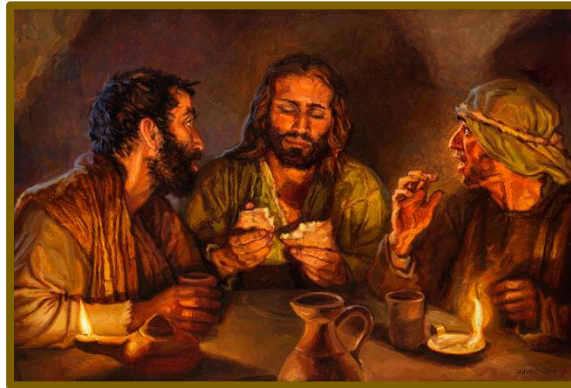




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The Clothing Church

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, PLANO, TX
SUNDAY BULLETIN



SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
APRIL 19, 2026
THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

*This * means please stand as you are able.*

PRELUDE & PROCESSION

"Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"

Lyra Dividica, 1708/P. Manz

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

MUSICAL CONTEMPLATION:

"Now the Green Blade Rises"

French Carol, 15th c./P. Manz

Please stand

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: I will offer to you a thanksgiving sacrifice and call on the name of the Lord.

People: I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people,

Leader: in the courts of the house of the Lord, in your midst, O Jerusalem.

People: Praise the Lord!

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Please be seated

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Please stand

***OPENING HYMN #231** *"Christ Has Risen, While Earth Slumbers"*

Pease be seated

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: Merciful God, even as we proclaim the saving life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, we fail to see the living Christ in our midst. We find ourselves preoccupied with our own well-being and success, forgetting your imperative to love our neighbor as ourselves. We turn away from systems that challenge our way of thinking, choosing to justify our actions instead of examining our intentions. Show us again how to live a resurrection faith, a faith that sees life and hope in the midst of death and destruction. Transform our hearts so that where they are hardened toward you, neighbor and self, they may once again be filled with love and moved to actions of grace and mercy. In your holy name, we pray. Amen.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Pastor: In Acts 2:39, Peter says: "For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him." Receive the good news, Children of God, you are forgiven.

All: Thanks be to God.

Please Stand

*GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: May the Peace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, be with you!

People: And also with you.

Leader: Greet one another with a sign of peace.

*PEACE RESPONSE HYMN #172 (no repeats) *"Blest Are They"*

*"Rejoice and be glad! Blessed are you; holy are you!
Rejoice and be glad! Yours is the Kingdom of God!"*

Please be seated

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING (Epistle)

Acts 2:14a, 36-41

ANTHEM

"How Can I Keep From Singing"
Arr. by Richard Walters

Youna Hartgraves, soprano
Jeffrey Snider, baritone

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING (Gospel)

Luke 24:13-35

SERMON

"A Life Changing Meal"

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

OFFERTORY INVITATION

Please rise

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him, all creatures here below.
Praise Him above ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION**

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (From *The Belhar Confession*)

All: We believe that Christ's work of reconciliation is made manifest in the church as the community of believers who have been reconciled with God and with one another; that unity is, therefore, both a gift and an obligation for the church of Jesus Christ; that through the working of God's Spirit it is a binding force, yet simultaneously a reality which must be earnestly pursued and sought: one which the people of God must continually be built up to attain. That this unity must become visible so that the world may believe that separation, enmity and hatred between people and groups are sins which Christ has already conquered, and accordingly that anything which threatens this unity may have no place in the church and must be resisted. Amen.

Please be seated

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Pastor: God of Hope, we live in the tension of the world as it is and the world we know is possible in you. With hearts full of the promise of resurrection and hearts broken by sin, we turn to you, trusting that you make all things and abundant life is possible.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: We pray for those in positions of power: elected and appointed government officials, business owners and executives, school board members and administrators, parents and church leaders. May each of them be guided by your wisdom. May their power and authority be used to offer care and promote flourishing for each person under their protection.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Pastor: For Christians across the world: we pray that our daily lives would witness to the risen Christ and that we would remember that we are one in the body of Christ when we are tempted by division.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Pastor: We pray for those who are ill or suffering. Grant them healing in body, mind and spirit.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Pastor: For those who are grieving broken relationships, we pray for relief and for new relationships that bring abundant joy.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Pastor: Where there are systems that cause harm, we pray for lasting change so that reconciliation and restoration may be possible.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Pastor: For places where war and violence are raging: we pray for mercy, for justice and for peace. Grant your protection to those in harm's way: in their homes, in their cities, in their nations. We long for your kingdom to come on earth as it is in heaven. May it be so. We pray in the name of the one who was, is, and is to come, Jesus the Christ who taught us to pray:

THE LORD'S PRAYER

All: 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.

Please stand

*CLOSING HYMN #729 *"Lord, I Want to be a Christian"*

*CHARGE

*BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE

"He is Lord"

He is Lord, He is Lord!

He is risen from the dead and He is Lord!

Ev'ry knee shall bow, ev'ry tongue confess

That Jesus Christ is Lord.

*POSTLUDE

"I Know That My Redeemer Lives"

American Folk song/J. Pethel

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