

POTWIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Topeka, Kansas

Sunday April 7, 2024

2nd Sunday of Eastertide

Liturgical color: white

PRELUDE

CHIMES

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Gathering

***CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Leader: From generation to generation, we celebrate this day and always with you O Lord, for you have defeated death!

Unison: We remember with thanksgiving your goodness to us.

Leader: We will come to the table today to break the bread of life and lift up the cup of salvation!

Unison: We will call upon your name of Lord, for we are your thankful people, and we celebrate your life, death and resurrection now and forever!

***INVOCATION/OPENING PRAYER (Unison)**

Risen Christ,

Your absence leaves us paralyzed but your presence is overwhelming.

Breathe on us today and always with your abundant life so that where we cannot see we may have the courage to believe. To you belongs all honor and glory, Amen.

***OPENING HYMN: "Christ is Alive**

(#108 Blue Hymnal)

Praise, Prayers, and Petitions

SILENT PRAYERS OF PERSONAL CONFESSION:

CORPORATE PRAYERS OF CONFESSION:

O Lord of Life,

Forgive us when we fail to recognize your presence and try to go back to our old ways. By your Spirit, open our eyes, ears, and hearts so that we may experience the resurrected Christ among us. Give us the courage to follow you always, in your name we ask it, Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON:

Leader: As God has forgiven us so let us forgive one another. The Peace of Christ be with you!

Unison: And also with you!

Leader: Please share the love and peace of Christ with each other as you feel comfortable.

PASSING OF THE PEACE:

HYMN: “That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright” (#254 GTG Hymnal)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

(pg 16 in the Hymnal, Traditional version)

***Glory Be to the Father (Gloria Patri) #577**

The Word:

PASTORAL PRAYER

Illumination (Sung x2)

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my heart

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Psalm 30

NEW TESTAMENT READING: John 21:1-19

MESSAGE: “The Other Side of the Boat”

Pastor Sue Ann Seel

MEDITATION ON MESSAGE:

Gwen Jones

Response to the Word

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY:

Gwen Jones

DOXOLOGY:

“Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow” #592

***OFFERING RESPONSE: Blessed be God forever.**

SERVICE OF COMMUNION:

Leader: Now let us hear the story of how this sacrament began.

On the night in which Jesus was betrayed, he sat at supper with his disciples.

While they were eating, he took a piece of bread, said a blessing, and broke it and gave it to them, saying these words: “This is my body, broken for you. Do this to remember me.”

Later, he took a cup of wine saying, “This cup is God’s new covenant sealed in my blood. Drink from it, all of you to remember me.”

Now he calls us all to this table, all who believe that Christ is our Lord and Savior. He calls all of you to the table this day.

Come, and share in the table of our Lord.

The Lord be with you.

Unison: AND ALSO WITH YOU.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

Unison: WE LIFT THEM UP TO THE LORD.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Unison: IT IS RIGHT TO GIVE OUR THANKS AND PRAISE.

Leader: It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise, Holy Creator. You brought light out of the darkness and set the sun to brighten the day and the moon and the stars to illumine the night.

Your glory blinds the eyes of our sin, and your radiance warms our needy hearts. You lead us by the light of your truth in the ways of righteousness and peace. Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with heavenly choirs singing:

Unison: HOLY, HOLY, HOLY LORD. GOD OF POWER AND MIGHT, HEAVEN AND EARTH ARE FULL OF YOUR GLORY, HOSANNA IN THE HIGHEST, BLESSED IS HE WHO COMES IN THE NAME OF THE LORD. HOSANNA IN THE HIGHEST.

Leader: Come now and partake in the body and the blood of Christ.

(Sharing of the elements)

Let us proclaim together the mystery of our faith:

Unison: CHRIST HAS DIED, CHRIST HAS RISEN, CHRIST WILL COME AGAIN.

Unison Prayer:

Illumine our lives O God with the radiance of Christ's love and inspire us to share our stories, to shine in faith and witness as his holy disciples. Transform us into your likeness so that we may live for you, as he lived, and love others as Christ loved us. Let us be your Easter people. In his name we ask this, Alleluia and Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN: "I Danced in the Morning"**

(#302 Blue Hymnal)

***BLESSING AND CHARGE**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE:**

“Let There Be Peace on Earth”

Let there be peace on earth

And let it begin with me

Let there be peace on earth

The peace that was meant to be

With God as our Father

Siblings all are we

Let us walk with each other

In perfect harmony

Let peace begin with me

Let this be the moment now

With every step I take

Let this be my solemn vow

To take each moment and live

Each moment in peace eternally

Let there be peace on earth

And let it begin with me