

*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 Rulon Christiansen
"Prelude on Simple Gifts"

*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 80 *The Trees Of The Field*
"You Shall Go Out with Joy"

*Invitation to Discipleship

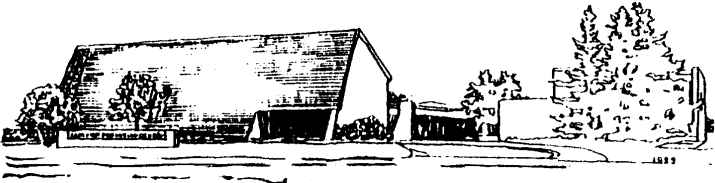
*Charge and Benediction

*Closing Choral Response Hal H. Hopson
"Go Your Way Rejoicing"
Sanctuary Choir

Go your way rejoicing; God is with you.
He will guide your way. Amen.

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

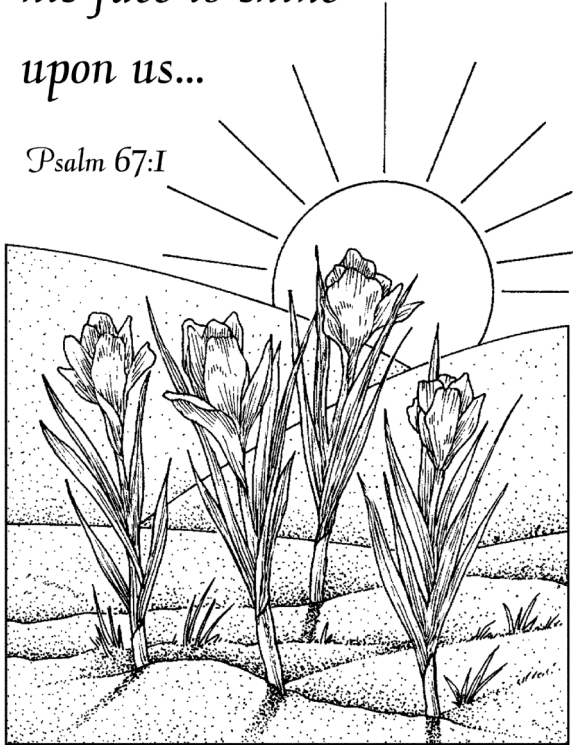
*Closing Voluntary Albert L. Travis
"Postlude on Hymn to Joy"



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*May God be gracious to
us and bless us and make
his face to shine
upon us...*

Psalm 67:1



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THE ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP

May 26, 2019

10:40 A.M.

Sixth Sunday of Easter

**The congregation is invited to stand as music begins.
Additional worshipers 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 Ralph Vaughan Williams
“Rhosymedre”

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

Call to Worship (Responsive)

Alleluia, Christ is risen.
The Lord is risen indeed, alleluia.
Let the peoples praise you, O God.
Let all the peoples praise you.

Prayer of Invocation

*Hymn 403

Unser Herrscher

“Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty”

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Loving God, we confess that we are an anxious people who deny your blessing and fail to keep your word. Forgive us, we pray, for these and all our sins, that we might live in peace and reflect your love in the world; through Jesus Christ we pray...

Silent Confession...

Assurance of Forgiveness

*Congregational Response Hymn 645 v. 1 *Mit Freuden Zart*

**Sing praise to God who reigns above,
the God of all creation, the God of power,
the God of love, the God of our salvation.
With healing balm my soul is filled,
and every faithless murmur stilled:
to God all praise and glory!**

Proclaiming the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Music Ministry

Everett Titcomb

“Behold Now, Praise the Lord”

Sanctuary Choir

*Behold now, praise the Lord, all ye servants of the Lord.
Ye that by night stand in the house of the Lord,
Even in the courts of the house of our God.
Lift up your hands in the sanctuary and praise the Lord.*

Children’s Time

The Rev. David A. Slyter

Children’s Worship

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

First Reading

John 14:23-29

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The Word of God for the People of God

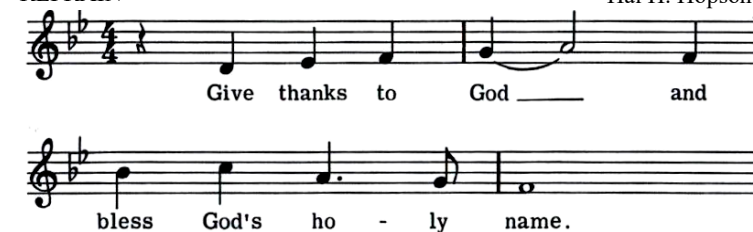
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Psalms 67

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Second Reading

Revelation 21:10,
21:22-22:5

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Thanks be to God.

Sermon

The Rev. Ashley Drake Mertz

Responding to the Word

*Hymn 377

Houston

“I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”