



First Presbyterian

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¹² Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, ¹³ bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive.

¹⁴ And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.

Colossians 3:12-14 ESV

THE LORD'S DAY

Easter Sunday 2021

11:00 AM



God's People Gather for Worship

"By God's grace alone and to his glory alone, we exist to worship God in his greatness and his holiness with Gospel-driven passion and integrity..." (excerpted from FPC Rome Mission Statement)

Gathering as God's People

Gathering Song

"King of Love"

The King of Love my Shepherd is whose goodness faileth never
I nothing lack if I am His and He is mine forever
And He is mine forever

Where streams of living water flow my ransomed soul He leadeth
And where the verdant pastures grow with food celestial feedeth

Never failing, Ruler of my heart everlasting, Lover of my soul
On the mountain high or in the valley low the King of Love my Shepherd is
The King of Love my Shepherd is

Lost and foolish off I strayed but yet in love He sought me
And on His shoulder gently laid and home rejoicing brought me

In death's dark veil I fear no ill with Thee, dear Lord, beside me
Thy rod and staff my comfort still Thy cross before to guide me

Never failing, Ruler of my heart everlasting, Lover of my soul
On the mountain high or in the valley low the King of Love my Shepherd is
The King of Love my Shepherd is

Oh, Hallelujah, Hallelujah

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Never failing, Ruler of my heart everlasting, Lover of my soul
On the mountain high or in the valley low the King of Love my Shepherd is

Never failing, Ruler of my heart everlasting, Lover of my soul
On the mountain high or in the valley low the King of Love my Shepherd is
The King of Love my Shepherd is

And so through all the length of days Thy goodness faileth never
Good Shepherd, may I sing Your praise within Your house forever
Within Your house forever

Welcome and Announcements

Declaring God's Praise

Call to Worship

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

All: He is risen indeed!

Leader: *O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?*

All: The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Leader: *Alleluia! Christ is Risen!*

All: He is risen indeed!

Song of Praise

“Christ the Lord is Risen Today”

Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!

Sons of men and angels say: Alleluia!

Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!

Sing, ye heavens and earth reply: Alleluia!

Vain the stone, the watch, the seal; Alleluia!

Christ has burst the gates of hell: Alleluia!

Death in vain forbids his rise, Alleluia!

Christ hath opened Paradise. Alleluia!

Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!

Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!

Once He died, our souls to save, Alleluia!

Where thy victory, O grave? Alleluia!

Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!

Foll'wing our exalted Head, Alleluia!

Made like Him, like Him we rise, Alleluia!

Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!

Hail, the Lord of earth and heav'n! Alleluia!

Praise to thee by both be giv'n, Alleluia!

Thee we greet triumphant now; Alleluia!

Hail, the Resurrection Thou! Alleluia!

Confessing Our Sin and Embracing Our Forgiveness

Responsive Prayer of Confession

Leader: *Lord Jesus, great was Your goodness in undertaking my redemption, in consenting to be made sin for me, in conquering all my foes.*

All: Great was Your love in manifesting Yourself alive, in stooping to our weakness to show Your sacred wounds, that every fear might vanish, and every doubt be removed.

Leader: *Great was Your reward in ascending to heaven in being crowned and enthroned there to intercede for me, there to help me in temptation, there to open the eternal book, there to receive me finally to Yourself.*

All: Bathe my soul in the rich comfort of Your resurrection life, O God. Pardon all my sins, known and unknown, felt and unfelt, confessed and unconfessed, remembered or forgotten.

Leader: Help me to be a faithful, fruitful follower, free from every wrong desire, from everything contrary to Your mind, fully devoted and fully submitted to your rule and reign in my life and in all of creation.

All: Give me more and more of the life bought by the death and resurrection of my Lord: may it rule me, may I walk in its power, and be strengthened through its pervasive grip on me. In the name of the risen Christ, I pray. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Song of Response

"In Christ Alone"

In Christ alone my hope is found
He is my light my strength my song
This Cornerstone this solid ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love what depths of peace
When fears are stilled when strivings cease
My Comforter my All in all
Here in the love of Christ I stand
In Christ alone- who took on flesh
Fullness of God in helpless babe
This gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones He came to save
'Til on that cross as Jesus died
The wrath of God was satisfied
For ev'ry sin on Him was laid
Here in the death of Christ I live
There in the ground His body lay
Light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious day
Up from the grave He rose again
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me
For I am His and He is mine
Bought with the precious blood of Christ
No guilt in life no fear in death
This is the pow'r of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny
No pow'r of hell no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from His hand
'Til He returns or calls me home
Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand
'Til He returns or calls me home
Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand

Offering Our Fellowship and Gifts

Peace and Greetings

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

"I Will Glorify in My Redeemer"

Interceding for God's World

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

All: 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.

Hearing God's Word

Scripture Reading

Colossians 3:12-14

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

"Gospel Wardrobe"

Reverend Bill Pardue

Scattering as Christ's Church

Song

"Great Are You Lord"

You give life, You are love, You bring light to the darkness

You give hope, You restore every heart that is broken

Great are You, Lord

(chorus)

It's Your breath in our lungs

So we pour out our praise, we pour out our praise

It's Your breath in our lungs

So we pour out our praise to You only

(bridge)

All the earth will shout Your praise

Our hearts will cry, these bones will sing

Great are You, Lord

Commissioning and Benediction

