

## THE LORD'S PRAYER *(Unison)*

**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.**

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

*We have three ways to receive communion.*

*You may come forward to the front of the sanctuary to receive communion by intinction or by using a prepackaged individual serving of a gluten-free wafer with grape juice. The third way is to receive communion in your pew. If you choose to remain seated, please raise your hand and a server will come to you with both options for communion – intinction or a prepackaged, gluten-free kit.*

*If you are a visitor, we welcome you to join us at the table as this is an open table where all are welcome. We invite you to follow the example of others as to when to come forward, receive communion, and how to return to your pew.*

## COMMUNION MUSIC

*Come Unto Him*

G.F. HANDEL

SOPRANO: MELANIE HANNA EZELL

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

### OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS

### OFFERTORY

### † DOXOLOGY

OLD HUNDREDTH

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;**

**Praise Christ, all people here below;**

**Praise Holy Spirit evermore;**

**Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen**

### † PRAYER OF DEDICATION

## SENDING

*The God who calls us together in worship now sends us out in service.*

### † INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

### † HYMN 643

*Now Thank We All Our God*

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### † BENEDICTION

### † POSTLUDE

## Statement of Welcome & Inclusiveness

As one part of the church of Jesus Christ, we are inspired and guided by Christ's vision of God's realm—one that includes all who seek to love God and neighbor.

Second Presbyterian Church welcomes all people.

As a congregation of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), we invite those who respond in trust and obedience to God's grace in Jesus Christ to become part of the membership and ministry of the church. We would be pleased to have you join us in our journey of faith, regardless of age, race, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, economic or family status, ethnic background, mental or physical abilities.

## Are You New to Second Pres?

If you are a guest, we are grateful you have joined us in worship and we hope you are well taken care of and feel at home. Feel free to stop by the Welcome Center in the narthex or say hello to a staff member or greeter. Check out the bulletin insert for more on Second Pres and things that may be of interest to you. We're glad you're here.

## Worship Leaders

Elizabeth Cahoon, Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministries

Rev. Alisa Secrest/ Rev. Lindy Vogado

Dr. Bevan Keating, Director of Music and the Arts

Doug Barr, Director of Children and Family Ministry

Adam Savacool, organist

Clint Brockway, Interpreter

Liturgists: (8:30am) Ralph Wilcox (11:00am) Beth Sigler

Communion Servers: (8:30am) Jean Kohler, Nancy Hamlin,

Julia Dorchester, Leon Lants

(11:00am) Micky Rigby, Johanna. Lewis, Dianne McVinney, George

Keck, Judy Johnson, Gwin & Cotten Cunningham, Ann Owen

### April Usher Captains

**8:30am** (4/7) Becky Talmadge (4/14) Margo Shoffner

**11:00am** (4/7) Freddie Jolley (4/14) Diane Karlson

## Joys & Prayer Requests

Please notify the church office of hospitalizations, joys and concerns. For a full listing of prayer concerns, please call the Care and Concern line at (501) 227-6117.

## Giving to Second Pres

Your generosity is a meaningful expression of your faith in God and your commitment to Christ's work in the world. Contributions can be made to the Annual Budget, Memorial Gifts and the Birthday Fund.



### OFFERING PLATE

You may place your offering in the offering plate



### BY MAIL

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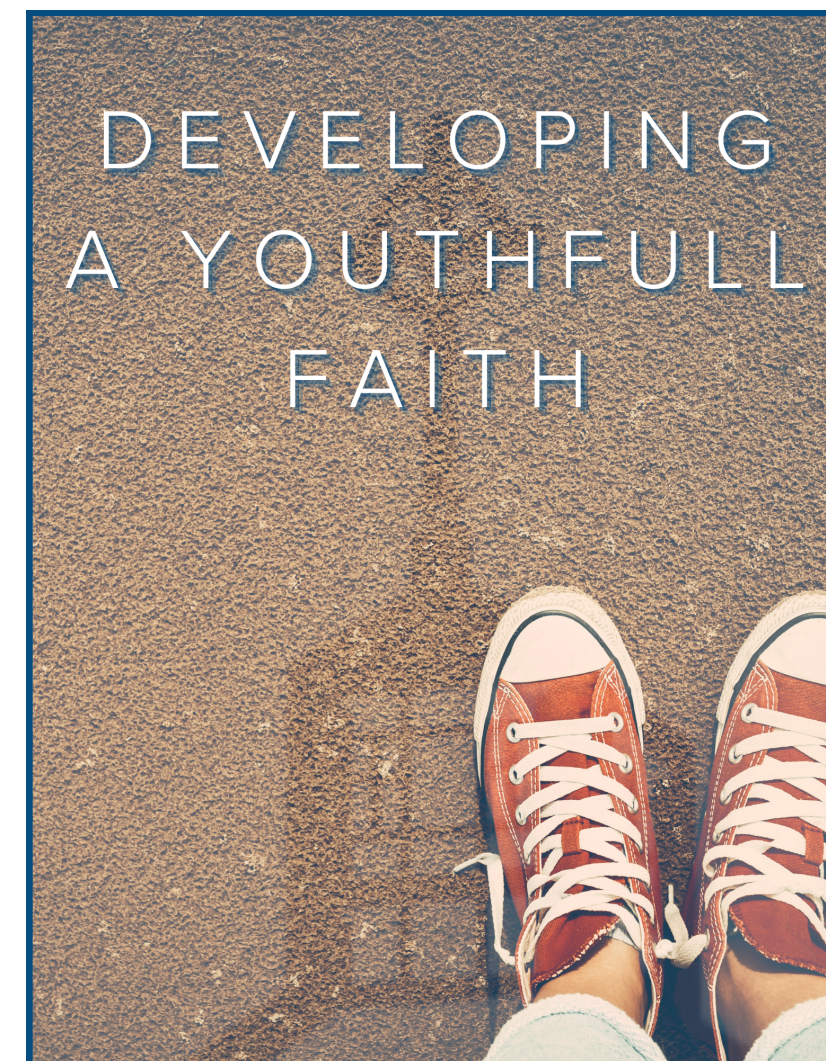
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2024

