

## FPC Interactive Worship Bulletin for April 11, 2021

### PRAYER LIST

**Ongoing Support:** Victor Schlimgen, Mary Barnett, Roy Miller, Nancy and John MacDonald, Lou Power, Irene Smith

**Health and Healing:** Steve Hasterlik, Kelly Nicholson, Jason Kirchner, Bob Maitland, Bob Bricker, Michaela (Boyette) Fetzer, Eva Tsosie, Chaske Hoyt, Eric Barry, Jessica Loewen, Jessica Jones, Steve Arno, Barb Miller, Lorraine Chavez, Tom and Becky Tucker, Rev. David Joachim, Lynda Clegg

**Condolences:** Family and Friends of Betty Gauld, Family and Friends of Jerry Power, Former Pastor Wayne and Janice Morrow, Friends and Family of Dave Andrew III, Family and Friends of Wally's sister, Christine Congdon Howe, Family and Friends of Don Morgan, Family and friends of Bob Rheinschmidt, Family and friends of Gloria Doty, Pauline, Family and friends of Lupe Hilliard

*Flowers in Sanctuary provided by Judy Gilman in loving memory of Bill Gilman*

**PRELUDE** *Emma Thackston*

**WELCOME** *Dan Cravy*

Good morning! He is Risen! *He is Risen indeed!*

Greetings to you in the name of the risen and reigning Lord. And Welcome to worship with First Presbyterian Church as we continue to celebrate the victory of redeeming love in the resurrection of Jesus Christ!

If you are visiting with us today, we want you to know You are welcome here! Please leave us your contact information.

Today we are grateful to have Ron Righter preaching. Ron is currently at work on his masters in theology at Whitworth University. He is a Deacon and has been instrumental in our Roots Leadership. Thank you, Ron, for sharing God's living Word with us today.

Also today in our worship, we welcome Zeke Campfield of MIC. He will be sharing with us an invitation to become part of mentoring families at the Meadowlark's Family Housing Center and will be available for further conversation and questions following worship in the Fellowship Hall.

Next Sunday we want to draw children and families back together! We are changing our Kids on the Steps back to Kids *on the Steps*. We will get to use egg shakers in worship. Then we'll play some dodgeball (for all ages) out on the front lawn. Just wear your run-around clothes to worship. We'll make sure that folks can participate as competitively or gently as they wish.

We will hope during that time to pull some parents together for a really quick (10 minutes?) conversation about how we keep connecting our kids and families over the next many weeks and into the summer. Outdoor gatherings? G2G? Melinda Hickey is ready to be with her young Champions again!

You know our Deacons' Toppers Party is coming on April 24<sup>th</sup>, and we also invite you to save the date for FPC's All-Church Picnic, June 11, 5-8pm, Pineview Park.

Brothers and sisters, let us enter into our celebration of the risen Lord, trusting that his reign sends us out week after week with good news to live and share.

**CALL TO WORSHIP** *Emma Thackston*

One: Come and worship,  
everyone on earth,  
everywhere the sun shines,

**All: Let's praise God together!**

One: He listens when we call,  
He answers our prayers:

**All: Let's praise God together!**

One: He forgives our mistakes,  
And He provides what we need:  
**All: Let's praise God together!**

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everyone on earth,  
everywhere the sun shines,  
**All: Let's praise God together!**

### SONG OF PRAISE "Santo, Santo, Santo (Holy, Holy, Holy)"



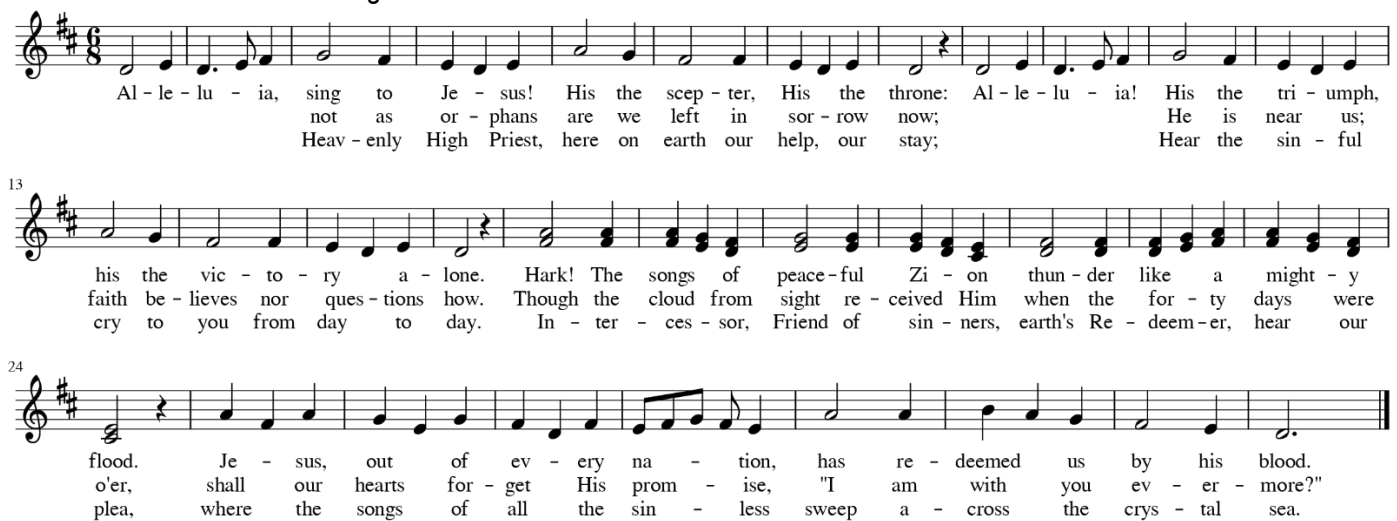
San - to, San - to, San - to. ¡Mi co - ra-zón te a - do - ra! Mi co - ra-zón te  
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly. My heart, my heart a - dores you! My heart is glad to

