Worship this Morning

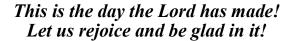
SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



MOTHER'S DAY
CONFIRMATION SUNDAY
NICKEL-A-MEAL HUNGER OFFERING

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Welcome!



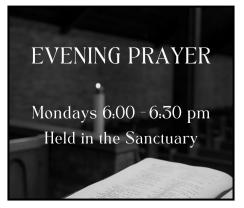
Sunday, May 12

Early Worship (8:30)

The Service for the Lord's Day Confirmation Sunday (11:00)













Sunday, May 19 at 6:30 pm Held in the Sanctuary



Men's Breakfast Saturday Mornings at 7:30 AM

HELD IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL

First Presbyterian Church

"EARLY @ 8:30 WORSHIP"

Prelude.

Call to Worship — Prayer

*Hymn I Was There To Hear Your Borning Cry WATERLIFE

- 1) "I was there to hear your borning cry; I'll be there when you are old. I rejoiced the day you were baptized to see your life unfold. I was there when you were but a child with a faith to suit you well; in a blaze of light you wandered off to find where demons dwell."
- 2) "When you heard the wonder of the Word, I was there to cheer you on. You were raised to praise the living Lord to whom you now belong. If you find someone to share your time and you join your hearts as one. I'll be there to make your verses rhyme from dusk till rising sun."
- 3) "In the middle ages of your life, not too old, no longer young, I'll be there to guide you through the night, complete what I've begun. When the evening gently closes in and you shut your weary eyes, I'll be there as I have always been with just one more surprise."
- "I was there to hear your borning cry; I'll be there when you are old. I rejoiced the day you were baptized to see your life unfold."

*Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, in baptism You promise forgiveness and new life, making us part of the Body of Christ. Yet we remain preoccupied with ourselves, separated from sisters and brothers in Christ. We cling to destructive habits, hold grudges, and show reluctance to welcome one another. We allow the past to hold us hostage. Have mercy on us, and free us from sin. Remind us of Your promises to us in baptism, so we may rise to new life, and live together in grace. Amen.

*Words of Pardon

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel! Leader:

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God! People:

*Congregational Response

The First Song of Isaiah

Surely, it is God who saves me; Surely, it is God who saves me; I will trust in him and not be afraid. I will trust in him and not be afraid. For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense,

And He will be my Savior. And He will be my Savior.

*Welcome — *Passing the Peace of Christ — Announcements — Nickel-A-Meal Offering Children's Sermon

> Children come forward as we sing Jesus Loves Me. Afterward, children are invited to Sunday School in the Library.

Offertory

Pastor: We remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said: "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

We give Thee but Thine own, what-e'er the gift may be; All: all that we have is Yours alone, a trust, O Lord, from Thee. Amen.

Joys and Concerns of the Church — Prayers of the People — 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 and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Scripture — Sermon

"Who Will We Become?"

Sam Warner

*Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

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

^{*}Benediction — *Postlude

UNISON READING

READER

Please join me in the *Unison Prayer for Illumination*. Let us pray.

UNISON PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Prepare our hearts, O God, to accept Your Word. Silence in us any voice but Your own, that, hearing, we may also obey Your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Our Unison Reading is from Paul's Letter to the Ephesians, Chapter 4, selected verses. Join with me. UNISON READING

⁴ There is one body and one Spirit,

just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, 5 one Lord, one faith, one baptism, 6 one God and Father of all,

who is above all and through all and in all.

¹⁴ We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro

and blown about by every wind of doctrine....

15 But speaking the truth in love,

we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ,

¹⁶ from whom the whole body, ... as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

SCRIPTURE READING

READER

Our next Reading is from *First John*, Chapter 3, verses 1 through 3.

Children of God

¹ See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ² Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. ³ And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

PASTOR

Our Readings continue from Paul's Second Letter to Timothy, Chapter 1, verses 1 through 7.

Thanksgiving and Encouragement

¹ Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus.

² To Timothy, my beloved child: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

³ I am grateful to God – whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did – when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. ⁴Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. ⁵ I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. ⁶ For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands; ⁷ for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.

Our final Reading is from Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians, Chapter 15, verses 1 through 1.

The Resurrection of Christ

¹ Now I would remind you, brothers and sisters, in what terms I preached to you the gospel, which you received, in which you stand, ² by which you are saved, if you hold it fast — unless you believed in vain.

³ For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, ⁴ that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, ⁵ and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. ⁶ Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. ⁷ Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. ⁸ Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. ⁹ For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰ But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God which is with me. ¹¹ Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.



