



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF DEFIANCE

April 14, 2024 – 3rd Sunday of Eastertide

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WELCOME TO FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF DEFIANCE

***As you enter this holy space, please enter with reverence,
respecting those who are preparing for worship.***

GATHER

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Remember New Worship Time next week: 9:30 am. After worship, there will be a Spring Breakfast. Come to worship, stay and enjoy the food and fellowship.

Pastor Ann will be at the UCC church Tuesday & Thursday mornings this week; available there or by cell phone.

Wed: Deacon Calling Day

Sat: Sally Myers Memorial Service, 11 am

PRAYER IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

O God, form the minds of your faithful people into a single will. Make us love what you command and desire what you promise, that, amid all the changes of this world, our hearts may be fixed where true joy is found; through Jesus Christ, our Savior, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

PRELUDE

CHRIST AROSE by ROBERT LOWRY

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: Our help is in the name of the Lord

P: Who made heaven and earth

L: Beloved, we are God's children now;

P: When Christ is revealed, we will be like him!

***HYMN 246**

CHRIST IS ALIVE!

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

O Lord our God, you call us to work for a world where all will be fed and have dignity, but we find ourselves distracted by our own desires. You call us to seek justice and peace, but we are satisfied with injustice and discord. You call us to bring liberty to the oppressed, but we do not insist on freedom for all. Forgive us, Lord. Turn us to your will by the power of your Spirit, so that all may know your justice and peace, through Christ we pray...

***SILENT CONFESSION**

***ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS**

With joy, hope and confidence in the One whose love is stronger than death, I proclaim to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Know you are loved and be at peace.

Thanks be to God!

And now let us share the grace we have received.

***THE PEACE**

L: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

P: And also, with you.

L: Please share Christ's peace with one another

***HYMN 591**

HALLE-HALLE-LUJAH! (refrain)

HEAR

WeKIRK WORD

ROAD TO EMMAUS

SCRIPTURE READING

LUKE 24: 36-48, I JOHN 3:1-3

SERMON

EASTER PROMISE – KEEPING FAITH

RESPOND

HYMN 254

THAT EASTER DAY WITH JOY WAS BRIGHT

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING NOTE

*We continue to receive our offerings at the doors to the sanctuary.
Thank you for your gifts.*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SCATTER TO SERVE

***HYMN 250**

IN THE BULB THERE IS A FLOWER

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

CALVARY by PAUL RODNEY

**Please rise in body or in spirit*

PLEASE PRAY FOR Evan Bates, Larry Bates, Joy Reid, Lynn Peters, Alton Myers, Sheron Lee, Wilma Sponsler, Scott Solether, Jack Hess, Dave Roth (Youkers), Karen Solether, Nancy Black, Karl Leckrone, Raegan Wonderly, Sue D'Ambrosia (Nikki's mother-in-law), Marty & Deb Kennedy (Elaine), Nicole D'Ambrosia, Delilah Joy Clapp (home), Isaac (cancer; Aubrey's friend), Rita Gehring (Kristal's mother-in-law), Shelly (cancer; Kristal's cousin), Jeff (stage 5 kidney disorder; Kristal's cousin), Scotty (rehab, Kristal's brother-in-law), James Myers (Nikki's grandfather), Aaron Quinn Long (Heidi's brother-cancer), Jessica Rice's sister and husband at adoption of a new son, Chaz Meyer (type 2 diabetes), Matthew Alford, Janet Price (fire)