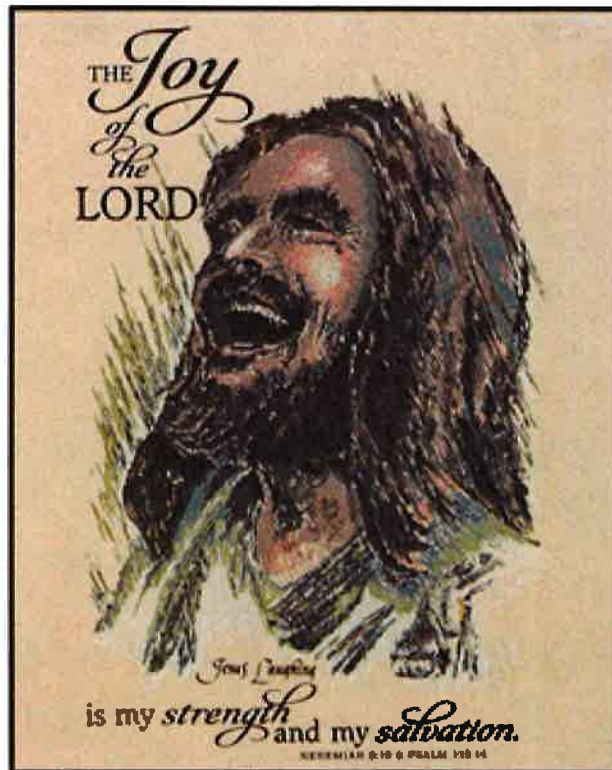


THE
FIRST
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Holy Humor Sunday/2nd Sunday of Easter
Thursday, April 6, 2023
7:00 P.M.

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

"Jesus Loves"

arr. J. D. Payne

WELCOME & INSTRUCTIONS

Liturgist

O Great Laughing God, we come into your presence with joy and longing to be surprised. We thank you that you have given to us the gift of laughter and delight. These things give hints as to the nature of your purpose for us and for all the earth.

May we find that in giving up to laughter there is healing and hope and abundance and blessing. Tickle our souls with the brush of your Spirit to renew our worship and our living. Amen.

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist

Laughter Lends Itself to Praise

Laughter lends itself to praise bringing healing from within; hope will surely rise again as laughter lends itself to praise.

We Give You Thanks O God.

Laughter bends where laws may break; rigid fact can not contain half the wisdom of God's reign, so laughter bends where laws may break.

We Give You Thanks O God.

Laughter leaps into the void finding only Spirit there; shame and fear would never dare so laughter leaps into the void.

We Give You Thanks O God.

Laughter comes in spite of pain dancing even as we mourn; something dies but something's born for laughter comes in spite of pain.

We Give You Thanks O God.

Laughter lends itself to praise; all the love and all the fear, all the signs that God is near say laughter lends itself to praise.

3 As for the holy ones in the land,
they are the noble ones in whom is all my delight.

4 Those who choose another god multiply their sorrows;[b] their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out or take their names upon my lips.

5 The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup;
you hold my lot.

6 The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; I have a goodly heritage.

7 I bless the Lord, who gives me counsel;
in the night also my heart instructs me.

**8 I keep the Lord always before me;
because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.**

9 Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices;
my body also rests secure.

**10 For you do not give me up to Sheol
or let your faithful one see the Pit.**

11 You show me the path of life.

**In your presence there is fullness of joy;
in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.**

EPISTLE READING

Rev. Kaul

1 Peter 1:1-9

N.T. pg. 232 ☺

SERMON

"God's Sense of Humor"

Rev. Kaul

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*HYMN #302

"I Danced in the Morning"

*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 Spirit, 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 Spirit; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

Offertory *"Awake, My Heart, with Gladness"* arr. W. Held

*Doxology

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & LORD'S PRAYER

BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN insert *"I've Got The Joy, Joy, Joy"*

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND SHARE A JOKE TIME

*BENEDICTION

May the God of surprises bring smiles
and joys to the everyday and ordinary.

May the God of love be seen in all we do and say.

Go forth rejoicing, for the good work has just begun!

Amen

**May the Lord watch between me and thee while we
are absent, one from another. Amen.**

(Mizpah Benediction)

POSTLUDE

"Trumpet Tune"

W. Held

SYMBOL: * - Those who are able, please stand.

☺ - Children are dismissed for Sunday School

Announcements

Today, Sunday, April 16, 2023-
Holy Humor Sunday



Monday, April 17, 2023-
Worship Committee Meeting @ 1:00 P.M.
Trustee Meeting In Bonham Hall @ 7:00 P.M.

SAVE THE DATE
TIME OUT TUESDAY



"Celebrate Spring Make N Take"

Tuesday, April 18 @ 12:00 P.M. in Bonham Hall

Lunch will be followed by an easy project, with all necessary materials provided.

Please **RSVP** to the office (856)455-0809 by **April 14**.



Help us keep our Installation
Weekend party going!

On **Sunday April 30th**, we'll
be having a

"Music Sunday"

full of several musical
selections, during our worship
service. We'd like to include 3

Hymns that our congregation would like to sing.

**Please submit the titles/numbers of your favorite
hymns to our church office by April 15th.** The 3 most
requested hymns will be included for this day. We'll keep
the list of hymns submitted for future times of worship,
such as this.

We're so blessed to have so many talented musicians in
our midst, along with our choir. We praise and thank God
for them, and our ability to praise our God through the
gift of music!

~Thanks for your help, The Worship Committee

Music Sunday: Together!



**So technically Moses was the
first man to download files
from the cloud using a tablet.**

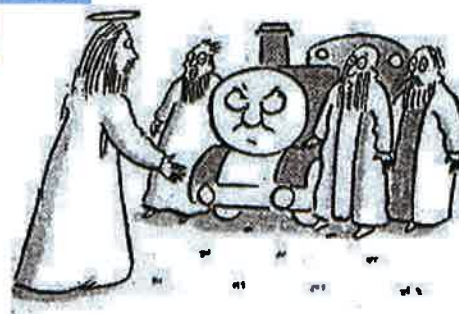
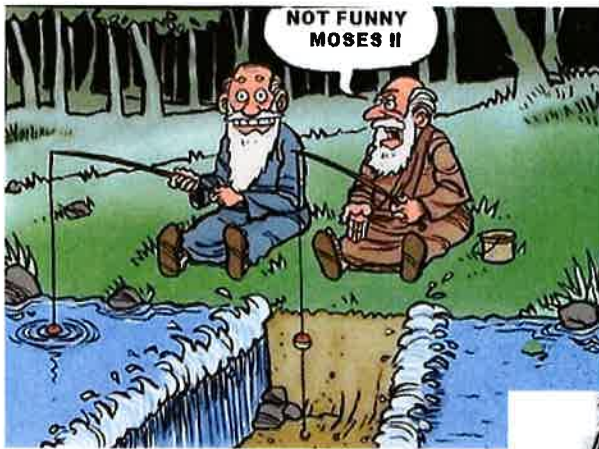




"Remind me never to ask the Youth Group to help fold the church bulletins again."



Just because Moses dropped the tablets as he was coming down the mountain doesn't mean we can call them the "Rolling Stones"



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