

Everybody's Church



First Presbyterian Church of Birmingham

Sunday, April 14, 2024, 10:00am, Third Sunday of Easter

Vision Statement

As Everybody's Church we commit ourselves to serving Christ by cultivating mission, inclusion and community.

Inclusion Statement

As Everybody's Church we strive to be a faithful, open and inclusive community. We welcome the full participation of all people of any ability, gender identity, race, ethnicity, sexual orientation or any other life circumstance.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Lou Nyiri

Please join in reading those parts of the service printed in **bold**.

GATHERING MUSIC "I Know that My Redeemer Lives"
FPC Ringers

Dobrinski

The music this morning is offered as an act of worship, therefore, please refrain from applause.

†When this symbol precedes an element of the service, please rise in body or in spirit.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Nancy Quigley

One: God of mercy, we no longer look for Jesus among the dead, for he is alive and has become the Lord of life.

Many: From the waters of death, you raise us with him and renew your gift of life within us.

One: Increase in our minds and hearts the risen life we share with Christ, and help us to grow as your people toward the fullness of life with you, through Christ our Lord.

Many: We are Easter people and Alleluia is our song!

All: Let us worship God!

†HYMN 260

"Alleluia! Sing to Jesus"

Hymntune: HYFRYDOL

TIME WITH THE YOUNGER CHURCH

Martha Piesko

"Leap Into Learning- Alcott Teacher Supply Drive"

After Time With the Younger Church, children 3 years old—5th grade will proceed to their classrooms.

CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. Joanne Blair

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered the power of sin and death. We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death. We overlook the poor and the hungry and pass by those who mourn; we are deaf to the cries of the oppressed and indifferent to calls for peace; we despise the weak and abuse the earth you made. Forgive us, God of mercy. Help us to trust your power to change our lives and make us new, that we may know the joy of life abundant given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord.

Confession acknowledges the reality of sin in our personal and corporate lives. This practice relieves us from the burden of sin and reminds us of the promise of God's forgiveness and grace sealed in our baptism.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

†RESPONSE 581

“Glory Be to the Father”

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, Amen.**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

One: Living God, with joy we celebrate the presence of your risen Word.

Many: **Enliven our hearts by your Holy Spirit**

**so we may proclaim the good news of eternal and abundant life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

All: **Amen.**

FIRST TESTAMENT READING

Ecclesiastes 4:9-12

One: The word of the Lord.

Many: **Thanks be to God!**

SECOND TESTAMENT READING

John 15:12-17

One: The word of the Lord.

Many: **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

“Friendship”

Rev. Lou Nyiri

“I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father.”

– John 15:15

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

OFFERING INFORMATION

*Members and guests, please sign the Fellowship Pads
to let us know of your presence with us.*

OFFERING OF OUR LIVES AND RESOURCES

MUSICAL OFFERING

“He Never Failed Me Yet”

Ray

Chancel Choir

†THE DOXOLOGY

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

We are an intentionally inclusive congregation and value the richness of worshiping with all God’s people. There are times in the sanctuary when shouts or other loud noises may occur. We accept these without judgment, unless they are signs of distress in need of attention.

Please follow along with the reading on page 616 of the Old Testament in your Pew Bible.

Please follow along with the reading on page 109 of the New Testament in your Pew Bible.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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.

†HYMN 465 "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

†BENEDICTION

†PASSING OF THE PEACE

POSTLUDE "This Joyful Eastertide" Mallory
FPC Ringers

Andrew Herbruck, Director of Music Ministries, is playing the service.

Our liturgist this morning is Nancy Quigley. Nancy and her husband, Peter, joined FPC in 2003. and Nancy has been the Education Ministries Assistant at FPC since 2005. They have raised their four children here. Nancy enjoys spending time with their children and their grandson, who will be one year-old on May 1st.

The flowers today are given in loving memory of their parents, Allen and Vivian Parrish, long-time members of this church, by Walt and Sandra Ebling and family.