Welcome TO WORSHIP



Second  
PRESBYTERIAN LITTLE ROCK

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER



# Today in Worship

8:30 & 11:00 A.M.

The Congregation will speak aloud the **bold print readings**.

✠ Please rise in body or spirit

## GATHERING

*Worship begins with God. God takes the initiative and calls the Church into being. In the name of Christ, we heed God's call and gather as the community of faith.*

## WELCOME

ELIZABETH CAHOON

## PRELUDE

### ✠ CALL TO WORSHIP

We are people far removed from the upper room.

**“Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.”**

We have put away the festive trumpets, the fancy clothes, the chocolate bunnies of Easter Sunday. Must the message of Easter be put away for another year?

**“Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.”**

We still seek the One who offers victory over death, whose love conquers evil.

**“Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.”**

We gather to worship the risen Christ, who offers us new life.

**“Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.”**

### ✠ HYMN 305

*Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!*

DARWAL'S 148TH

## CALL TO CONFESSION

How often have we heard the good news of forgiveness and restoration? Yet, we are still reluctant to believe. God offers us new life, yet we are afraid to let go of the old. Let us confess our doubts and fears to the One who waits to make us whole.

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Holy God, we confess our doubts. When our childhood understandings fall away, we feel naked. When our long-held beliefs seem to crumble, we feel lost. When our convictions are questioned, we feel ashamed. Guide us into right paths, O God. Guide our feet into the way of peace; guide our hands to care for others; guide our hearts to love our neighbors. Call us back to You, O Christ, and renew our faith. When the ground is unsteady, loving God, put us back on right paths by doing justice, loving kindness, and walking humbly with You.**

## CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us; Christ, have mer - cy up - on us; Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

This is the good news we have declare: God leads us out of the shadows to walk in the light of Christ.

**This is the word we have heard: our faithful God forgives our sins and raises us to new life.**

**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

## PASSING OF THE PEACE

Friends, we have waited for this moment to share the good news with one another. Let us do so with joy and thanksgiving as we stand and greet one another with the words, “The peace and salvation of Christ be with you.”

**And also with you.**

Let us greet one another with the sign of Christ's peace.

*You are invited to stand and greet one another with a handshake, fist-bump, hug, or wave — all of which remind us that Christ's peace is for each of us.*

## PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

*Gathered in God's name, we now open ourselves to God's life-giving Word.*

## TIME FOR THE CHILDREN

### FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

*Acts 4:1-4,32-35*

p. 121-122

### ANTHEM

*He Shall Feed His Flock*

G.F. HANDEL

MEZZO SOPRANO: SATIA SPENCER

### SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

*John 20: 19-31*

p. 115

### SERMON

*Thomas Missed the Meeting*

Elizabeth Cahoon

*Following the sermon, there will be a time for meditation to consider what God might be saying to you after hearing God's word read and proclaimed.*

### ✠ HYMN 250

*In The Bulb There Is a Flower*

PROMISE

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*The proclamation of God's Word invites responses of faith.*

## THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

### INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

## THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts!

**We lift them up to the Lord!**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise and to celebrate the gift of the resurrection you offer each of us today. You are the author and creator of all that is and on this Easter Sunday we glorify your grace, love, and hope that showers over the world as we experience the resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Throughout history you've met us where we are and given us the law to lead us, the Word to teach us, and your Son to love us and carry us back to you.

Therefore, we join your long line of witnesses announcing your good news.

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly. Reign-ing God of  
pw'r and might. Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry,  
All cre-a-tion seeks your light! Bless-ed is the One who  
comes in Your name. Bless-ed be the Lord most High!

You are holy, Lord, and blessed is Jesus Christ who was raised from the dead long ago and continues to call us back to you.

Remembering him, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died; Christ is ris - en;  
Christ the Lord will come a - gain.

Holy and merciful God, pour our your Holy Spirit upon us and these gifts of bread and cup that they may be avenues of your grace, love, and hope entering into the world you created.

A - men. A - men.  
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