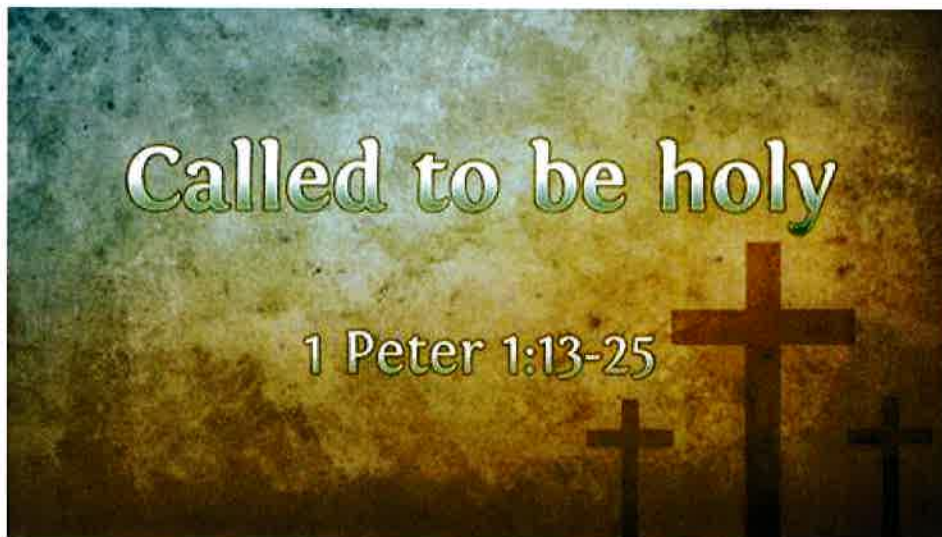


*THE
FIRST
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH*



3rd Sunday of Easter
Sunday, April 23, 2023
10:00 A.M.

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE *"Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain"* arr. W. Held

WELCOME

Liturgist

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist

We hear the voice of Jesus:

our hearts burn within us.

We lift our voices to God

and call on the name of the Lord!

The risen Christ is here in this place:

Alleluia!

*HYMN #108

"Christ is Alive"

CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. Kaul

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Liturgist

Eternally patient God, we ask again and again,

"What should we do?" And again and again,

you tell us, "Repent and return to me." Yet we have

not changed our ways. We fall into old habits, cling

to our own ways, and take for granted the grace

you have given us. Once again, we ask you for

forgiveness. Show us the way forward and help us

return, once again, to you.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Rev. Kaul

Beloved, hear this good news:

through Christ you have come to trust in God,

who raised Christ from the dead and gave him glory,

so that your faith and hope are set on God.

We are born anew, through the living

and enduring word of God.

Alleluia! Praise to the risen Christ!

*GLORIA PATRI

HEARING THE WORD

A TIME FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART (Children's Time)

ANTHEM *"Take Root in My Heart"* Frombach/Courtney

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Liturgist

FIRST READING Liturgist

Psalms 116:1-4,12-19 O. T. pg 564

¹ I love the Lord because he has heard my voice
and my supplications.

² **Because he inclined his ear to me,
therefore I will call on him as long as I live.**

³ The snares of death encompassed me;
the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me;
I suffered distress and anguish.

⁴ **Then I called on the name of the Lord,
"O Lord, I pray, save my life!"**

¹² What shall I return to the Lord for all his bounty to me?

¹³ **I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the
name of the Lord;**

¹⁴ I will pay my vows to the Lord
in the presence of all his people.

¹⁵ **Precious in the sight of the Lord
is the death of his faithful ones.**

¹⁶ O Lord, I am your servant;
I am your servant, the child of your serving girl.
You have loosed my bonds.

¹⁷ **I will offer to you a thanksgiving sacrifice
and call on the name of the Lord.**

¹⁸ I will pay my vows to the Lord
in the presence of all his people,

¹⁹ **in the courts of the house of the Lord,
in your midst, O Jerusalem. Praise the Lord!**

EPISTLE READING

Rev. Kaul

1 Peter 1:17-23 N.T. pg. 233 ☺

SERMON

"Called To Be Holy"

Rev. Kaul

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*HYMN (insert) *"Take Time to Be Holy"*

***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

Theme & Scherzo on "Lancashire"

K. Hildebrand

*Doxology

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, We lift our heads and hearts to you.

BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN 554 *"Let All Things Now Living"*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***BENEDICTION**

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

(Mizpah Benediction)

POSTLUDE *"My Hope is Built on Nothing Less"* J. Pethel

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

☺ - Children are dismissed for Sunday School



LITURGIST- John A

USHERS- Team 4

COFFEE/FELLOWSHIP HOUR-

COUNTERS- WEEK D

FLOWERS-





TODAY

Sunday, April 23, 2023-
Joint Session & Trustee Meeting
immediately following worship

NO Adult Forum Today
More information to come. I will return!



Wednesday, April 26, 2023 @ 5:30 - 7:00 P.M.



Dinner and Deutschland



Come and enjoy a time of German food, fellowship,
and learning. Mr. Norbert Kaul will provide an oral
presentation about growing up in Germany during WWII.
Please join us!

HE IS ABLE
TO DO ABOVE & BEYOND ANYTHING WE CAN EVER
ASK. THINK. IMAGINE.
EPHESIANS 3:20

Saturday, April 29, 2023 @ 2:00 P.M.



Music Sunday: Together!



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 TUESDAY April 25th! The 3 top requested hymns will be included for this service. We'll keep the list of hymns submitted for future times of worship, such as this.

~Thanks for your help! The Worship Committee

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