

**3rd SUNDAY OF EASTER
GATHER IN GOD’S NAME**

(*=**please stand if you are able**)

Prelude

Welcome

Opening Prayer

L: The Lord hears us when we call:

P: Come, let us put our trust in God.

L: The Lord fills our hearts with gladness:

P: Come, let us sing God’s praises with shouts of joy!

L: The Lord grants peace to our weary souls:

P: Come, let us rest by the quiet waters of God’s grace.

Hymn of the Month

“For God So Loved the World / Porque tanto amó al mundo”

Call to Confession

To repent is to turn away from sin and turn toward Christ Jesus. Scripture promises that when we confess, God hears our cries and wipes away our sin (Acts 3:19). Trusting in God’s promises of new life, let us confess our sins and the sin of this world.

Prayer of Confession GTG#431 Forgive Us Lord /Perdón, Señor

For grievance and injustice; Forgive us, Lord. Aloofness and indifference: Forgive us, Lord. For weakness and transgression: Forgive us, Lord. Resistance and rebellion: Forgive us, Lord

Risen Christ, we are often troubled by our doubts. But you are not troubled by them. You do not require perfect understanding. Instead, you reveal yourself to us again and again that we might come to know you.

Por tantas injusticias: Perdón Señor. Por tanta indiferencia: Perdón Señor. Por todas nuestras faltas: Perdón Señor. Por nuestra rebeldía: Perdón Señor.

Forgive us when our doubts keep us stuck, when fear prevents us from loving all creation as you call us to do. Help us to accept the peace you so graciously offer to us. Have mercy on us when we hoard or hide it, when we fail to offer it to others. Renew us and make us whole that in this world of strife we may be bearers of your peace. In resurrection hope we pray, Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

“See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are” (1 John 3:1). Children of God, we are claimed by God, forgiven of our sins, and set free for love. Alleluia! Amen.

ALL: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Alleluia. Amen.

***Gloria Patri GTG#584**

“Glory, Glory Glory”

Glory, glory, glory, glory be to God on high!

And on earth peace to all people in whom God is well pleased.

¡Gloria, gloria, gloria, en las alturas a Dios!

Y en la tierra, paz a la gente que ama el Señor.

Prayer for Illumination

Redeeming God, as we hear your Word spoken to us, open our eyes to see the risen Christ, open our ears to hear the good news of his salvation for all the world, and open our minds to understand the mysteries of your love. In Christ’s name we pray, Amen.

Scripture Reading

Psalm 10: 1-5

Why do you stand so far away, Lord, hiding yourself in troubling times? Meanwhile, the wicked are proudly in hot pursuit of those who suffer. Let them get caught in the very same schemes they’ve thought up! The wicked brag about their body’s cravings; the greedy reject the Lord, cursing. At the peak of their wrath, the wicked don’t seek God: There’s no God— that’s what they are always thinking. Their ways are always twisted. Your rules are too lofty for them. They snort at all their foes.

L: This is the word of God. **P: Thanks be to God.**

Anthem:

Scripture Reading

1 John 3: 1-7

See what kind of love the Father has given to us in that we should be called God’s children, and that is what we are! Because the world didn’t recognize him, it doesn’t recognize us. Dear friends, now we are God’s children, and it hasn’t yet appeared what we will be. We know that when he appears we will be like him because we’ll see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves even as he is pure. Every person who practices sin commits an act of rebellion, and sin is rebellion. You know that he appeared to take away sins, and there is no sin in him. Every

person who remains in relationship to him does not sin. Any person who sins has not seen him or known him. Little children, make sure no one deceives you. The person who practices righteousness is righteous, in the same way that Jesus is righteous.

L: This is the word of the Lord. **P: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

“We Are Children of God”

Rev. Jeniffer Rodriguez

The Sacrament of Baptism

Lina Elizabeth Rinaldi and Charley Rae Rinaldi

Baptism Hymn GTG #69

“I, the Lord of Sea and Sky / Here I Am Lord”

Presentation

Renunciations

Profession of Faith

Do you believe in God, the Father almighty?

I BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Thanksgiving Over Water

The Baptism

Welcome

Hymn GTG#7

“Mothering God, You Gave me Birth”

Words of Gratitude

In response to God’s abundant grace at work in our lives, let us present with gratitude our gifts of time, talent and treasure, for the building up of God’s kingdom.

RESPOND IN GRACE

“Rain Down”

Rain down, rain down, rain down your love on your people

Rain down, rain down, rain down your love God of life.

Faithful and true is the word of our God.

All of God’s works are so worthy of trust

God’s mercy falls on the just and the right,

full of God’s love is the earth

Rain down, rain down, rain down your love on your people

Rain down, rain down, rain down your love God of life.

*** Doxology**

“Praise You”

Praise you, praise you; let my life praise you.

Praise you, praise you; let my life, O lord, praise you.

Praise you. Let my life, O Lord, praise you.

Prayer of Dedication

Living Lord, we give you thanks for the bounty of your grace: you create us in your image, shower us with your love, forgive us when we turn away from you, and give us a future with hope. Bless these gifts we offer you today, and make us good stewards of the resources you have entrusted to us. May our gifts bring joy and peace in our church and in our community. In Christ’s holy name we pray, Amen.

Prayers of the People

God of abundant grace, we gather today just as your first disciples gathered in the wake of the resurrection: in joy, wonder and disbelief. We remember that whenever we gather in your name, you appear in our midst, offering us the comfort of your presence and the assurance of your love. And we give you thanks that like those first disciples, you give us a community to practice our faith. Grant us grace to hold space for one another’s doubts and questions. Give us courage to admit that we do not have all the answers. Make this community where we explore what it means to receive your forgiveness and dedicate our lives to you.

We remember that when the risen Christ first appeared to his disciples, he offered them peace. Our world is deeply in need of your peace, O God: a peace that is not only the absence of conflict but the presence of wholeness for all people. We pray for innocent victims of war in Ukraine and Gaza and around the world. Put an end to violence,

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Lord. Teach us to recognize our shared humanity, our shared status as your beloved children, each of us created in your image. Lead each of us to prioritize peace, both in our homes and communities and in the wider world. We pray for all who sit in seats of power: fill their hearts with compassion and their decisions with wisdom, that all may have the chance not only to survive, but to flourish.

Most of all, God, save us from despair. Open our eyes to see the signs of resurrection life that are all around us. Plant hope within us, and help us to nurture its tender shoots, that it may grow more robust each day. May we begin to imagine the future of your shalom.

Loving Lord, we pray for members of our community who need your care. Ease the suffering of the sick and speed the healing of those in recovery. Comfort all those who mourn and bring rest to all who are worn down. Surround the isolated with love and soothe the troubled minds of the anxious. We especially pray for ..., and all we name now in the quiet of our hearts....

Lord of life, remind us of our call to love one another as you have loved us, with a love that casts out fear and creates community. Grant us energy to serve one another with humility and hope. Keep us faithful in your service until Christ comes again and all things are made new. We pray in his name and as he taught us: **“Our Father....”**

***Lord’s Prayer**

Hymn GTG#377

“I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”

Announcements

Benediction

God is Good! All the time! All the Time! God is Good!

As you go out from this place, remember that “Christ has no body but yours, No hands, no feet on earth but yours, Yours are the eyes with which he looks Compassion on this world, Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good, Yours are the hands, with which he blesses all the world. Yours are the hands, yours are the feet, Yours are the eyes, you are his body... Christ has no body now on earth but yours.” Together we are the resurrected body of Christ in the world. And wherever we go, however we live into that call, the risen Christ will be with us, God’s love will surround us, and the Spirit will breathe new life into our weary souls. Amen.

The Peace

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you

People: And also with you

Amen

Postlude

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EVENTS HAPPENING IN 2024

In person hybrid worship is at 11AM

Zoom link is as follows:

By Computer

Join Zoom Meeting

Meeting ID: 870 270 865

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Drumming Program will be on the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month. The next session will be April 15th at 6:00PM in the Fellowship Hall

Hybrid English Bible Study will be on Thursdays at 11AM in the Fellowship Hall. April 18th bible study will be by zoom only. April 25th and May 9th there will be no bible study.

