



Clothing Body
and Soul

The Clothing Church

First Presbyterian Church, Plano, TX

SUNDAY BULLETIN



SERVICE FOR THE LORDS DAY

APRIL 28, 2024

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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

PRELUDE & PROCESSION

"All Praise to Jesus' Hallowed Name"

J. S. Bach

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

MUSICAL CONTEMPLATION: *"Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring/Jesus, Lover of My Soul"* J. S. Bach,
S. Marsh/S. E. Rogers

***CALL TO WORSHIP Please stand**

Leader: We gather this day in joy and Christian fellowship,

People: for we are the church of Jesus Christ!

Leader: We pray for the Holy Spirit to be among us,

People: opening our hearts and minds to the worship of God!

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Please be seated

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Please stand

***OPENING HYMN #703** *"Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me"*

Pease be seated

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: Gracious God, our hearts are restless until they find their home in you. Forgive our pursuit of things that separate us from you. We pursue success, realizing it will never be enough. We desire more possessions, knowing they are empty. We turn toward the world and hope we will find peace, knowing the world cannot provide it. Forgive us, we pray, and may our wandering hearts find their rest in you alone. Amen.

(moment of silent confession)

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

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 (Psalm Reading)

Psalm 22:25-31

CHORAL ANTHEM

"In Pastures Green"
Composed by Charles McCartha

Sanctuary Choir
Flute: Kasye Palmer

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING (New Testament)

John 15:1-8

THIRD SCRIPTURE READING (Epistle)

Acts 8:26-40

SERMON

"Call Me Ishmael"

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

OFFERTORY INVITATION

Please rise

*DOXOLOGY

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (the Apostles' Creed)

ALL: 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 Spirit, and born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at 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 Spirit, the holy catholic* church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

*COMMUNION HYMN #288

"Spirit of the Living God"

Please be seated

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

PRAYER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THANKSGIVING

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.

THE BREAKING OF BREAD

THE LIFTING OF THE CUP

PRAYER

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

ALL: Gracious God, may we who have received this sacrament live in the unity of your Holy Spirit, that we may show forth your gifts to all the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Pastor: As we continue in a spirit of prayer, let us join with all creation in praying for the good of the earth, saying:

People: God, who makes us one, hear our prayer.

Pastor: Oh God, we give you thanks for your Holy Spirit whose work at creation continues in us. Through Christ Jesus you have shown your love for this earth you made. We pray that all the world may know your power, your authority and your goodness.

People: God, who makes us one, hear our prayer.

Pastor: Word of life, reveal the wonder of your world to all people. Show us anew what lives around us, over us, beneath us, within us. Enliven the church with your Spirit, that we may honor your earth with responsible care.

People: God, who makes us one, hear our prayer.

Pastor: Almighty God, uphold our sisters and brothers who endure disasters caused by weather, war, famine, sickness, or greed. Strengthen all who are in peril, especially the people of Israel, Gaza, Ukraine, and Haiti. You are our refuge and strength, a very present help in time of trouble.

People: God, who makes us one, hear our prayer.

Pastor: Giver of all good things, bring trust and sympathy to the nations of the world. Let peacemakers reign wherever there is conflict. Give wisdom to leaders and hope to the poor.

People: God, who makes us one, hear our prayer.

Pastor: Good healer, we pray for all who are in need of comfort. Comfort those who mourn; uphold those who are sick, or holding vigil, or awaiting words of hope, especially those we name now silently or aloud...

People: God, who makes us one, hear our prayer.

Pastor: Trusting in your mercy, we commend to you all those we have named, and those whose needs are known only to you, in the name of your Son, Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN #157** *"I Danced in the Morning (Lord of the Dance)"*

***CHARGE**

***BLESSING**

***SEVEN-FOLD AMEN**

***POSTLUDE** *"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"* L. V. Beethoven/Joyce Jones

Participants in worship:

Pastor – Tracy Ebarb

Liturgist/Cantor – Kurt Thomas

Communion Server – Linna Bringe

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Greeters – Keith & Linna Bringe

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