Visitors, thank you for joining us today. Please sign the Fellowship Pad or use this QR code to register your attendance:



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Hymntune: CONVERSE

The service of worship concludes following the postlude. Please take this time to reflect on the day's worship.

Welcome in Christ's name to First Presbyterian Church! You are welcome here just as you are at whatever place in your spiritual journey that you find yourself. If you have any questions about who we are, what we believe, or what we do, please ask one of our elders or pastors. They will be pleased to visit with you. Please know that you are invited to join us for coffee and goodies following the service in Calvin Hall.

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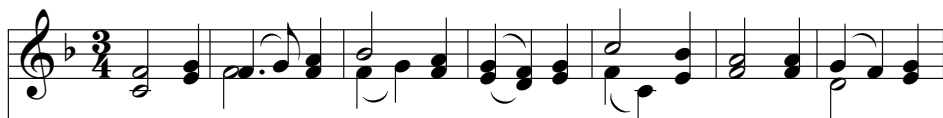
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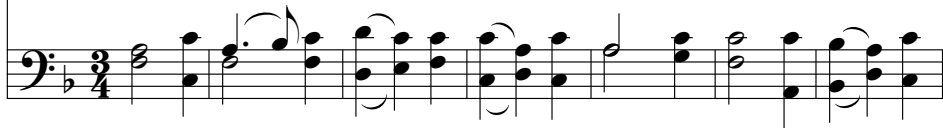
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Alleluia! Sing to Jesus



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; his the scep - ter, his the
 2 Al - le - lu - ia! Not as or - phans are we left in sor - row
 3 Al - le - lu - ia! Bread of an - gels, here on earth our food, our
 4 Al - le - lu - ia! King e - ter - nal, Lord om - nip - o - tent we



throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the tri - umph, his the vic - to -
 now; Al - le - lu - ia! he is near us; faith be - lies nor
 stay; Al - le - lu - ia! here the sin - ful flee to you from
 own; Al - le - lu - ia! born of Mar - y, earth your foot - stool,



ry a - lone! Hark! The songs of peace - ful Zi - on
 ques - tions how. Though the cloud from sight re - ceived him,
 day to day. In - ter - ces - sor, friend of sin - ners,
 heaven your throne. As with - in the veil you en - tered,



The author regarded this text as a communion hymn, a theme that seems eclipsed by the attention to Christ's exaltation, but a helpful reminder that such hymns are not always quiet and meek. This text is sung to various tunes, but this rousing Welsh one is a favorite choice.

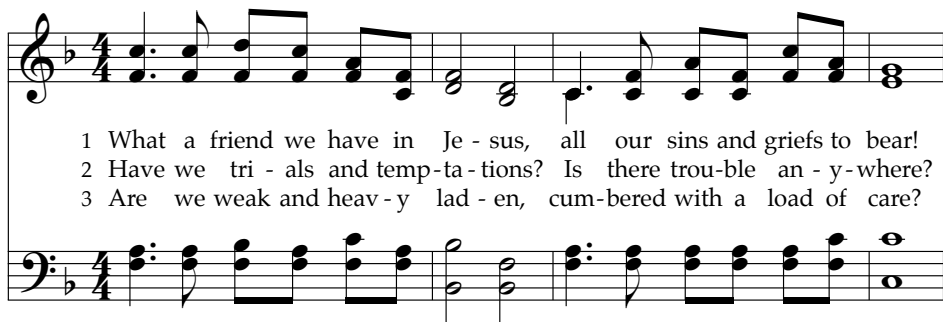
JESUS CHRIST: ASCENSION AND REIGN

thun - der like a might - y flood: "Je - sus out of
when the for - ty days were o'er, shall our hearts for -
earth's re - deem - er, hear our plea where the songs of
robed in flesh, our great high priest; here on earth both

ev - ery na - tion has re - deemed us by his blood."
get his prom - ise: "I am with you ev - er - more"?
all the sin - less sweep a - cross the crys - tal sea.
priest and vic - tim in the eu - cha - ris - tic feast.

