

# THE COMMUNITY OF FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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## THE ORDER OF SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

April 18, 2010

11:00am

### THE THIRD SUNDAY IN EASTER

THE PRELUDE

Joanna Bailey

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

KC Clarke

MINUTE FOR MISSION

+CALL TO WORSHIP

*L- Lord, after counting all of our blessings we wonder how to respond to your goodness?*

**P- We can share the mystery of your saving love, or keep the promises we made at the time of our baptism or confirmation.**

*L- We can thank you for the example of those who have gone before us and for their willingness to tell their stories in word and deed that led us finally to this place to take our place in the long line of your servants.*

**P- We thank you for the freedom we have found in serving you and pledge to remember the promises we have made to you.**

**ALL- From the heart and soul of this gathering we offer our gratitude, our promises, and our stories.**

+HYMN OF PRAISE 476 O Worship the King vs. 1,2,5

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

The Spirit moves among us, together or alone; in community or in solitude. Forgive us when we fail to recognize your presence, to feel the breath, to want to prophesy, and to dream dreams.

The truth is that we are afraid of Holy Spirit, who drives us out of our comfortable places as surely as that same Spirit drove Jesus into the wilderness and to the cross. Forgive us for the times we fear that the Spirit might drive us to do something that does not make sense, or seems silly, or embarrassing. Forgive us for the times that the world in all of its noise and glitter blinds and deafens us to your gentle breathing.

## SILENT PERSONAL CONFESSION

### ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

L- *In Jesus Christ we are filled with the promise mercy and grace,*

P- Thank you for your grace, O Lord.

L- *In Jesus Christ we rejoice in his reluctance toward anger and in the abundance of his steadfast love.*

P- Thank you, O Lord for your reluctance and your abundance.

L- *Because of this, I can with confidence proclaim that all who repent of their sins are recipients of all good and growth producing promises of God.*

P- Thank you Lord for the times we see ourselves in your pure light and find the faith to repent and the joy in receiving all good things from you.

ANTHEM There'll Be Joy

Sleeth

### PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

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

### FAVORITE HYMN TIME

### A PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Grant O Lord a renewal of our minds and hearts such that we are upheld by your Word, strengthened by it, and encouraged by it such that we are able to stand before the world without fear and secure in the knowledge of your presence.  
Amen

A LESSON FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT John 21:1-19

THE SERMON Another Great Commandment Rev. Don Smith

+HYMN 377 Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore

+THE CREED from A Brief Statement of Faith II. 27-51  
We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and

nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God's condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.

## 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    485 To God Be the Glory vs. 1

+THE CHARGE

+THE BENEDICTION

+ THE POSTLUDE

+ All who are able may stand

