



# First Presbyterian Church

## Order of Worship

Fifth Sunday of Easter  
11 AM, May 2, 2021

### OPENING MUSIC

*As If the Whole Creation Cried*

Stephen Paulus

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Lee Koontz

### CALL TO WORSHIP

### HYMN 485

*We Know That Christ Is Raised*

ENGELBERG

We know that Christ is raised and dies no more. Embraced by death he broke its fearful hold, and our despair he turned to blazing joy. Alleluia! We share by water in his saving death. Reborn we share with him an Easter life as living members of a living Christ. Alleluia! The Father's splendor clothes the Son with life. The Spirit's power shakes the church of God. Baptized we live with God the Three in One. Alleluia! A new creation comes to life and grows as Christ's new body takes on flesh and blood. The universe, restored and whole, will sing: Alleluia!

### A MOMENT FOR CHILDREN

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Shon Peppers

Concluding with *The 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.

### OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalms 22:25-31

### REFLECTION

*I Am The True Vine*

Peter Aston

I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman. Every branch that beareth fruit, he purgeth it that it may bring forth more fruit. I am the vine, ye are the branches. He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit. Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples. As the Father hath loved me, so have I loved you: continue ye in my love. This is my commandment, that ye love one another as I have loved you.

### NEW TESTAMENT READING

Acts 8:26-40

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SERMON

*Just As You Are*

Rev. Koontz

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*The 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 at 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.

CALL TO OFFERING

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

CHARGE AND BLESSING

CLOSING MUSIC

*On Engelberg*

*Craig Phillips*

Assisting with the services today is Benji Stegner, Music Director/  
Organist; Michelle Martin, Hope Testament, Joshua Thompson,  
and Jacob McVey, quartet.

The flowers in the sanctuary this morning are from the Saturday,  
May 1 memorial service of Sister Wright.

The white roses in the narthex are in memory of Ann Moore who  
passed away April 23 and Elaine Miller who passed away April 24.

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