



First Presbyterian  
Church of DuPage

**SUNDAY WORSHIP  
THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER  
APRIL 18, 2021 - 10:00 a.m.**

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

**Pastor:** The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all  
**People:** **And also with you.**

OPENING HYMN – “Jesus Christ is Risen Today” (#360 in The Celebration Hymnal, vs. 1 & 2)

Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!  
Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!  
Who did once, upon the cross, Alleluia!  
Suffer to redeem our loss, Alleluia!

Hymns of praise, then, let us sing, Alleluia!  
Unto Christ, our heavenly King, Alleluia!  
Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!  
Sinners to redeem and save, Alleluia!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O Lord our God, you call us to work for a world  
where all will be fed and have dignity,  
but we find ourselves distracted by our own desires.  
You call us to seek justice and peace,  
but we are satisfied with injustice and discord.  
You call us to bring liberty to the oppressed,  
but we do not insist on freedom for all.  
Forgive us, O Lord. Turn us to your will by the power of your Spirit,  
so that all may know your justice and peace;  
through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

PASSING THE PEACE without making physical contact

You: May the peace of Christ be with you  
Your Partner: And also with you.

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Guide us, O God, by your Word and Holy Spirit, that in your light we may see light, in your truth find freedom, and in your will discover your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## NEW TESTAMENT LESSON – Revelation 5:11-14

### PRAYER OF PRAISE AND ADORATION

Girded with gladness, we come rejoicing. You are God of salvation; we give you praise. When we cried for help you heard us; from out of the pit you rescued us. You have turned our mourning into dancing, loosed our sackcloth and adorned us with favor. We raise our voices in faithful thanksgiving and give glory and honor to your wondrous name. And God's people said: **Amen.**

### LITANY OF AFFIRMATION

Pastor: Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom.

**Pastor & Patt: To the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might for ever and ever!**

Pastor: Christ will send you into the city and tell you what you are to do.

**Pastor & Patt: To the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might for ever and ever!**

Pastor: You are Christ's chosen instrument, called to suffer for the sake of Christ's name.

**Pastor & Patt: To the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might for ever and ever!**

## HYNN – “Jesus Christ is Risen Today” (#360 in The Celebration Hymnal, vs. 3)

Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!  
Praise eternal as His love: Alleluia!  
Praise Him, all you heavenly host, Alleluia!  
Father, Son and Holy Ghost, Alleluia!

## NEW TESTAMENT LESSON – Acts 9:1-20

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## SERMON – “An Unlikely Friendship” – Pastor David Boumgarden

### SPECIAL MUSIC

### OFFERING

### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND SUPPLICATION

Leader: Lord in Your mercy

**People: Hear our prayer**

## 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.

## CLOSING SONG – “Because He Lives” (#358 in The Celebration Hymnal, vs. 1 & 3)

God sent his Son – they called him Jesus;  
He came to love, heal and forgive.  
He lived and died to buy my pardon;  
An empty grave is there to prove my Savior lives.

*(Chorus)*

Because He lives I can face tomorrow;  
Because He lives, all fear is gone.  
Because I know He holds the future,  
And life is worth the living just because He lives.

And then one day I'll cross the river;  
I'll fight life's final war with pain.  
And then, as death gives way to vict'ry,  
I'll see the lights of glory and I'll know He reigns.

*(Repeat chorus)*

## CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

## SENDING SONG – “God be with You” (#232)

## POSTLUDE

## WELCOME

Thank you for worshiping with us. We are delighted you are here on this Easter Sunday! If you would like more information regarding our church, please contact the church office at 630.759.8843 or [firstpresdupage@gmail.com](mailto:firstpresdupage@gmail.com). Find us on Facebook and our website is [www.firstpresdupage.org](http://www.firstpresdupage.org).

## IN-PERSON AND VIRTUAL WORSHIP

We will have in-person worship. In keeping with current COVID guidelines we ask for masks, temperature checks, social distancing, and all COVID protocols to be followed. Your health and your presence are both important to us.

We will also continue to have virtual worship via our Facebook page at 10:00 a.m. Join us at <https://www.facebook.com/FirstPresbyterianChurchOfDuPage/>

To print this week's worship service bulletin, this link will take you to a page on the church's website: <https://www.firstpresdupage.org/sermons-2/>

## VIRTUAL FELLOWSHIP HOUR

We will have Virtual Fellowship Hour following this Sunday's worship service. Join us on Zoom at the following link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83460502979?pwd=aFgrVENJWFJLRFB0OCsvUU9YK2F0Zz09>

Meeting ID: 834 6050 2979

Passcode: 444124

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## SAVE THE DATE!

- **The Trustee Work Day** originally scheduled for April 10<sup>th</sup> has been moved to April 17<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m., making this a spring clean-up for the entire church and grounds. All are invited to come out and help!
- **Vision Event**: On Saturday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 10:00 a.m. – Noon, we will have a concluding, all-church conversation about the church's strategic direction, and we will have a small celebration together as well. *(Please note that the time was originally announced as 1:00 – 3:00 p.m., but it has been changed to 10:00 a.m. – Noon. Please be sure to make this correction on your calendar!)*

## PRAYER REQUESTS & CARD MINISTRY

If you have a prayer request, please contact the church office. If you know someone troubled with an illness, a loss, or who could just use an uplifting word please email the church at [firstpresdupage@gmail.com](mailto:firstpresdupage@gmail.com) and provide the person's name, address, and concern so we can reach out and encourage them in their time of need.

## PASTOR CONTACT INFORMATION

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