

We welcome you to worship with us this morning! Out of consideration for the people around you, please ensure that your mobile devices are set to silent mode.

Regular Print: Leader

Bold: Congregation

**Asterisk: Please stand if able*

“If we neglect Christian teaching, we will miss a great deal. People who try to understand and live in accordance with Christian teachings often find that their entire outlook changes. Both their hearts (what they treasure) and their minds (what they find important) are transformed as they rise to a new awareness of themselves, the world, and God.”

- Diogenes Allen, in *Spiritual Theology, The Theology of Yesterday for Spiritual Help Today*.
(Boston, Crowley Publications, 1997), p. 160.

✝ WE GATHER AROUND GOD'S WORD ✝

Welcome & Announcements

Handbell Prelude (11:00)

Oremus (Let Us Pray)

Kevin Dill (2012)

Call to Worship: (from Psalm 47)

Clap your hands, all you peoples; shout to God with loud songs of joy.

For the Lord, the Most High, is awesome, a great ruler over all the earth.

God has gone up with a shout, the Lord with the sound of a trumpet.

Sing praises to God, sing praises; sing praises to our King, our ruler, sing praises.

For God is the ruler of all the earth; sing praises with a psalm.

God is ruler over the nations; God sits on his holy throne.

The powers of the earth are God's – God soars over all! Let us worship God.

Prayer of Adoration

**Opening Hymn: #662*

Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies

RATISBON

**Prayer of Confession:*

Lord God of life and love, you invite us to life enriched through your Son, Jesus. By his life, death, resurrection, and ascension, we are commissioned as your followers. We confess that at times we have failed in thought, word, and deed. We have neglected love, ignored those in need, refused compassion, and overlooked the plight of others. More than anything we have not offered the good news of salvation. Forgive us, and lift us from our sins, that we may be your faithful people, obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ, who rules the world and is head of the church, his body. Amen.

**Silent Prayer of Confession/Assurance of Pardon*

Friends, believe the good news of the gospels. **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

**Sung Response*

Music: The Taizé Community

Glo - ri - a, Glo - ri - a, in ex - cel - sis De - o!

Glo - ri - a, Glo - ri - a, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!

✝ WE LISTEN AS THE SCRIPTURES ARE PROCLAIMED ✝

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Lesson: Psalm 113:1-9

Pew Bible p. 692

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Message for Young Disciples

Vickie Fischer

New Testament Lesson: Acts 1:1-14

Pew Bible p. 143

Sermon: **READY, SET, GO!**

Rev. Dr. Daniel Corll

✝ WE RESPOND IN FAITH AND GRATITUDE ✝

**Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles' Creed (Traditional)*

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.**

Handbell Interlude (11:00)

Spiritual

Douglas Wagner (United States, b.1952)

*Offertory Hymn: #314 (v.1-3) Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness
CHRIST BE OUR LIGHT



First Presbyterian Church

The Seventh Sunday of Easter

Sunday, May 12, 2024 • 8:30 & 11:00 AM

Pastoral Prayer and 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.

✠ WE GO OUT INTO THE WORLD ✠

*Closing Hymn: And Have the Bright Immensities ELLACOMBE

Howard Chandler Robbins, 1876-1952

German hymn tune, 18th century

1 And have the bright im - men - si - ties re - ceived our ris - en Lord,
2 The heaven that hides him from our sight knows nei - ther near nor far;
where light - years frame the Ple - ia - des and point O - ri - on's sword?
an al - tar can - dle sheds its light as sure - ly as a star.
Do flam - ing suns his foot-steps trace through cor - ri - dors sub - lime,
And where his lov - ing peo - ple meet to share the gift di - vine,
the Lord of in - ter - stel - lar space and con - quer - or of time?
there stands he with un - hur - ried feet, there roy - al splen - dors shine.

*Benediction

Postlude (11:00) *Canzona in F* Domenico Zipoli (Italy/Argentina, 1688-1726)



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