

Welcome to First Presbyterian Church of Boise

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 5, 2024 • 10:45 a.m.

*Bold-faced type are words the congregation speaks together.  
The \* invites you to stand in body or spirit.*

GATHERING

PRELUDE                      *Deck Thyself, My Soul, with Gladness, BWV 654*                      J. S. Bach

WELCOME                      This is the day the Lord has made.  
Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

INTROIT                      *Almighty God*                      Richard Shephard

*Almighty God, your Son has opened for us a new and living way into your presence.  
Give us pure hearts and steadfast will to worship you in spirit and in truth.  
Through thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

CALL TO WORSHIP (adapted from Psalm 98)

Sing to our God a new song. God has done marvelous things!

**Make a joyful noise to the Lord! Break forth into joyous song and sing praises.**

Let the sea roar and all that fills it.

**Let the world and its people sing together for joy!**

\*HYMN 371                      *New Songs of Celebration Render*                      RENDEZ À DIEU

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God, you have chosen to abide with us and within us. We struggle to make our lives a fitting sanctuary for your presence. Loving with our whole heart is hard. We hold back. We protect ourselves from betrayal. We hide away what can be used against us. We choose not to abide as fully with you as you have done with us. We are scared. And yet, we yearn for the kind of trust that can love wholly and give freely. Lead us toward such wholeness, that your joy may be complete in us. O Lord, have mercy on us... [*Silent prayer, followed by:*] Forgive us, O God, and move us to trust, that we may boldly live your grace and love; through Jesus Christ our Savior, Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE / PASSING THE PEACE

## HEARING THE WORD

### TIME FOR CHILDREN / CHILDREN'S CHAPEL

*We invite children to come forward for a moment in worship designed for them. Following that, they may go to Children's Chapel and return to the worship service during the hymn following the sermon.*

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us, O God, in the reading of your Word. May we hear what you have to say to us today. May your Spirit be poured out upon us; Amen.**

### FIRST LESSON: PSALM 98

<sup>1</sup>O sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things. His right hand and his holy arm have gotten him victory. <sup>2</sup>The Lord has made known his victor; he has revealed his vindication in the sight of the nations. <sup>3</sup>He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel. All the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God. <sup>4</sup>Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises. <sup>5</sup>Sing praises to the Lord with the lyre, with the lyre and the sound of melody. <sup>6</sup>With trumpets and the sound of the horn make a joyful noise before the King, the Lord. <sup>7</sup>Let the sea roar and all that fills it, the world and those who live in it. <sup>8</sup>Let the floods clap their hands; let the hills sing together for joy <sup>9</sup>at the presence of the Lord, for he is coming to judge the earth. He will judge the world with righteousness and the peoples with equity.

### ANTHEM

*I Will Be a Child of Peace*

trad. Shaker Hymn  
arr. Elaine Hagenberg

*O Holy Father I will be a child of peace and purity  
for well I know Thy hand will bless  
the seeker after righteousness.*

### SECOND LESSON: JOHN 15:9-17

<sup>9</sup>As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. <sup>10</sup>If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. <sup>11</sup>I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. <sup>12</sup>"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. <sup>13</sup>No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. <sup>14</sup>You are my friends if you do what I command you. <sup>15</sup>I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing, but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. <sup>16</sup>You did not choose me, but I chose you. And I appoint you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. <sup>17</sup>I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

REFLECTION ON THE WORD AND LIFE: "What Do You Choose?"

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Hymn 703

*Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me*

ST. CATHERINE

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (excerpt from The Confession of 1967)

God's reconciling act in Jesus Christ is a mystery which the Scriptures describe in various ways. They are expressions of a truth which remains beyond the reach of all theory in the depths of God's love for humanity. They reveal the gravity, cost, and sure achievement of God's reconciling work. The risen Christ is the Savior for all. Those joined to him by faith are set right with God and commissioned to serve as God's reconciling community. Christ is head of this community, the church, which began with the apostles and continues through all generations. The same Jesus Christ is the judge of us all. His judgment discloses the ultimate seriousness of life and gives promise of God's final victory over the power of sin and death. To receive life from the risen Lord is to have life eternal; all who put their trust in Christ face divine judgment without fear, for the judge is their redeemer.

OFFERTORY

*Psalm 23*

Albert Hay Malotte

Sue Smits, soprano

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\*DOXOLOGY

OLD HUNDREDTH

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God for all that love has done;  
Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One. Amen.**

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

COMMUNION PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER (traditional)

**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.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION / SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**SENDING**

**\*HYMN 396**

*Brethren, We Have Met to Worship*

HOLY MANNA

**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**\*RESPONSE**

*Send Me*

Rachel Aarons

*Here am I, send me.*

- Isaiah 6:8

**POSTLUDE**

*Prelude A Minor, BWV 543*

J. S. Bach

The flowers in worship today are given by the Deacons to the Glory of God.

**LEADING WORSHIP**

Rev. JoAnn Thiry, *Visitation Pastor*

Ryan Dye, *Minister of Music*

Luann Fife, *Pianist*

Kristin Olson, *Liturgist*

FPC Chancel Choir

Jill Muir, Sign Language Interpreter

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**TODAY at 7:00 p.m.**—Boise Music Week's *Community Worship Service* at First Presbyterian. This ecumenical service will feature the choirs of The Cathedral of the Rockies, First Presbyterian, Critical Mass Vocal Artists, Combined Family Choir, Eagle Wards, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Chords on Delivery Barbershop Quartet; Glory Brass; and homily by the Rev. Dr. Meggan Manlove, Bishop of the Northwest Intermountain Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

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