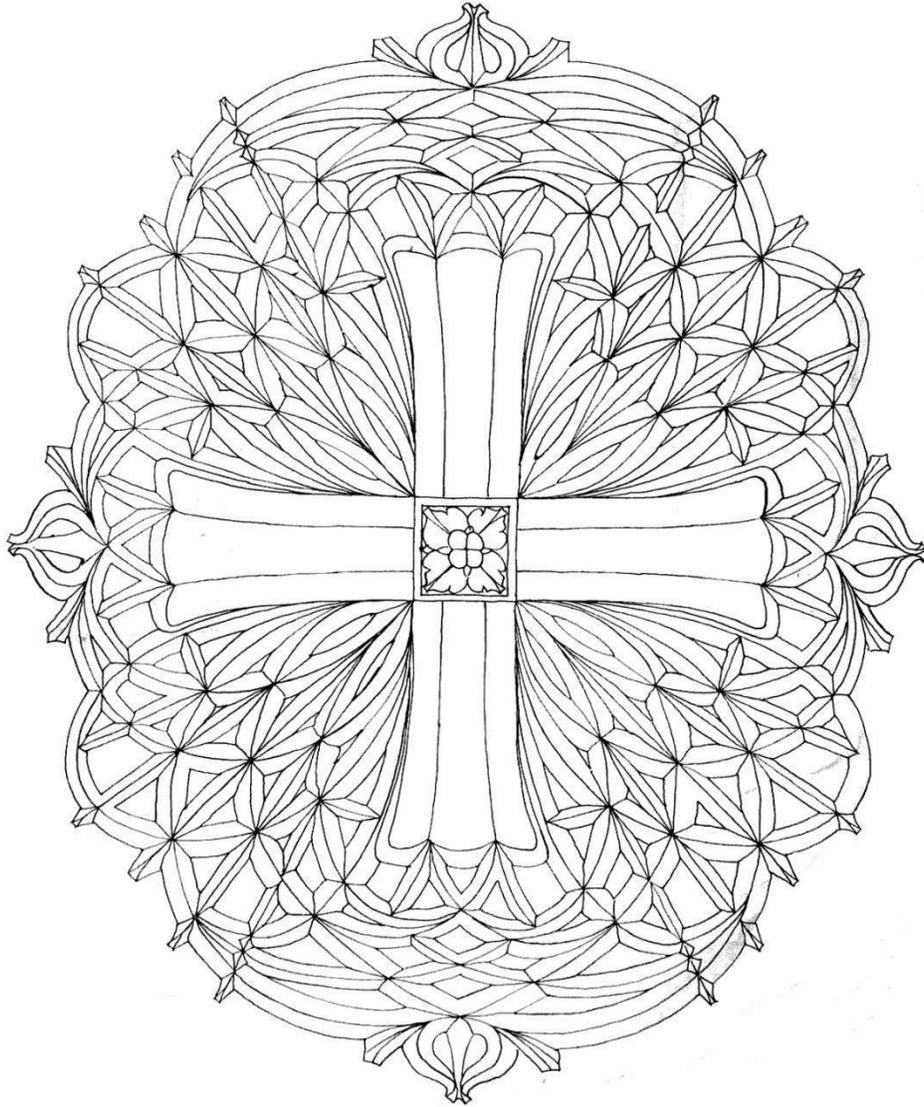


First Presbyterian Church

April 11, 2021

Second Sunday of Easter



FIRST
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*Serving Christ from the heart of the city to the ends
of the earth with love, faith and action.*

We Gather in God's Presence

Gathering Music

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

"The Strife Is O'er"

arr. Lisa Lobmeyer

Call to Worship

Make a joyful noise to the Lord our God!

Sing to the Lord, all the earth!

For the Lord has been gracious to us, with grace upon grace!

And so with gladness, we will sing praises to the Lord our God!

Hymn

["Alleluia! Sing to Jesus"](#)

No. 260

Prayer of Confession

Laurie Taylor Weicher

We confess, O God, that while we have celebrated the resurrection of Jesus, we still live as if death reigns supreme. Having been invited to stand in the light, we too often choose the darkness. Having been invited to trust in your power to bring forth new life, we cling to the life we have. Having witnessed your power to bring hope into the world, we are just as likely to fall into despair. Continue your resurrection work, O God, by stirring us to life. Free us from the captivity of our own small vision for what is possible, that our lives might begin to reflect the holiness of Jesus, the hope of the world. Now hear our particular confessions, offered in silence...

Kyrie | Lord, have mercy upon us, Christ have mercy upon us. Lord have mercy upon us.

Assurance of Pardon

Response to Pardon

Friends in Christ, in response to this gift of God's grace, how then shall we live?

**With gratitude, following after the Lord Jesus Christ, who calls us to love
God with heart, soul, mind, and strength, and our neighbors as ourselves.**

This is the way of Jesus, in whom we find life!

We Celebrate our Life Together

Joys and Concerns of the Church Family

Judy Pidcock

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession and 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.

We Listen to God's Word

Moment for Children

Katy Schafer

Scripture Readings

Deuteronomy 14:22-29; Acts 4:32-35

Sermon

"Practicing Resurrection"

Ed McLeod

We Respond to God's Word

Hymn

["Christ Has Risen While Earth Slumbers"](#)

No. 231

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.

An Invitation to Generosity

Offertory

"My Hope is Built"
Andy Eaton, Baritone

arr. Tom Trenney

Prayer of Dedication

We Bear God's Word into the World

Hymn

["Spirit, Open My Heart"](#)

No. 692

Charge and Benediction

Benediction Response

**Go with us Lord, and guide the way through this and every coming day,
that in Your Spirit, strong and true, our lives may be our gift to you.**

Postlude

"Thine is the Glory"

George Frideric Handel

The Chancel flowers are dedicated to the glory of God and are given
in loving memory of Clarence Frizzell by his wife, Janice Frizzell.