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sa - be de - cir: ¡San - to e - res Se - ñor!  
say, the words: You are ho - ly, Lord!

### OPENING PRAYER *Martha Ripley*

Holy God,  
as we prepare to worship you today,  
we ask that you will stretch our imaginations  
to sense the majesty and mystery of your ascension.  
Help us perceive how Jesus' presence in heaven  
can give us confidence in our praying  
and hope for the future.  
Through Jesus, our Lord. Amen.

### SONG OF PRAISE "Alleluia! Sing to Jesus"



Al - le - lu - ia, sing to Je - sus! His the scep - ter, His the throne: Al - le - lu - ia! His the tri - umph,  
not as or - phans are we left in sor - row now; He is near us;  
Heav - enly High Priest, here on earth our help, our stay; Hear the sin - ful

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his the vic - to - ry a - lone. Hark! The songs of peace - ful Zi - on thun - der like a might - y  
faith be - lieves nor ques - tions how. Though the cloud from sight re - ceived Him when the for - ty days were  
cry to you from day to day. In - ter - ces - sor, Friend of sin - ners, earth's Re - deem - er, hear our

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flood. Je - sus, out of ev - ery na - tion, has re - deemed us by his blood.  
o'er, shall our hearts for - get His prom - ise, "I am with you ev - er - more?"  
plea, where the songs of all the sin - less sweep a - cross the crys - tal sea.

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION *Martha Ripley*

While we claim to celebrate the ascension of our Lord,  
the way we live often shows our lack of faith  
in his power to deal with the world.  
Let us confess the incongruity between our faith and practice.

Let us pray:

Too often, Lord God,  
we are hesitant in our proclamation;  
seeking safe and suitable opportunities to speak of our faith.

Too often, Lord God,  
we are half-hearted in our service;  
reluctant to stand out from the crowd or to attract criticism.

Too often, Lord God,  
we live as if we are dependent wholly on ourselves;  
relying on our perceived skills and modest insights.

Too often, Lord God,  
we look to the clouds for our inspiration,  
in the vain hope of finding you there.

Forgive the poverty of our efforts and the frailty of our faith  
and open wide our hearts and minds to the presence  
of our Risen, Living and Ascended Lord Jesus Christ.

Have mercy on us, Lord.

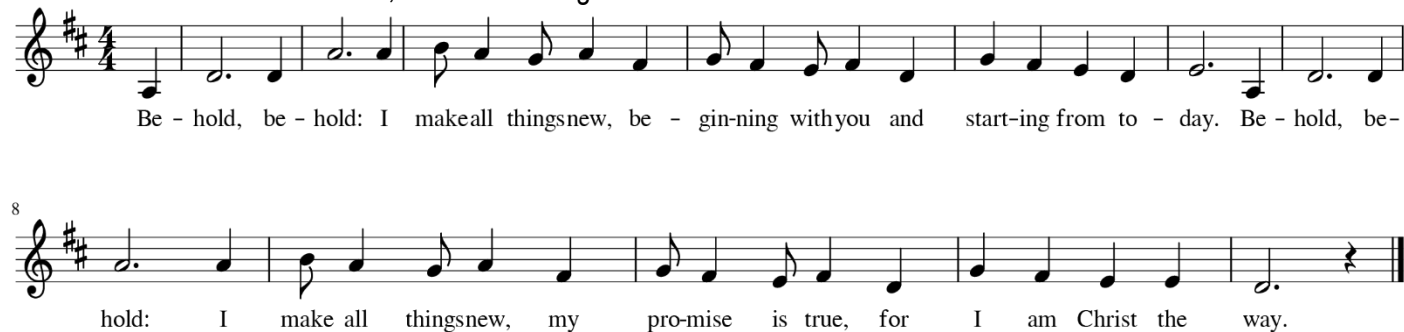
#### SONG OF CONFESSION "Have Mercy"



#### ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS *Martha Ripley*

Hear the Good News: we are forgiven! We are set free to go out into the world as new people, made alive in Christ, to be the loving, gracious, hopeful people of God. Thanks be to God!