Zoom Link bible study

By computer

Join Zoom Meeting

Meeting ID: 376 838 854

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Spanish Bible Study will be on Wednesdays.

Coffee Hour following worship today

Next Session Meeting will be April 29th at 7PM

Next Worship Team Meeting Tuesday April 23, 2024 at 9:30AM

Memorial Service for Rev. Raquel Welty June 29th 11AM. More details to follow.

We will be collecting money and Handwritten Mother's Day Cards for the Women's Bedford Correctional Facility. If you are interested in contributing, please see Pastor Jeniffer.

Presbyterian Women 2024 Churchwide Gathering will be August 8-11, 2024 in St. Louis, Missouri. If you are interested in attending, please register at www.2024pwcwg.org

Please Share your tithes and offerings using the QR code below



Prayers and Praise

Please pray for everyone in leadership

Please pray for children/ families

Please pray for the Otu family

Please pray for the Supina/Ruess family

Please pray for the Sevilla family

Please pray for people struggling with cancer for healing

Please pray for people struggling with mental health

Please pray for leaders, people in a position of authority

Please pray for the Denzer Family

Please pray for Heather Blenkinsopp

Please pray for the Carretta family

Please pray for the Yumart family

Please pray for the Sippel family

Please pray for the Quinoy family

Please pray for Joy and Teresa Zeiden

Please pray for Boateng family

Please Pray for Orr family

Please pray for Kiara Taylor's family

Please pray for Bruce and family

Please pray for Bob

Please pray for Curtis

Please pray for the Bonapace family

Please pray for peace in the world

Please pray for Warren's family

Please pray for Passengers and Crew Members of Ships

Praise Songs and Hymns

For God so loved the World / Porque tanto amó al mundo Dios

God could have chosen to never love again,

Leave all creation in sin and despair.

But God with compassion said:

I'll pay redemptions price and took on the form of man,
became the perfect sacrifice.

Refrain:

*For God so loved the world
that he gave his only begotten Son (begotten Son)
that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, should not perish;
but they shall have, they shall have everlasting life.*

En el principio al mundo Dios creó

Todo perfecto en paz y en amor;

pero fuimos rebeldes, pecamos sin razón mas Dios
no dejó de amar y por nosotros se entregó. *(Refrain)*

I, the Lord of sea and sky / Here I am, Lord

I, the Lord of sea and sky,

I have heard my people cry.

All who dwell in dark and sin
my hand will save.

I, who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.

Who will bear my light to them?

Whom shall I send?

Refrain:

*Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.*

I, the Lord of snow and rain,

I have borne my people's pain.

I have wept for love of them.

They turn away.

I will break their hearts of stone,
give them hearts for love alone.

I will speak my word to them.

Whom shall I send? *(Refrain)*

I, the Lord of wind and flame,

I will tend the poor and lame.

I will set a feast for them.

My hand will save.

Finest bread I will provide
till their hearts be satisfied.

I will give my life to them.

Whom shall I send? *(Refrain)*

Mothering God, you gave me birth

Mothering God, you gave me birth
in the bright morning of this world.
Creator, source of every breath,
you are my rain, my wind, my sun.

Mothering Christ, you took my form,
offering me your food of light,
grain of life, and grape of love,
your very body for my peace.

Mothering Spirit, nurturing one,
in arms of patience hold me close,
so that in faith I root and grow
until I flower, until I know.

I want to walk as a child of the light

I want to walk as a child of the light.
I want to follow Jesus.
God set the stars to give light to the world.
The star of my life is Jesus.

Refrain:

*In him there is no darkness at all.
The night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God.
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus. (Refrain)*

I want to see the brightness of God.
I want to look at Jesus.
Clear Sun of righteousness, shine on my path,
and show me the way to the Father. *(Refrain)*

I'm looking for the coming of Christ.
I want to be with Jesus.
When we have run with patience the race,
we shall know the joy of Jesus. *(Refrain)*