

POTWIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Topeka, Kansas

Sunday April 14, 2024

3rd Sunday of Eastertide

Liturgical color: white

PRELUDE

CHIMES

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Gathering

***CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Leader: Sing praises to the Lord Oh you God's faithful ones!

Unison: For God's anger is for a moment but God's favor is for a lifetime.

Leader: O God you have turned our mourning into dancing and have clothed us with joy!

Unison: Today we praise you—let us not be silent! O Lord our God, we will give thanks to you now and forever!

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

O God of Steadfast Love, trusting you we devote our hearts to learning and our lives to walking. Teach us truth so that we may walk with courage in trying times. Teach us mercy so that we may walk with humility. Teach us grace so that we may walk with love. Teach us forgiveness so we may walk with compassion. Teach us wonder so that we may walk we praise. O God of Steadfast Love, let us walk with you all the days of our lives, Amen.

***OPENING HYMN: "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" (#376 Blue Hymnal)**

Praise, Prayers, and Petitions

SILENT PRAYERS OF PERSONAL CONFESSION:

CORPORATE PRAYERS OF CONFESSION:

Lord Jesus, Center of Life,

We confess that we have failed to love you with all our heart, soul and mind.

We do not love our neighbors as ourselves. We fail to recognize you in those

around us. We ignore your commandments and turn to go our own way. Have

mercy on us. Forgive our failures and raise us to new life so that we may give

honor to your holy name. It is in this 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: “Open My Eyes That I May See” (#324 Blue Hymnal)

PASTOR’S MOMENT: “On Eclipses and Apocalypses”

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 119:12-18 & 57-64

NEW TESTAMENT READING: Luke 24:13-35

MESSAGE: “Walking and Talking Together”

Pastor Sue Ann Seel

MEDITATION ON MESSAGE:

Gwen Jones

Response to the Word

STATEMENT OF FAITH: The Apostle’s Creed, Ecumenical, pg 14 Blue Hymnal
I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY:

Gwen Jones

DOXOLOGY:

“Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow” #592

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

***CLOSING HYMN: “Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!”**

(#430 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