#### SONG OF ASSURANCE "Behold, I Make All Things New"



#### SERMON *The Ascension: Look Up then Out!* by Ron Righter

Acts 1:3-11, Luke 24:50-52, Philippians 2:7-11

See [fpcmissoula.org](http://fpcmissoula.org) or FPC News email for 4.9.21

## SONG OF RESPONSE "Crown Him with Many Crowns"

The musical score is written on three staves in 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The lyrics are: "Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne. Hark! how the heaven - ly Crown him the Lord of life, who tri - umphed o'er the grave, and rose vic - to - rious Crown him the Lord of love; be - hold his hands and side, rich wounds, yet vis - i - an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own. A - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee, and in the strife for those he came to save; his glo - ries now we sing who died and rose on high, who ble a - bove, in beau - ty glo - ri - fied; no an - gels in the sky can ful - ly bear that sight, but hail him as thy match - less king through all e - ter - ni - ty. died e - ter - nal life to bring, and lives that death may die. down - ward bend their burn - ing eyes at mys - ter - ies so bright."

**OFFERING** *Dan Cravy and Zeke Campfield*

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *Emma Thackston*

Almighty God, we come today reminded of your greatness and glory, your sovereign power and eternal purpose, all expressed so wonderfully in Jesus Christ, our Lord, Risen and Ascended. We thank you for the wonder of Ascension, that marvelous yet mysterious moment in the life of the Apostles which left them gazing heavenwards in confusion, yet departing in joy and in purpose. We thank you for the way that it brought the earthly ministry of Jesus to a fitting conclusion. We thank you that through his Ascension, Jesus is now set free to be Lord of all.

God of love, we bring to You all the children in our community. Through the challenges of life in a pandemic, You continue to pour out Your love and faithfulness on these children. We pray that through worship and fellowship, this church community would be a place where children belong and believe. Thank You for holding them close to You, for giving them sunny days to be outside with friends, and for the hope of a "new normal."

We lift up the teachers and school facilitators who are exhausted from a year of virtual teaching and pandemic restrictions. If there's ever a time when they are in need of Your strength, it's now, Lord. Give them the energy and patience to finish the year out with grace, and give them the ability to rejoice in successes, both large and small.

We lift up the faithful and dedicated lives of healthcare workers, and we give thanks for those who care for the sick during this long pandemic. We know that in hospitals and care homes, in emergency rooms and in intensive care units, the work of healing is dangerous and challenging, so we thank You for those willing to serve. May Your love sustain them, Your peace surround them, and Your Holy Spirit inspire them through the most challenging times.

God, You are the God of love, mercy, peace, and comfort. The God who gives hope for those who are hopeless. We lift up those who are suffering, in body, mind and spirit. Hear the prayers of our hearts in the silence.

You are the God of liberation for those who are in bondage and under oppression. Deliver us from all forms of oppression, past and present. You are our only source of hope, even in times of suffering, poverty, loneliness, and sickness, and all forms of injustice.

As the trial over George Floyd's death continues, we pray that Your justice will rule in the hearts of all in the courtroom. We pray for the integrity of the judicial system, and that Your mouth will speak and be heard. And we pray that there could be reconciliation, true reconciliation, through the power of Your love and a vision of Your kingdom as You would have it.

Open our eyes, Lord, for we are often blinded with power, status, and wealth. Open our ears to hear the cry of the poor. Let your justice flow like a river and let the oppressed be set free.

All these prayers we gather into one, praying as your Son taught us, saying,

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Your kingdom come, Your 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.

### SENDING SONG "Come, Holy Ghost"

Come, Ho - ly Ghost, Cre - a - tor blest, and in our hearts take up Thy rest; Come with thy grace  
 O Com - for - ter, to thee we cry, Thou heav'n - ly gift of God most high; Thou fount of life,  
 O Ho - ly Ghost, through three a - lone, know we the Fa - ther and the Son; be this our firm  
 Praise we the Lord, Fa - ther and Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit with them one; and may the Son

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 and heav'n - ly aid to fill our hearts which thou hast made, to fill our hearts which  
 and fire of love, and sweet a - noint - ing from a - bove, and sweet a - noint - ing  
 un - chang - ing creed, that thou dost from them both pro - ceed, that thou dost from them  
 on us be - stow all gifts that from the Spir - it flow, all gifts that from the

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 Thou hast made. Benot a - fraid, where you go there I am with you. Be not a - fraid, where you  
 from a - bove.  
 both pro - ceed.  
 Spi - rit flow.

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 go there I am with you. Where you go there I am with you.

### SENDING *Dan Cravy*

So brothers and sisters, let us live daily looking up to our Lord reigning in heaven, then look out with compassion for our neighbors, living as ambassadors of his truth and grace until the day that the kingdom comes on earth as in heaven.

He is risen! *He is risen indeed!*

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord! Amen.