



First Presbyterian
Church of DuPage

SUNDAY WORSHIP
FORTH SUNDAY IN EASTERTIDE
APRIL 25, 2021 – 10:00 a.m.

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
People: I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.
Leader: Jesus said: I am the good shepherd;
People: Christ lays down his life for the sheep.
Leader: The Lamb of God will be our shepherd;
All: He will guide us to the water of life.

OPENING HYMN – *“Rejoice, the Lord is King”* (#370 in The Celebration Hymnal, vs. 1 & 2)

Rejoice, the Lord is King; your Lord and King adore!
Rejoice, give thanks and sing and triumph evermore.
Lift up your heart; lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Jesus, the Savior, reigns, the God of truth and love.
When He had purged our stains, He took His seat above.
Lift up your heart; lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

HYMN – *“Rejoice the Lord is King”* (#370 in The Celebration Hymnal, vs. 3 & 4)

His kingdom cannot fail; He rules o’er earth and heav’n.
The keys of death and hell are to our Jesus giv’n.
Lift up your heart; lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Rejoice in glorious hope! Our Lord, the Judge, shall come
And take His servants up to their eternal home.
Lift up your heart; lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess
our failure to be what you created us to be.
You alone know how often we have sinned
in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts,
in forgetting your love.
By your loving mercy, help us to live in your light
and abide in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Friends: Hear the Good News of the gospel
People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

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; thought Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: John 10:22-30

²² Then came the Festival of Dedication at Jerusalem. It was winter, ²³ and Jesus was in the temple courts walking in Solomon's Colonnade. ²⁴ The Jews who were there gathered around him, saying, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly."

²⁵ Jesus answered, "I did tell you, but you do not believe. The works I do in my Father's name testify about me, ²⁶ but you do not believe because you are not my sheep. ²⁷ My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸ I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹ My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all; no one can snatch them out of my Father's hand. ³⁰ I and the Father are one."

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE FOR THE YOUNG (AND YOUNG AT HEART) DISCIPLES

HYMN – "*Be Thou My Vision*" (#562 in The Celebration Hymnal, vs. 1 & 2)

Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my Wisdom and Thou my true Word;
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father, I Thy true son,
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: Acts 9:36-43

³⁶ In Joppa there was a disciple named Tabitha (in Greek her name is Dorcas); she was always doing good and helping the poor. ³⁷ About that time she became sick and died, and her body was washed and placed in an upstairs room. ³⁸ Lydda was near Joppa; so when the disciples heard that Peter was in Lydda, they sent two men to him and urged him, "Please come at once!" ³⁹ Peter went with them, and when he arrived he was taken upstairs to the room. All the widows stood around him, crying and showing him the robes and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was still with them.

⁴⁰ Peter sent them all out of the room; then he got down on his knees and prayed. Turning toward the dead woman, he said, "Tabitha, get up." She opened her eyes, and seeing Peter she sat up. ⁴¹ He took her by the hand and helped her to her feet. Then he called for the believers, especially the widows, and presented her to them alive. ⁴² This became known all over Joppa, and many people believed in the Lord. ⁴³ Peter stayed in Joppa for some time with a tanner named Simon.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON – "An Astonishing Imitation" – Pastor David Boumgarden

SPECIAL MUSIC

OFFERING

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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 – “Jesus Shall Reign” (#375 in The Celebration Hymnal)

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
Does its successive journeys run;
His kingdom spread from shore to shore,
Till moons shall wax and wane no more.

To Him shall endless prayer be made,
And endless praises crown His head.
His name like sweet perfume shall rise
With every morning sacrifice.

People and realms of every tongue
Dwell on His love with sweetest song,
And infant voices shall proclaim
Their early blessings on His name.

Let every creature rise and bring
His grateful honors to our King;
Angels descend with songs again,
And earth repeat the loud “Amen!”

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. Find us on Facebook and our website is 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>

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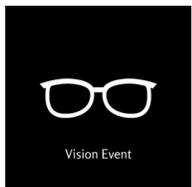
THANK YOU!

Thanks to all who came to the Trustee Work Day last Saturday. Much was accomplished thanks to your help.



Thank you to the members of the Session, Deacons and Trustees who filled out a leadership survey and shared their insights at the follow-up meeting last Thursday. Your input was very helpful.

SAVE THE DATE!



Vision Event: On Saturday, May 22nd, 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 and 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 and provide the person's name, address, and concern so we can reach out and encourage them in their time of need.

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