

**POTWIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

**Topeka, Kansas**

**Sunday April 21, 2024**

*4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Eastertide*

Liturgical color: white

**PRELUDE**

**CHIMES**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

***Gathering***

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP:**

*Leader: Let us gather today to call to mind the deeds of our Lord. We will remember your wonders and your work among us.*

**Unison: We will meditate on your word and muse on your mighty deeds.**

*Leader: Your way O God is holy. You are great and good.*

**Unison: You are the God who works wonders, and we have come together today to worship you.**

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

**Almighty God,**

**Your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. Give us the grace to love one another and the world, and to follow in Christ's Way. Grant that we may share his risen life, remaining faithful to his call. Be with us as we gather here this day and may the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be worthy in your sight. Amen**

**\*OPENING HYMN: "Here in This Place (Gather Us In)" (#401 GTG Hymnal)**

***Praise, Prayers, and Petitions***

**SILENT PRAYERS OF PERSONAL CONFESSION:**

**CORPORATE PRAYERS OF CONFESSION:**

Creator of All,

You open us to the highways of freedom, yet we stay on familiar paths. When Jesus calls us to follow, we justify our desires to go our own way. We are neither ready nor fit for your service, yet you still claim us as your own. In your mercy forgive us so that we may live by your Spirit, bearing good fruit to your honor and glory. In Christ's 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:** “Great is Thy Faithfulness”

(#276 Blue 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*

**FIRST READING:** Acts 4:5-12

**SECOND READING:** Philippians 2:1-12

**MESSAGE:** “Cross, Table, Tomb”

*Pastor Sue Ann Seel*

**MEDITATION ON MESSAGE:**

*Gwen Jones*

***Response to the Word***

**STATEMENT OF FAITH:** *The Apostle’s Creed, Traditional, pg 14 Blue Hymnal*

I believe in God the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; 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 Blue Hymnal)

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

**\*CLOSING HYMN: “Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing”** (#538 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