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The Word of God for the People of God
Thanks be to God.

Sermon The Rev. Ashley Drake Mertz

Responding to the Word

*Hymn 318 *St. Peter*
“In Christ There Is No East or West”

*Affirmation of Faith (Unison) 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 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.**

Pastoral Joys and Concerns of the Church

Prayer for the People and Lord’s Prayer Choral Amen
**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.**

Call to Stewardship
All undesignated cash goes to the Compassion Fund.

Offertory Wilbur Held
“Awake, My Heart, with Gladness”

*Congregational Response Hymn 606 *Old Hundredth*
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.

*Offertory Prayer

Bearing and Following the Word into the World

*Hymn 733 *Es Flog Ein Kleins Waldvögelein*
“We All Are One in Mission”

*Invitation to Discipleship

*Charge and Benediction

*Closing Choral Response *Be Not Afraid*
“Be Not Afraid”
Sanctuary Choir
Be not afraid; sing out for joy! Christ is risen, alleluia!

*Peace of Christ
The peace of Christ be with you
And also with you

*Closing Voluntary Wilbur Held
“Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain”

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THE ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP

April 28, 2019 10:40 A.M.

Second Sunday of Easter

**The congregation is invited to stand as music begins.
Additional worshippers may enter as the congregation sings.*

Welcome and Announcements

Welcome to worship at Grace First Presbyterian Church! As we light the Christ Candle, we are reminded that Jesus is the light of the world. As we pour the Baptismal Waters in the Font, we recall our baptism and newness of life. As we bring in the Bible, we remember the centrality of the Word. We worship our Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer. *(Please sign the attendance register, pass it down the pew, and then back so everyone can greet those worshipping near you.)*

Gathering Around the Word

Opening Voluntary Dale Wood
“That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright”

Entrance of Baptismal Water and The Christ Light
Chimes and the Entrance of the Bible

Call to Worship (Responsive)

Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed!

Alleluia! Celebrate God in this sacred space.

Celebrate God in all places under heaven.

**Give praise for God’s mighty deeds. Give
praise for God’s resurrecting power.**

Praise God with tambourines and dancing.

Praise God with flutes and guitars.

Praise God with cymbals and drums.

Let everything with life and breath praise God!

Prayer of Invocation

*Hymn 2 *Italian Hymn*
“Come, Thou Almighty King”

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

**God of the empty tomb and our empty hearts,
when we are afraid to speak our faith in the world,
forgive us and help us to find our voice. When we are
afraid to forgive and to love again, forgive us and give us
the power to forgive. When we are afraid to stand up to
misguided authority, join with the weak to make us all
strong. When we are confined by our hurts, touch us
with your wounded hands and set us free. When we are
locked behind our doubts and fears, pass through our
barricades, open our hearts, and give us peace. Amen.**

Silent Confession...

Assurance of Forgiveness

*Congregational Response Hymn 765 *Argentina*

**May the God of hope go with us everyday,
filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.
May the God of justice speed us on our way,
bringing light and hope to every land and race.
Praying, let us work for peace;
singing, share our joy with all;
working for a world that’s new,
faithful when we hear Christ’s call.**

Proclaiming the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Music Ministry

Dutch Carol
William H. Harris

“This Joyful Eastertide”
Sanctuary Choir

This joyful Eastertide, away with sin and sorrow!
My Love, the Crucified, hath sprung to life this morrow.

*Had Christ, that once was slain, ne’er burst His three-day
prison, Our faith had been in vain: but now hath Christ arisen!*

My flesh in hope shall rest, and for a season slumber:
Till trump from east to west shall wake the dead in number.

Death’s flood hath lost his chill, since Jesus crossed the river:
Lover of souls, from ill my passing soul deliver.

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Children’s Moment The Rev. David A. Slyter

Children’s Worship Cathy Zellers
*Children up through 5th grade may leave the Sanctuary at this time.
Following worship, parents should pick up their child in room 6.*

Psalms 150 Pew Bible Page 583 Cantor: Deb Kaiser

REFRAIN John Hatton
Arr. Hal H. Hopson



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