



First Presbyterian Church

201 S. High St.
Kirksville, MO

April 28, 2024 – 5th Sunday of Easter

We Gather to Worship

Prelude

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Welcome

*Call to Worship

The Lord is risen! Alleluia!

Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!

Beloved, let us love one another.

We love because God first loved us.

Praise the Lord.

The Lord's name be praised.

*Gathering Prayer

*Hymn 260 *"Alleluia! Sing to Jesus"*

PYF Musicians, Accom.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered the power of sin and death. We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death. We overlook the poor and the hungry, and pass by those who mourn; we are deaf to the cries of the oppressed, and indifferent to calls for peace; we despise the weak, and abuse the earth you made. 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.

Silent Confession

Words of Assurance

Passing the Peace

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

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*Hymn 581 “*Glory Be to the Father*”

We Listen to God’s Word

Prayer of Illumination

Living God, with joy we celebrate the presence of your risen Word. Enliven our hearts by your Holy Spirit so that we may proclaim the good news of eternal and abundant life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Scripture:

Gospel Lesson	<i>John 15:1-8</i>	New Testament pg 109
New Testament Lesson	<i>Acts 8:26-40</i>	New Testament pg 127
Psalter	<i>Psalms 22:25-31</i>	Old Testament pg 501

[The congregation will respond by reading the even numbered verses.]

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

Special Music	“ <i>Lyric Interlude</i> ” By Clair Johnson	Eric AuBuchon
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New Testament Lesson	<i>1 John 4:7-21</i>	New Testament pg 241
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The Gospel of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Message	“Perfection in Love”	Rev. Josh McKenna
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*Hymn 692 “*Spirit, Open My Heart*” PYF Musicians, Accom.

We Respond in Faith

*Affirmation of Faith: 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.

Prayers of the People and The Lord’s Prayer

For the church, the world, and all in need, let us pray to the Lord, saying: O God, **hear our 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.

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Opportunities for Ministry

Adult Sunday School - There will be adult Sunday School today.

Youth Musical - There will be musical practice today.

Change in Service Times - May 5th and May 19th services will start at 10:30 a.m. and not 9:30. May 19th (Pentecost Sunday) we will gather at the Point to celebrate the baptism of Katelyn Prendergast.

Presby Women - The next Presby Women's meeting will be May 9th at 2:00 p.m. at the home of Renne Johnson. All women are invited to attend.

Congregational Meeting - There will be a congregational meeting on May 12 immediately following worship to dissolve the pastor's Terms of Call.

Pentecost Offering - A gift to the Pentecost Offering helps the church encourage, develop, and support its young people, and also address the needs of at-risk children. 40% of the Pentecost offering can be retained by individual congregations wanting to make an impact in the lives of young people within their own community. The remaining 60% is used to support children-at-risk, youth, and young adults through ministries of the Presbyterian Mission Agency. For more information:
<https://specialofferings.pcusa.org/offering/pentecost/>

Clothes Closet - The Clothes Closet will be closed again on both April 27th and 30th due to a lack of volunteers. If you have any interest in serving this mission, please contact Becky. The hours are 9:45 a.m. – 12 p.m. on Saturdays and 12:45 – 3:00 p.m. on Tuesdays.

Offering

*Hymn 606 *“Doxology”*

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn 623 *“I’ve Got Peace like a River”*

PYF Musicians, Accom.

We Depart to Serve

Charge and Blessing

Sung Benediction Hymn 70 *“What Does the Lord Require of You”*

Postlude

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Weekly Calendar

Sunday, April 28

9:30 a.m. – Worship; **10:30 a.m.** - Fellowship; **11:00 a.m.** - Sunday School; **6:00 p.m.** - PYF

Tuesday, April 30, 2024

1:00 p.m. - Clothes Closet

Thursday, May 2, 2024

9:30 a.m. - Friendship Hour

Saturday, May 4, 2024

10:00 a.m. - Clothes Closet

Sunday, May 5 - Choir Sunday

10:30 a.m. – Worship; **11:30 a.m.** - Fellowship; **12:00 p.m.** - Sunday School;

6:00 p.m. - PYF (last one for the year)

Tuesday, May 7, 2024

1:00 p.m. - Clothes Closet; **5:15 p.m.** - Deacon's Meeting; **6:30 p.m.** - Outreach Meeting;

7:00 p.m. - Session Meeting

Thursday, May 9, 2024

9:30 a.m. - Friendship Hour; **2:00 p.m.** - Presby Women

Saturday, May 4, 2024

10:00 a.m. - Clothes Closet

Attendance April 21, 2024

In person – 44

Online – 5

Church Office Hours This Week

Pastor Josh – Monday-Thursday, 10:00 a.m. - noon.

Becky - Monday - Friday, 8:00 a.m. - noon.

Please feel free to contact the office for an appointment outside of these hours.

