let us rejoice and be glad!

We offer our prayers and praise with humble, hopeful hearts.

Hymn 106 – Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks

in *The Presbyterian Hymnal*

Sharing Our Stories

***Doxology**

#591 in *The Presbyterian Hymnal*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Christ all creatures here below;

Praise Holy Spirit evermore;

Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

Discovery

of God's love, justice, and peace in creation, in others and in ourselves.

Prayer for Understanding

**Spirit of resurrecting Truth, roll away any assumptions
that block our understanding of the Easter story.**

Open our minds and hearts to receive the Good News that Christ is risen indeed.

Change our lives with this gift. Alleluia! Amen.

New Testament Reading – Acts 4:32-35

Pew Bible, page 888

The Word of the Lord! **Thanks be to God!**

Musical Response – Sue Karpinski-Pate, Flute & Donna Lewallen, Piano

Gospel Reading – John 20:19-31

Pew Bible, page 883

The Gospel of the Lord! **Praise to You, O Christ!**

Sermon

Rev. Dr. David K. Shelor

***Hymn 399 – We Walk by Faith and Not By Sight**

in *The Presbyterian Hymnal*

***Affirmation of faith**

from *The Study Catechism*, Questions 43 and 46

What do we affirm when we say that he was "crucified, dead, and buried"?

**That when our Lord passed through the door of real human death,
he showed us that there is no sorrow that he has not known, no grief he has not borne,
and no price he was unwilling to pay in order to reconcile us to God.**

What do we affirm when we say that 'on the third day he rose again from the dead'?

**That our Lord could not be held by the power of death.
Having died on the cross, he appeared to his followers,
triumphant from the grave, in a new, exalted kind of life.
In showing them his hands and his feet, the one who was crucified
revealed himself to them as the Lord and Savior of the world.**

Prayers of the People

Sung Prayer Refrain 2157 - Come and Fill our Hearts

in *Sing the Faith*

Come and fill our hearts with your peace.

You alone, O Lord, are holy.

Come and fill our hearts with your peace, Alleluia!

The Lord's Prayer

p. 16, at the front of *The Presbyterian Hymnal*

**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.**

Musical Response – Sue Karpinski-Pate, Flute & Donna Lewallen, Piano

Action

for God's love, justice, and peace in creation, in others and in ourselves.

Call - We invite you to consider the ways you are called to serve each focus this week.

to creation

to others

to self

***Hymn 108 – Christ Is Alive!**

in *The Presbyterian Hymnal*

***Benediction**

***Sending Music – Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing!**

setting, J. Reuss

***Time of Greeting**

***Thank you for worshipping with us today!
You are invited to share in a time of fellowship and refreshment.
Please join us now in Hager Hall.
All are welcome!***