

# THE COMMUNITY OF FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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## THE ORDER OF SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

April 11, 2010

11:00am

### THE SECOND SUNDAY IN EASTER

THE PRELUDE

Joanna Bailey

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

KC Clarke

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Miguel Carlin

+CALL TO WORSHIP

*after Psalm 116*

L- *After everything we have received from the hand of God, what can we give in return?*

P- We could celebrate the promise of salvation. We might remember to call upon the Lord when it is not a dire necessity. We ought to keep our promises to the Lord.

L- *We could offer our gratitude not only in so many words but by allowing gratitude to define our way of life.*

P- As our most faithful expression of this gratitude, we will keep our promises to the Lord, joining with each other to praise God— also in word *and* in deed.

ALL- Praise the Lord!

+HYMN OF PRAISE 481 Praise the Lord, God's Glories Show

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord, help us live our lives faithfully. We confess that when life is good we do not feel the need for you until--inevitably-- conditions change. Lord, help us live our lives in love. We confess that we are way too "fast and loose" with the word. Teach us to live in love with you and your creation, with others, and within ourselves. Help us live our lives in hope. We confess that life can be long exhausting. Sometimes it becomes more of a burden than a gift. We want to throw in the towel and leave it all to fate, or luck, or chance. It is easy for us to

forget that you will never leave us, and that we cannot escape you. Forgive us. Bring us to a right understanding of faith, love, and hope.

## SILENT PERSONAL CONFESSION

### ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

*L- Resurrection is the great promise of things to come, the presence of mercy, the gift of grace and prodigal love. I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ the sure promise of forgiveness for all who repent of our sins.*

**P- In receiving all of this we ask only the ability to appreciate the cost and to live lives that try to mirror promise, mercy, grace and love.**

### PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

*The people may move about the sanctuary offering and receiving the peace of Jesus Christ from each other.*

ANTHEM Christ Has Risen

Moore

### A PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

In our looking, help us to see. In our hearing, help us to listen. Open our hearts and move into our souls. Amen

### A LESSON FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT Acts 5:27-39

THE SERMON Yucky Evangelism

Rev. Don Smith

+HYMN 272 God of the Sparrow

### +THE CREED

from A Brief Statement of Faith II. 1-26

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.

Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

## THE SERVICE OF GIVING

The Prayer of Dedication      Offertory      Signing the Friendship Register

+THE DOXOLOGY

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE                      THE LORD'S PRAYER

+HYMN    369    I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

+THE CHARGE              +THE BENEDICTION              + THE POSTLUDE

+ All who are able may stand