465 What a Friend We Have in Jesus

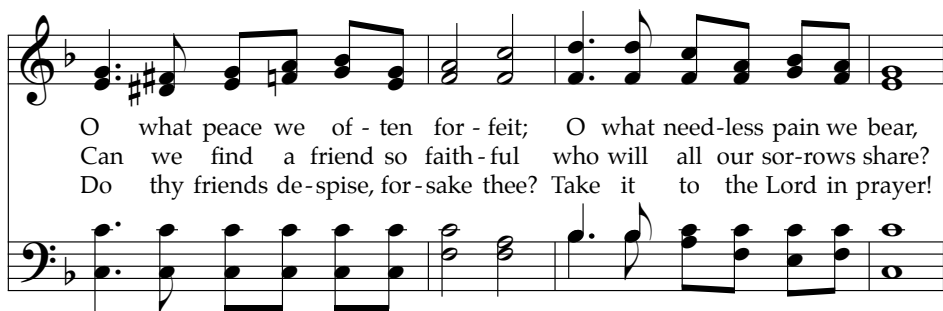
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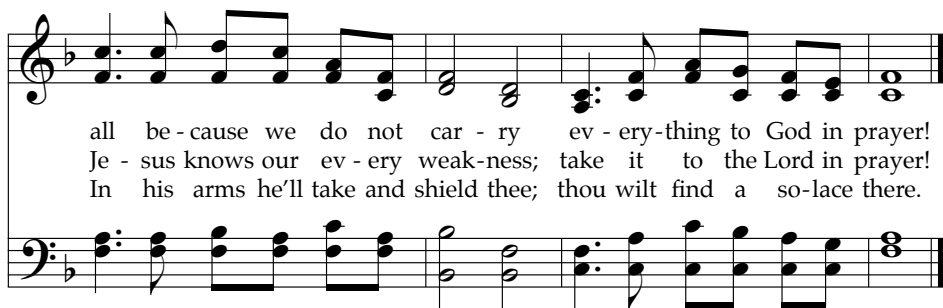
1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
 2 Have we tri - als and temp-ta - tions? Is there trou-ble an - y-where?
 3 Are we weak and heav - y lad - en, cum-bere'd with a load of care?



What a priv - i - lege to car - ry ev - ery-thing to God in prayer!
 We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged; take it to the Lord in prayer!
 Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge; take it to the Lord in prayer!



O what peace we of - ten for - feit; O what need - less pain we bear,
 Can we find a friend so faith - ful who will all our sor - rows share?
 Do thy friends de - spise, for - sake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer!



all be - cause we do not car - ry ev - ery-thing to God in prayer!
 Je - sus knows our ev - ery weak - ness; take it to the Lord in prayer!
 In his arms he'll take and shield thee; thou wilt find a so - lace there.

This text was written by an Irish-born immigrant to Canada to comfort his mother in Ireland when she was going through a time of special sorrow. The role of prayer as a source of strength and consolation is underscored by its repeated use as a rhyme word in all three stanzas.

KOREAN

- 1 죄 짐 맡은 우리 구주 어찌 좋은 친군지
 걱정 근심 무거운 짐 우리 주께 맡기세
 아픈 상처 위로 하며 평화 내려 주시니
 우리 주께 기도 하여 모든 짐을 맡기세
- 2 시험 걱정 모든 괴롭 없는 사람 누군가
 우리 낙심 하지 말고 기도 드려 아뢰세
 이런 진실 하신 친구 어디 다시 있을까
 우리 약함 아시오니 주께 기도 드리세
- 3 근심 걱정 무거운 짐 아니 진자 누군가
 피난 처는 우리 예수 주께 기도 드리세
 세상 친구 멸시 하고 너를 조롱 하여도
 예수 품에 안기 어서 참된 위로 받겠네