

Gilead Presbyterian Church
April 11, 2021; 2nd Sunday of Easter, Year B

Convinced of God's Grace, we affirm that there can be no exclusiveness in the body of Christ. We welcome all regardless of race, ethnic heritage, national origin, age, ability, gender, marital status, sexual orientation, or socioeconomic standing; and we encourage the full participation of all in the life of our congregation.

WELCOME Leader: Alleluia! Christ is Risen! **People: He is Risen indeed!**

OPENING MUSIC "Break Forth, Ye Heavens!" by Edward Broughton
Mary Temple, organ

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING SCRIPTURE Psalms 118:24; Isaiah 65:17-18

Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made!

People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

Leader: Heaven and earth will never be the same!

People: Let us rejoice and be glad!

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

People: He is Risen indeed!

BLUE HYMNAL #118 "The Day of Resurrection!"

1. The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad;
The Passover of gladness, The Passover of God.
From death to life eternal, From this world to the sky,
Our Christ hath brought us over With hymns of victory.

2. Our hearts be pure from evil, That we may see aright
The Lord in rays eternal Of resurrection light;
And, listening to His accents, May hear, so calm and plain,
His own "All hail!" and, hearing, May raise the victor strain.

OPENING PRAYER+

LITANY OF AFFIRMATION AND ASSURANCE+

Leader: That which was from the beginning, which we have heard and seen with our eyes concerning the word of life, we proclaim to you.

People: God of light, in whom is no darkness, we praise you.

Leader: The life was made manifest, and we testify to it.

People: God of light, in whom is no darkness, we praise you.

Leader: If we say we have fellowship with God while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not live according to the truth.

People: God of light, in whom is no darkness, we praise you.

Leader: If we confess our sins, Jesus Christ is faithful and just, and will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

People: Jesus Christ is the expiation for our sins, and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the world.

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SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

DOXOLOGY

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

TIME FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART

SCRIPTURE READING

1 John 1:5-2:2

⁵ This is the message we have heard from Jesus and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in God there is no darkness at all. ⁶ If we say that we have intimacy with God while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not live in truth; ⁷ but if we walk in the light as God is in the light, we are one with each other, and the blood of Jesus, the Only Begotten, cleanses us from all sin. ⁸ If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹ If we confess our sins, God the faithful and just One will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰ If we say that we have not sinned, we call God a liar, and show that God's word is not in us. ^{2:1} My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with God, Jesus Christ the righteous; ² who is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

SCRIPTURE READING

John 20:19-31

¹⁹ When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Temple authorities, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "**Peace be with you.**" ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw Jesus, ²¹ who said to them again, "**Peace be with you. As Abba God has sent me, so I send you.**" ²² When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "**Receive the Holy Spirit.**" ²³ **If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.** ²⁴ But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵ So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Savior." But Thomas said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

²⁶ A week later the disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "**Peace be with you.**" ²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, "**Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.**" ²⁸ Thomas answered him, "My Savior and my God!" ²⁹ Jesus said to him, "**Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.**"

³⁰ Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹ But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus

is the Messiah, the Only Begotten of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

SERMON *"The Wounds of the Resurrected"* Rev. Martin McGeachy

MEDITATION "All That I Am" by Bill Himes
Margaret Karell, soprano

PRAYER, THE 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, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

BLUE HYMNAL #104 "Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!"
Christ is risen! Shout Hosanna! Celebrate this day of days!
Christ is risen! Hush in wonder: all creation is amazed.
In the desert all-surrounding, see, a spreading tree has grown.
Healing leaves of grace abounding bring a taste of love unknown.

Christ is risen! Raise your spirits from the caverns of despair.
Walk with gladness in the morning. See what love can do and dare.
Drink the wine of resurrection, not a servant, but a friend.
Jesus is our strong companion. Joy and peace shall never end.

BENEDICTION and PASSING OF THE PEACE

POSTLUDE "Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain" by Arthur S. Sullivan
Mary Temple, organ arr. by Mary McDonald

Thank you to our videographers this morning, Alexis and Stephanie Gould.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ▶ If you would like a hymnal for use at home, please contact Pastor Martin.
- ▶ Zoom Prayer, each Wednesday at 8:30 a.m. The link is in the weekly bulletin email.
- ▶ PRPH is holding its annual Mother's Day Plant Sale. Orders due by April 30. See www.PRPHNY.org.

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