

# First Presbyterian Church Watertown



*Resurrection of Jesus, Raphael, 1502*

Sunday, April 7, 2024  
The Second Sunday of Easter

## **Gathering Music**

*This Joyful Eastertide*

*Ye Sons and Daughters of the King*

*The Mighty Power of God*

*When Morning Gilds the Skies*

Michael Burkhardt

François Dandrieu

Michael Burkhardt

Dale Wood

**+ Gathering +**

**Pastor's Greeting *and* Words of Welcome**

**Prelude** *Jesus Christ Is Ris'n Today* Welsh hymn, arr. Lani Smith

**\*Call to Worship** *from John 19 and Psalm 133*

Peace be with you.  
**And also with you!**

How good and pleasant it is when we live together in unity.  
**It is like precious oil on the head, the blessing of the Lord.**

Christ is risen!  
**He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!**  
**Let us worship God together!**

**\*Opening Hymn**            "That Easter Day With Joy Was Bright"            254 (Insert)

**\*Opening Prayer**

**Confession of Sin *and* Assurance of Pardon**

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin together.

**You have shown yourself to us, O God, by Word and Spirit, with signs and wonders, in flesh and blood, yet we still struggle to live and believe the good news of Jesus Christ. You have given us the gift of love, yet we have kept it to ourselves. You have shown us the ways to peace and justice, yet we cling to the instruments of war. You have broken down the dividing wall of hostility that kept us from you and one another, yet we build it back again and again.**

**Have mercy on us; forgive us. Enter into our lives and cast out our fear so that we may come to trust in you and have life in Jesus' name.**

*a time of silence is kept*

We have an advocate with God—  
Jesus Christ, the righteous one—  
who offered his life in love  
to save the world from sin.  
This is the good news of the gospel:  
**In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**  
**Thanks be to God.**

**\*Response**

*Gloria Patri*

**+ We Listen for God +**

**Prayer for Illumination**

**The First Scripture Lesson** 1 John 1:1-2:2

**The Second Scripture Lesson** John 20:19-31

**Anthem** *The Lord Is My Light and My Salvation* Daniel Protheroe

The Lord is my light and my salvation:  
Whom shall I fear?  
The Lord is the strength of my life:  
Of whom shall I be afraid?

Though an host should encompass against me,  
My heart shall not fear;  
Though war should rise against me,  
In this I will be confident.

Though in the time of trouble, He shall hide me in His pavilion.  
In the secret places of His dwellings, He shall hide me.  
He shall set me up upon a rock!

**A Time With Young Disciples**

## **The Sermon**

**Hymn**

“Jesus, Lover of My Soul”

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**\*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.

**+ We Respond To God +**

## **Community Connect**

*At this time in worship we share information on how you can connect even better with the community at FPC Watertown. During this time we also share our joys and concerns, as well as any other relevant information to our life together.*

## **The Offertory**

**\*The Doxology**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, ye heavenly hosts!  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

Let us pray.

**Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions.**

**Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love;  
through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.  
Amen.**

## **The Sacrament of The Lord's Supper**

### **Invitation To The Table**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

In every time and every age, O God,  
it is good and faithful that we give you thanks,  
for your mercy is sure  
and your steadfast love endures forever.

In your compassion you gave us Christ Jesus,  
who frees us from darkness  
and lights our path to endless renewal and life eternal.

And so, with all of creation,  
with all the needy and hungry ones,  
with all those who have enough and plenty,  
with creatures large and small,  
with sun and moon and stars,  
and with the saints of every age,  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:  
**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

Blessed are you, O God, creator of all things.  
By your power and love you continue  
to deliver your people from bondage,  
thwart the designs of evil,  
show the way through the wilderness,  
turn hardship into righteousness,  
and reveal your hand upholding the just.

Blessed are you, O Christ, servant of the universe.  
You came among us to feed and heal and teach,  
to confound the haughty,  
to confuse the tricksters,  
to challenge the wrong-hearted,  
and, in all these things,  
to give hope to those who long for peace.

We remember that on the night he was betrayed,  
having gathered his friends at the table,  
our Lord Jesus took bread and gave thanks,  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat. This is my body given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

And again, after supper, he took the cup  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood  
shed for you and for all people  
for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering our Lord's self-giving love,  
we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ has risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

Blessed are you, O Spirit, giver of life.  
You give us words when we have none;  
you fill us with vision when we have the most need;  
you give us voice to proclaim our faith in every hour.  
Be our guide and teacher, today and always.

Come now, O Prince of Peace,  
Spirit of Love,  
Breath of Life.  
Bring to all this hurting world the joy that Mary knew,  
and teach us to proclaim with her,  
“I have seen the Lord!”  
In the unity of the Holy Trinity,  
in gratitude for this great day of resurrection,  
we praise you, God of all that is,  
now and forever. **Amen.**

And now as Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

**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.**

**Communion of The People  
Prayer After Communion**

**\*Closing Hymn**                    “Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”

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**\*Blessing and Benediction**

**\*Passing The Peace of Christ**

The Peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

Please share some sign of  
Christ's peace with your neighbors.

**Postlude** *Rigaudon / Alleluia, Amen* Campra, arr. Susan Caudill

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**Leading Worship Today:**

Rev. Julia Wright, Preaching

Sara Gleason, Liturgist & Director of Music

Carl Bingle, organist

FPC Chancel Choir

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**We pray for healing for:**

Pastor Andrew, The Tousants, Deanne, Gerda, Elise, John, Pat, Jane, Millie, Judy.

**We pray for those who are unable to join us in-person:**

Linda, Jamie, Dorothy, Shane, Ed, Annie, Suzanne.

**We pray for our mission partners:**

Tyler, Rochelle, and Mphatso, Grace, Sam, and Ruth, Isaiah, MELT, The Women of Grace, NNY Presbytery, Synod of The Northeast, Shallow Wells and Marion Medical Mission, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Josh Garry and Family (preparing for ministry).

**We pray for our local and national leaders:**

Watertown's Mayor and City Council, the President of The United States and Congress, the Governor of New York and State Legislature.

**We pray for those serving our nation:**

The Wright Family, those in conflict in Ukraine, Israel and Palestine, and Sudan.