April Food of the Month for PAC

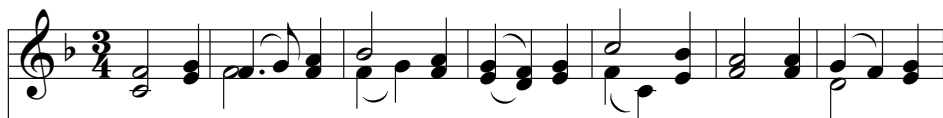
Canned Fruit

May Food of the Month for PAC

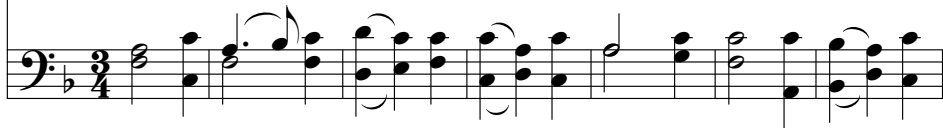
Tuna

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Alleluia! Sing to Jesus



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; his the scep - ter, his the
 2 Al - le - lu - ia! Not as or - phans are we left in sor - row
 3 Al - le - lu - ia! Bread of an - gels, here on earth our food, our
 4 Al - le - lu - ia! King e - ter - nal, Lord om - nip - o - tent we



throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the tri - umph, his the vic - to -
 now; Al - le - lu - ia! he is near us; faith be - lies nor
 stay; Al - le - lu - ia! here the sin - ful flee to you from
 own; Al - le - lu - ia! born of Mar - y, earth your foot - stool,



ry a - lone! Hark! The songs of peace - ful Zi - on
 ques - tions how. Though the cloud from sight re - ceived him,
 day to day. In - ter - ces - sor, friend of sin - ners,
 heaven your throne. As with - in the veil you en - tered,



The author regarded this text as a communion hymn, a theme that seems eclipsed by the attention to Christ's exaltation, but a helpful reminder that such hymns are not always quiet and meek. This text is sung to various tunes, but this rousing Welsh one is a favorite choice.

JESUS CHRIST: ASCENSION AND REIGN

thun - der like a might - y flood: "Je - sus out of
 when the for - ty days were o'er, shall our hearts for -
 earth's re - deem - er, hear our plea where the songs of
 robed in flesh, our great high priest; here on earth both

ev - ery na - tion has re - deemed us by his blood."
 get his prom - ise: "I am with you ev - er - more"?
 all the sin - less sweep a - cross the crys - tal sea.
 priest and vic - tim in the eu - cha - ris - tic feast.

Glory Be to the Father

581

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the

Son, and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the be -

gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be,

world with - out end. A - men, a - men.

692 Spirit, Open My Heart

Capo 3: (D) (G) (D) (G) (A7)
 Refrain F B^b F B^b C7



Spir - it, o - pen my heart to the joy and pain of

(Bm) (D/A) (G) (A7) (Bm) (D/A) (Em)
 Dm F/C B^b C7 Dm F/C Gm



liv - ing. As you love may I love, in re - ceiv - ing

(D) (G) (Em7) (D) (G) (D)
 F B^b Gm7 F B^b F



and in giv - ing. Spir - it, o - pen my heart.

(D) (G) (D) (G)
 F B^b F B^b



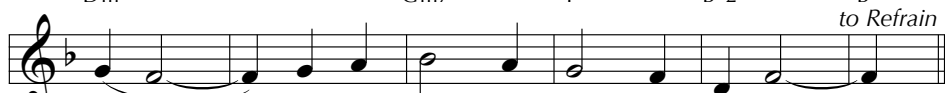
1 God, re - place my ston - y heart with a heart that's
 2 Write your love up - on my heart as my law, my
 3 May I weep with those who weep; share the joy of

(A7) (Bm) (D/A) (G) (A7)
 C7 Dm F/C B^b C7



kind and ten - der. All my cold - ness and
 goal, my sto - ry. In each thought, word, and
 sis - ter, broth - er. In the wel - come of

(Bm) (Em7) (D) (G2) (G)
 Dm Gm7 F B^b2 B^b



fear to your grace I now sur - ren - der.
 deed, may my liv - ing bring you glo - ry.
 Christ, may we wel - come one an - oth - er.

The pace and diversity of modern life often hinder us from remaining vulnerable to our emotions and to the humanness of other people. This prayerful text to be open to such joys and pains draws on Ezekiel 11:19 and 36:26 in stanza one and echoes Jeremiah 31:33 in stanza two.

606 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Doxology

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise *him, all crea-tures

here be - low; praise *him a - bove, ye heaven-ly host; praise

Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

**Or "God"*

623 I've Got Peace like a River

1 I've got peace like a riv - er; I've got peace like a
 2 I've got joy like a foun-tain; I've got joy like a
 3 I've got love like an o - cean; I've got love like an

1
 riv - er; I've got peace like a riv - er, in my
 foun-tain; I've got joy like a foun-tain, in my
 o - cean; I've got love like an o - cean, in my

2
 soul. I've got riv - er, in my soul.
 soul. I've got foun-tain, in my soul.
 soul. I've got o - cean, in my soul.

In the King James Version, the promise of “peace like a river” is twice mentioned in Isaiah (48:18; 66:12) as a blessing that comes from doing God’s will. The water imagery of this African American spiritual also provides reminders of Christians’ baptismal identity.

What Does the Lord Require of You? 70

Capo 3: (G) (D) (Em) (Bm)
 B^b F Gm Dm

*1.

What does the Lord re - quire of you?

2.

Jus - tice, kind - ness,

3.

To seek jus - tice and love kind - ness

(C) (G) (Am) (D) (G)
 E^b B^b Cm F B^b *Repeat as desired*

What does the Lord re - quire of you?

walk hum - bly with your God.

and walk hum - bly with your God.

**The three melodic phrases may be sung consecutively, as a canon, or in any combination.*

This text is a very slight paraphrase of the latter part of Micah 6:8. That verse sums up in a single sentence the legal, ethical, and covenantal requirements of religion. The intertwining of these commitments can be suggested by singing these phrases in an overlapping canon.