



Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 25, 2021, 11am

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PRELUDE "Day of Resurrection" Video Hand Bell Choir

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. April 25: 1pm Women's Birthday Event
2. April 25 2pm Ferncliff Forest Church Easter
3. CE Meeting
4. Book Club

CALL TO WORSHIP

Mighty God, We worship you, for you have done great things, You raised Jesus from the dead, and out of the darkness your light shines. Let us praise our God, because God is good, all the time, all the time, God is good.

HYMN OF PRAISE

"You Are Good"

Virtual Choir

Lord You are good. And Your mercy endureth forever.

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People from every nation and tongue.

From generation to generation.

We worship you. Hallelujah, Hallelujah.

We worship you for who you are. 2x

You are good!

You are good all the time. All the time You are good.

You are good all the time. (repeat)

CALL TO CONFESSION

It is out of God's amazing goodness that we are able to approach and admit that even though we are saved we are still sinners, we still need God's help and grace to overcome the ways we fall short. Let us pray together, saying "Help us to hear you."

"Lord hear our prayer."

CONFESSION

Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered the power of sin and death. You appeared to the disciples again with proof of your life and the coming Kingdom, and still we question, "Is it time for our glory yet?" "Help us to hear you."

"Lord hear our prayer."

We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear, bound by expectations that lead to death. We wander from your way, we leave worship before we are empowered by the Holy Spirit. "Help us to hear you." **"Lord hear our prayer."**

Help us to see the poor and the hungry, and stop for those who mourn; help us hear the cries of the oppressed, and the calls for peace; help us to lift up the weak, and honor the earth you made. "Help us to hear you." **"Lord hear our prayer."**

Forgive us, God of mercy. Help us to trust your power to change our lives and make us new, that we may know the joy of life abundant given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord.

HYMN OF FORGIVENESS “Hallelujah” (Live) Annabel Stavey

Let the worship rise from deep within. The sanctuary sing. Hallelujah
Hear the praises of the grateful ones. Rescued from the flames. Hallelujah
The song of those unchained. For the glory of Your name
Jesus piercing through the darkness. Dying just to save us hallelujah
Savior beautiful Redeemer. We will sing forever hallelujah

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, hear the good news, Jesus has promised the help of the Holy Spirit, and has promised not to ever leave us alone or without his presence. You will be Christ’s witnesses throughout the earth, because in Jesus Christ we are forgiven, and we are freed. Thanks be to God. Amen.

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

READING Acts 1:1-8

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning² until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen.³ After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God.⁴ While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. “This,” he said, “is what you have heard from me;⁵ for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with^{bl} the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”

⁶ So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?”⁷ He replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority.⁸ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

SERMON Rev. Marie Mainard O’Connell

OFFERTORY “Holy, Holy, Holy” Video Virtual Choir

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty! Early in the morning My song shall rise to Thee.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty! God in three Persons, Blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee, Casting down their golden crowns.
Around the glassy sea; Cherubim and seraphim Falling down before Thee, Which wert,
and art, And evermore shall be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide Thee, Though the eye of sinful man
Thy glory may not see. Only Thou art holy; There is none beside Thee
Perfect in power, In love, in purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! All Thy works shall praise Thy name
In earth, and sky, and sea. Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, Blessed Trinity.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD’S PRAYER

The Lord opened the meaning of the scriptures to the to the disciples on the road to Emmaus, and set their hearts ablaze. May our hearts be kindled by the power of God’s Spirit as we unite our hearts in prayer, saying, “God of resurrection,” **Hear our prayer.**

For the church throughout the world, that as we celebrate the great 50 days of Easter we may renew our faith and strengthen our witness in Jesus’ name.

God of resurrection, **Hear our prayer.**

For pastors, teachers, musicians and administrators of the church, that they recognize the risen Christ in Word and deed and share that vision, may they lead the church with wisdom, humility and courage; God of resurrection, **Hear our prayer.**

For the governments of the world and its leaders, especially President Biden and Governor Hutchinson, that they may resist the corruption of sin and serve the common good; May they be strengthened for their work; God of resurrection, **Hear our prayer.**

For our planet Earth, that all people may be good stewards of its resources and share in its abundance, offering the care that will bless generations to come; God of resurrection, **Hear our prayer.**

For the poor and the stranger, that they may receive a place of refuge and hope, and that the church may offer the hospitality the first disciple offered to Jesus on the road to Emmaus; God of resurrection, **Hear our prayer.**

For the sick and those in distress, that they may find healing for their pain and be restored to fullness of life; God of resurrection, **Hear our prayer.**

For our neighbors, that we may live together in peace and share our resources; that anger may transform into compassion and our differences be diminished in the light of our shared community and need; God of resurrection, **Hear our prayer.**

For our enemies, that they may receive good things and that we will not return evil for evil, but pray for their blessing and our mutual transformation; God of resurrection,
Hear our prayer.

Almighty God, please receive these prayers we offer, and by the power of the Holy Spirit make us witnesses to the glorious resurrection of Jesus Christ; make us bold to pray as Christ Jesus taught us, saying...

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.

MOMENT FOR MISSION

PW Birthday Offering

GIVING OF OUR OFFERINGS AND TITHES

We serve the Lord with freedom and we worship God with joy. In freedom and joy, let us present the offerings of our lives to the Lord. You may choose to give by mailing your offerings to the church, or giving online. Your gifts maintain our ministries, and make help to others possible. If you know of someone in need—physical, financial, emotional or spiritual...especially if it is yourself, please speak with our pastor or the elder for Congregational Care, Mary Henry.

Doxology “Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow” Video

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise God, all creations high and low.
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise God, in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word, and Spirit one.
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

PRAYER

PASSING THE PEACE

“May the Peace of Christ be with you.” “And also with you.”

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

“The LORD bless you and keep you; The LORD’s face shine upon you, and be gracious to you; The LORD lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace.”

HYMN OF SENDING “Blessed Assurance”

Virtual Choir

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.
This is my story; this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long;
this is my story; this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.

Perfect submission, perfect delight, visions of rapture now burst
on my sight; angels descending, bring from above echoes of mercy, whispers of love.
This is my story; this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long;
this is my story; this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.

Perfect submission, all is at rest; I in my Savior am happy and blest,
watching and waiting, looking above, filled with his goodness, lost in his love.
This is my story; this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long;
this is my story; this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.