

**Anthem**      *Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks*      Fishel

**Joys and Concerns of the Congregation**

**Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer**

**Benediction**

**Response**    *Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing!*      Vulpius

**Postlude**      *Thine is the Glory*    Handel/Arr. Hal Leonard

**If you have not already done so, please place your offering in the marked basket nearest the exit you use. We look forward to seeing you again next week.**

A special thank you to our ushers!

Pianist: Cindy Sutton

Ensemble: Betsy Conzelman, Sue Jones, Susan Mabie,

Pat K. Rowlett



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2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter

## **FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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A Congregation of the Presbyterian Church (USA)

Building Community ▪ Transforming Lives ▪ Engaging the World

*Trusting that God's grace embraces and makes covenant with all believers, First Presbyterian Church intends to be an inclusive place of spiritual growth for all people. All persons are welcomed into this fellowship and membership regardless of age, sexual orientation, gender, ethnic or racial identity, economic or educational status, or political affiliation.*

# Order of Worship

## Prayer of Preparation

*Open my heart and mind, dear God, to this hour in your presence. In this moment, empty me of my distractedness. Bring your abiding peace to my turbulence. Allow my spirit to sense your Holy Presence in this place, in the acts and words of worship, and in the people gathered here with me. May I leave here today as a vessel filled with life-giving water. Walk alongside of me this week, dear Lord. Amen.*

## Welcome

## Chiming of the Trinity

**Prelude**      *Come, Thou Font of Every Blessing*      Hal Leonard

**\*Call to Worship**      1 John 1:1-3

That which was from the beginning, which we have heard,  
which we have seen with our eyes,  
which we have looked at and our hands have touched –  
this we proclaim concerning the Word of life.

**The life appeared;  
we have seen it and testify to it,  
and we proclaim to you the eternal life,  
which was with the Father and has appeared to us.**

We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard,  
so that you also may have fellowship with us.

**And our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ. Let us worship God!**

**Anthem**      *Day of Arising*      Cherwien/Schalk

## Confession

**With earnest hearts we turn to you, O God, knowing that our witness for you has been inconsistent and half-hearted. With the Apostle Paul we readily admit that “Those things that we ought to do, we do not. And those things that we ought not to do, we do.” Before you, in this Sanctuary, we confess our**

**shortcomings, dear Lord. Yet, to our core we yearn to be your faithful servants. Forgive our omissions and our transgressions, and restore us to your abundant fellowship. Allow your light to shine in our lives and through our lives so that others may be drawn to fellowship with you. Make us useful instruments in your work of peace, we pray. Amen.**

*Silent Confession*

## Assurance of Pardon

## Summary of the Law

**“You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ This is the greatest and the first commandment. And a second is like it, ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’”      Matthew 22:37-39**

## Prayer for Illumination

**Lesson**      Luke 24:13-35

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

**Sermon**      Elder Steve Mabie

## \*Affirmation of Faith

Lord’s Day 1      The Heidelberg Catechism (1563)

What is your only comfort in life and in death?

**That I am not my own, but belong – body and soul, in life and in death- to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven; in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.**