

Second Sunday of Easter
Holy Humor Sunday

April 3, 2016

Scriptural Meditation

*May grace and peace come to you from Jesus Christ.
What Jesus gives witness to can always be trusted.
He was the first to rise from the dead. He rules over the kings of the earth.
Revelation 1:5*

~Gathering the Family of God~

The Peal of Our Church Bell

Welcome and Greeting One Another with the Peace of Christ

***Peace**

One: Knock, knock.

All: Who's there?

One: Luke.

All: Luke, who?

One: Look all around you at the smiles on your neighbors faces.
God sent the world His only Son. Since God loves
us so much, we too should love one another.

All: Let us love one another, since love comes from God.

One: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

All: And also with you!

Prelude

Medieval Folk Tune

by Jacob Paix

Call to Laughter

One: This is the time to rejoice!

All: What better time than now!

One: This is the day to laugh—

How many Presbyterians does it take to change a light bulb?

All: Change? Presbyterians don't believe in change.

One: Knock, knock.

All: Who's there?

One: Gladys.

All: Gladys, who?

One: Glad it's Sunday, aren't you? So, what's the greatest joke ever?

All: The one God played on death On Easter morning!

Prayer of Invocation

One: Knock, knock.

All: Who's there?

One: Lettuce.

All: Lettuce, who?

One: Let us pray.

*** Gathering Song**

Joy to the World

**Joy to the World, the Lord's alive, Awake, rejoice and sing!
It's just as He had said, He's risen from the dead.
Salvation now He brings, Salvation now He brings,
Salvation, salvation now He brings.**

**Joy to the World, the empty tomb, Proclaims a victory.
Of light compelling, A great dispelling
Of darkness in the world, Of darkness in the world,
Of darkness, of darkness in the world.**

**Joy to the World, Our Savior reigns, Let Heaven and earth proclaim
The glories of___ His righteousness,
And wonders of His love, And wonders of His love,
And wonders, and wonders of His love.**

Words: Paul Lintern, Music: Attr. to G. F. Handel, 1742

*** Prayer of Reconciliation**

Let us remain standing and express ourselves to God.

**All: Jesus, Savior, Resurrected Messiah, we come before you from different
paths: some of us certain of your joyful presence in our lives, some of us not so
certain of the hope of being touched by your joy. Yet we are all here, reaching out
to you: for understanding, for hope, for joy, for all that is imperishable. Meet us
here, today, in all your power and consolation. Amen.**

***A Time for Contemplation** (a private time for you and God)

***Assurance of Forgiveness**

One: The God who raised Christ from the grave has offered us an inheritance that is
imperishable, undefiled, and unfading. Hold fast to your faith, which is far more
precious than gold, and rejoice in God's salvation.
Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel.

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

***Gloria Patri**

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**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, Amen.**

Tune: Gloria Patri, Henry W. Greatorex, 1851, Public Domain.

God's Word for Little Ears

Hymn of Preparation

I've Got the Joy

All: 1) I've got the joy, joy, joy, joy down in my heart, (where!?)
Down in my heart, (where?), down in my heart,
I've got the joy, joy, joy, joy down in my heart, (where!?)
down in my heart to stay.

Chorus: And I'm so happy, so very happy.
I've got the love of Jesus in my heart.
And I'm so happy, so very happy.
I've got the love of Jesus in my heart.

Additional Verses:

2) I've got the peace that passes understanding down in my heart ...
3) I've got the love of Jesus, love of Jesus, down in my heart ...
4) (*Take a deep breath*) I've got the wonderful love of my Blessed Redeemer
way down in the depths of my heart ...

&, *Sing it in German!*

5) Ich habe Freude Freude Freude Freude in meinem Herz; (Wo!?)
In meinem Herz (Wo!?), In meinem Herz
Ich habe Freude Freude Freude Freude in meinem Herz;
Ehre sei dem Herrn! (to Chorus)

~Hearing God's Word~

Prayer for Understanding God's Word

One: Knock, knock.

All: Who's there?

One: Rita.

All: Rita, who?

One: Read a Bible if you want to hear the Good News!

New Testament Lesson

Acts 5:27-32

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One: This is the Word of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

Psalm Psalm 150

Left Side (River Side): Praise the Lord! Praise God in his sanctuary;

Right Side (Lorimier St. Side): **Praise him in his mighty firmament!**

LS: Praise him for his mighty deeds;

RS: Praise him according to his exceeding greatness!

LS: Praise him with trumpet sound;

RS: Praise him with lute and harp!

LS: Praise him with timbrel and dance;

RS: Praise him with strings and pipe!

LS: Praise him with sounding cymbals;

RS: Praise him with loud clashing cymbals!

All: Let everything that breathes praise the Lord.

Anthem

Joy is Come!

arr. by Andrew Carter (b.1939)

Joy is come! Eastertide! Sing we all far and wide,
See the stone rolled aside, Christ our Lord is risen, Bursting from his prison.
Let the sound, ring around, And the song now rebound: Christ the Lord is risen!

Joy is come! Easter Day! Join the dance, homage pay,
Christ the Lord lights our way, From the tomb now breaking, Satan's power
shaking.

Let the song, echo long, Shout it loud, sing it strong: Christ the Lord is risen!

Joy is come! Easter morn! With your Lord greet the dawn,
He endured crown of thorn And the bitter nailing, Faithful and unfailing.
Tidings tell, Chant it well, Risen Christ in us to dwell, O'er the cross prevailing.

[Melody: 14th-cent. German melody, Text: Andrew Carter]

New Testament Epistle

Revelation of John 1:4-8

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One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Lesson

John 20:19-31

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One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Message

There is Good Medicine in Laughter

Pastor Kim Nelson

~Responding to God's Word~

*Affirmation of Faith

One: Let us stand and affirm our faith.

