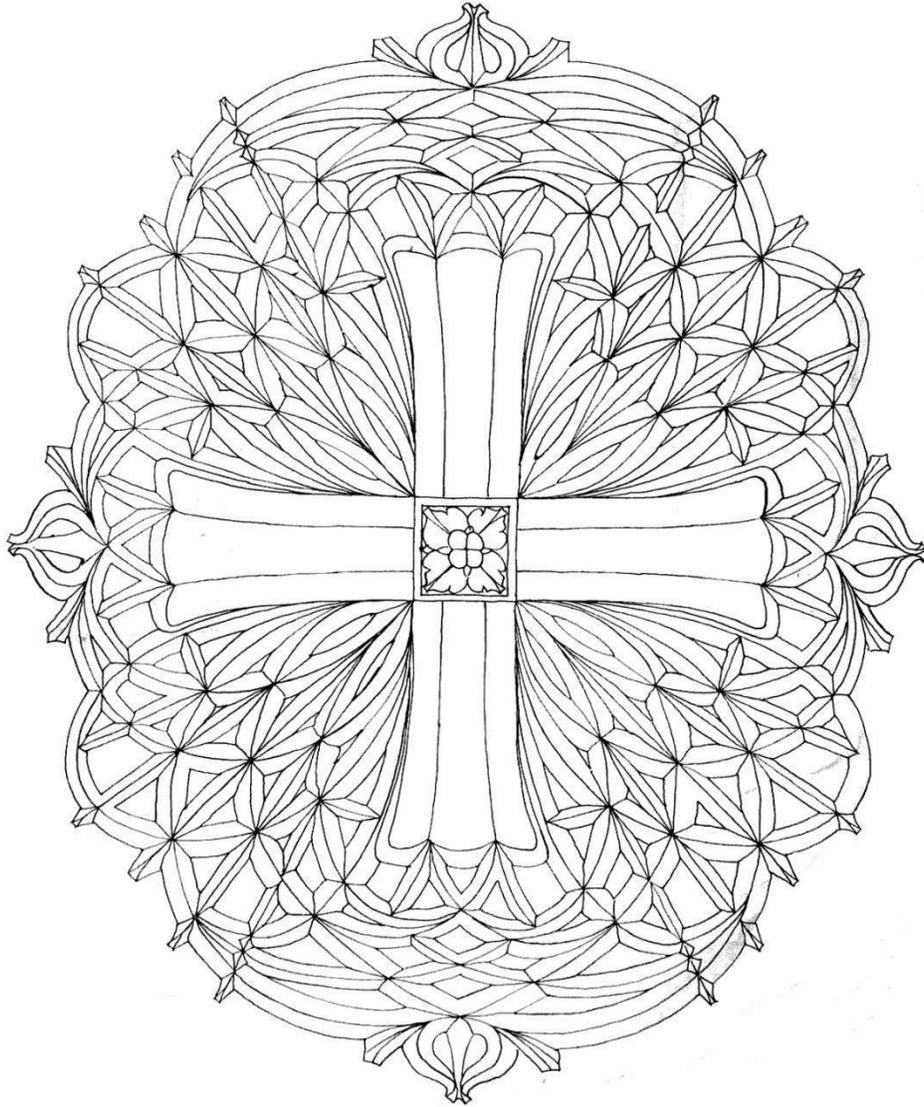


# First Presbyterian Church

April 18, 2021

Third Sunday of Easter



FIRST  
PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH of Raleigh

*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

*"This Joyful Eastertide"*

arr. David Cherwien

Call to Worship

If you should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could endure?

**But there is forgiveness with you, and so we praise your name!**

Hymn

["We Come to You for Healing, Lord"](#)

No. 796

Prayer of Confession

Judy Pidcock

**We confess, O God, that we have been quick to distance ourselves from Jesus, and that our devotion to him is conditional. This truth pierces us, for we know that his devotion to us is unwavering. Though we have no right to ask, restore us, O God, by the tender welcome of your grace. Draw us back to you from the places of our wandering, that we might find new delight in your presence, and new courage to live out our faith, through Jesus Christ our Lord. And 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

Laurie Taylor Weicher

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

Psalm 130; John 21:9-17

Sermon

"A Second Chance"

Ed McLeod

## We Respond to God's Word

Hymn

["Alleluia! Laud and Blessing"](#)

No. 755

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

"The King of Love My Shepherd Is"  
Andy Eaton, Baritone

arr. Dan Forrest

Prayer of Dedication

## We Bear God's Word into the World

Hymn

["Will You Come and Follow Me"](#)

No. 726

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

"Gigue from Partita # 4"

J. S. Bach

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Today's acolyte is Avery Thaxton.

The Chancel flowers are dedicated to the glory of God and are given  
by Dr. and Mrs. William L. Miller in loving memory of Laura's parents,  
Charles and Elizabeth Sanderson, and her brothers Hugh and Charles Sanderson.