

*FIRST  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH*



**Holy Humor Sunday**  
Sunday, April 7, 2024  
10:00 A.M.

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## ORDER OF WORSHIP

**PRELUDE**      Awake, My Heart, with Gladness      Wilbur Held

**WELCOME**      Liturgist

**CALL TO WORSHIP**      Liturgist

How good it is for us to come together as kindred spirits.

**Hallelujah! Our doubts are answered, and we feel the presence of Christ.** The risen Christ speaks to us and gives us peace.

**Hallelujah! Let our worship be the sign of our belief.**

**Amen.**

**\*HYMN**      #115 Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Beloved Jesus, Living God, you enter our hearts, even when we are filled with disbelief. You feel our sadness and hurt as we struggle to make sense of our world. You express your love for us by offering yourself, and we are amazed. You ease our doubt, and we are astonished. We give you thanks, saying, "My Lord, my God!"

**CALL TO CONFESSION**      Rev. Kaul

### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Risen One, we confess our silence amid the persecution of others, silence that has often complied with oppression and brought harm. What can we do to eradicate poverty, hunger, and homelessness? Help us to hear your voice above all others, and teach us how to care for our neighbor, feed the hungry, and clothe and care for those in need, for as we do these things unto one another, we do them also unto you.**

*(Silent Reflection)*

### **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

### **\*GLORIA PATRI**

**ANTHEM**      An Easter Acclamation      R. Thornhill/B. Nix

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**      Liturgist

# A TIME TO BE YOUNG

**OLD TESTAMENT READING**      Psalm 133      Liturgist

<sup>1</sup> **How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity!**

<sup>2</sup> It is like the precious oil on the head, running down upon the beard, on the beard of Aaron, running down over the collar of his robes.

<sup>3</sup> **It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion. For there the LORD ordained his blessing, life forever more.**

**EPISTLE READING**      Acts 4:32-35      Liturgist

**\*HYMN**      Go Tell It On The Mountain      **Back Cover**

**GOSPEL READING**      John 20:19-31      Rev. Kaul

**READER'S THEATER**      "Reunion"

**REFLECTION**      Rev. Kaul

**HYMN**    #106      Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH- Apostle's Creed**      Liturgist

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.

**INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP AND OFFERING**      Ken

**OFFERTORY**      This Is the Day the Lord has Made  
Gunther M. Göttsche

## **\*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 DEDICATION**

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Father in heaven, let Your holy name be known, let Your kingdom come, and Your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today the bread that we need, and forgive us our wrongs, and OK, we'll forgive those who have done wrong to us, too. Do not lead us into trial, but save us from evil. For we want for You alone to rule in our hearts. You have power to transform, and in the light of Your smile is Your glory. Amen.** (from an order of worship by the Oakton United Methodist Church)

**HYMN**

**#122**

**Thine Is the Glory**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **BENEDICTION**

**"Lord, grant us a joyful heart, and a holy sense of humor. Please grant us the gift of faith to be renewed and share it with others each day. Teach us to live in this moment only, with neither past regret or future apprehension. Let love be our guide and our lives, a prayer. Go in laughter; go in grace. Keep a smile on your face and the Lord in your heart. "May the Lord watch between me and thee, while we are absent, one from the other." (Mizpah Benediction)**

### **POSTLUDE**

**"Toot Suite"**

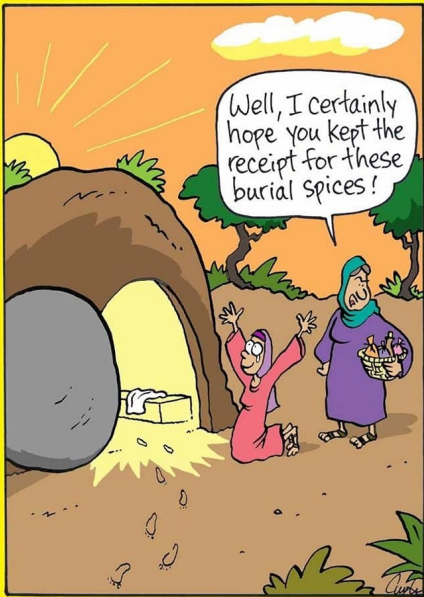
**P.D.Q. Bach**

**I. "Preloud"**

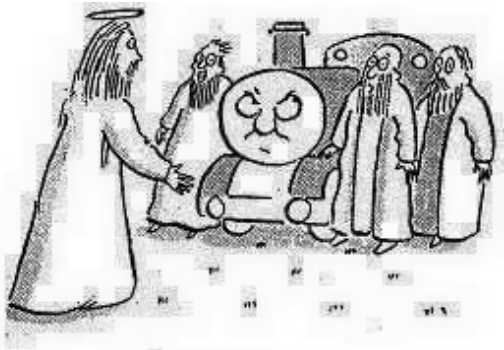
**II. "Ok Chorale"**

**III. "Fuga Vulgaris"**

**Gae F. & Rev. Kaul, organ**



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The CARTOON KRONICLES

God's New Year resolutions:

- Lose twenty planets
- Exorcise more
- Work more mysteriously
- Floss



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## "10 Ways to RE-Joice in the RE-surrection":

1. **RE-Joice**... He is Risen... Indeed!
2. **RE-Fresh**... your body by sound sleep and good eats!
3. **RE-New**... acquaintances and habits of health and hope!
4. **RE-Deemed**... Know that you are loved forever by the Lord!
5. **RE-View**... your past lumps and bumps... and know you're for given!
6. **RE-Late**... Talk, and listen closely, to those around you!
7. **RE-Store**... "unto me a clean heart, O God." (Psalm 51:10)
8. **RE-Vive**... your faith through the Word and Sacraments!
9. **RE-Focus**... on all the great gifts the Lord has given you!
10. **RE-Member**... those special people around you!



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From Bebe D.:

The father was lying on the couch in his sweats, watching cable TV. His son, all dressed for church entered the room.

"Dad," he said, " I have a question."

"What's that boy?" replied the father, never even moving his eyes from the TV screen. The son then asked, "When am I going to be old enough not to go to church?"

(From Dan P.'s sermon on 10/11/20)

## Go Tell It On The Mountain- Easter Version:

Chorus:

Go tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere,  
Go tell it on the mountain that Jesus is alive.

Verse:

While soldiers watched the gravesite,  
That quiet Sunday dawn  
There came a big commotion,  
and then the storm was gone.

(Chorus)

The women found no body, their spices to anoint,  
Instead they found an angel, God's message to appoint.

(Chorus)

Go from where He isn't, to where He said He'd be.  
An Easter time reunion, the hills of Galilee.

(Chorus)



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