All: "Jesus Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible. All things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn of the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross." Amen. (Col. 1:15-20)

Invitation to Become a Joyful Giver

Invitation for Sharing Our Gifts (Holy Humor)

One: Knock, knock.

All: Who's there?

One: Philip.

All: Philip, who?

One: Fill up the plate as it's passed to you.

God loves a cheerful giver. (2 Corinthians 9:7)

All: (VERY LOUD) Yeah!

Giving of our Tithes and Offerings & Friendship Pad

Please take a moment to sign your name and contact information in the pew pad.

Offertory

Ubi Caritas

arr. by C. Callahan

***Doxology** *Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow/Doxology*
All: Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God above, ye heavenly host, Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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Celebration of Holy Communion

Communion Music *Come, Share the Lord* # 510

Prayers of the People followed by Pastoral Prayer

Prayers of the People

One: Knock, knock.

All: Who's there?

One: Oliver.

All: Oliver, who?

One: All of our joys come from the Lord.

The Lord's Prayer

All: 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.

Sung Prayer Response *Come and Fill Our Hearts* (#466)

All: Come and fill our hearts with your peace,

You alone, O Lord, are holy,

Come and fill our hearts with your peace, Alleluia!

Words & Music: Jacques Berthier © Les Presses de Taizé (France).

~Going Forth to Serve God~

Life in Our Church Community

***Song of Sending Forth** *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* #611

***Benediction**

One: Oh, God, on Easter the thunder of your voice
caused the stone to roll away from Christ's tomb.

**All: Make the ground shake beneath us,
so that our feet shall dance,
so that we shall leap up and run out the door,
and carry love to a waiting world. Alleluia! Amen.**

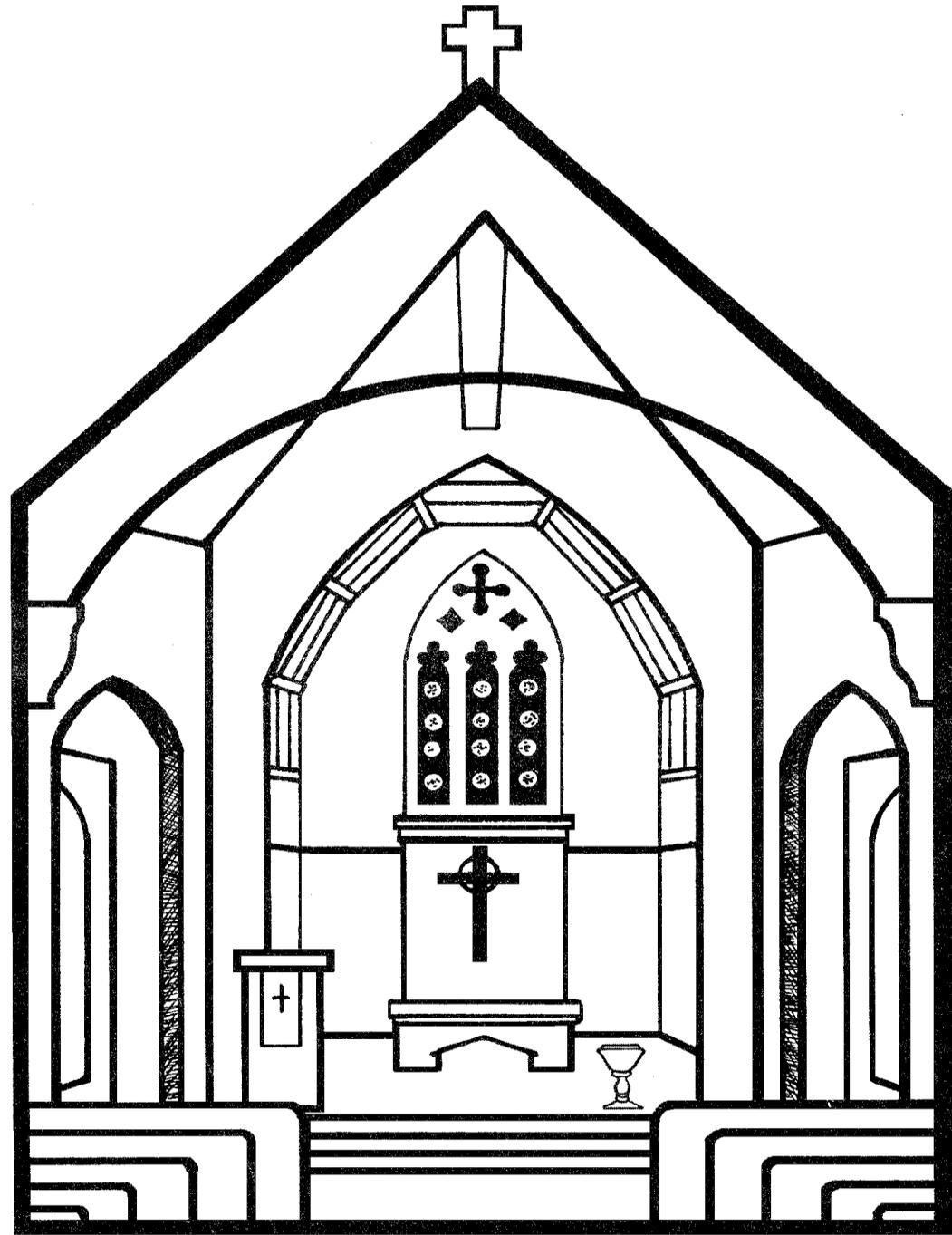
***Postlude** *Hymn to Joy* arr. by Joel Raney

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*Please stand, if you are able.

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