

First Presbyterian Church of Naples

*In the Heart of Naples with the Love of God:
we worship, we love, we grow, we serve*



Second Sunday of Easter
Earth Care Sunday
April 24, 2022
9:30 a.m.

*Let us quiet our hearts, minds, and voices for the beginning of worship.
At this time, please silence all cell phones.*

The Prelude

When Morning Gilds the Skies

DALE WOOD

THE TIME OF GATHERING

REV. CRAIG GOODRICH

***Call to Worship**

Leader: The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it,

People: *the world and those who live in it.*

Leader: God has founded it on the seas,

People: *and established it on the rivers.*

Leader: The plants and the trees show forth God's glory.

People: *We join with all creation in praising the Lord.*

All: *Let us worship God!*

A TIME FOR PRAISE AND CONFESSION

***Hymn of Praise #245**

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!

LLANFAIR

1. *"Christ the Lord is risen today!" Alleluia! All creation, join to say: Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia! Sing, O heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!*
2. *Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia! Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia! Christ has opened paradise. Alleluia!*
3. *Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia! Where, O death, is now Your sting? Alleluia!
Jesus died, our souls to save, Alleluia! Where your victory, O grave? Alleluia!*
4. *Hail the Lord of earth and heaven! Alleluia! Praise to you by both be given, Alleluia!
Every knee to you shall bow, Alleluia! Risen Christ, triumphant now. Alleluia!*

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

***God of resurrection hope and joy, we confess that we continue to live in anxiety and fear.
You give us your peace, but we fail to receive it. We speak of your great love, but our own
hearts condemn us. You call us your children, but we fail to show your love. Forgive us,
God of grace. Fill us with your power from on high that we might walk in newness of life
and in your ways of service and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord.***

A Moment for Silent Personal Confession

Declaration of Pardon

Leader: Hear the good news! Christ is risen! And in Christ we are forgiven. Receive God's forgiveness and be at peace.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

***Gloria Patri #580**

GREATOREX

***Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the
beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen! Amen!***

Children's Time

NANCY VAN FLEET

THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

RONI HAGGART

First Reading

Psalm 104:1-24

PEW BIBLE PAGE 483

Bless the LORD, O my soul. O LORD my God, you are very great. You are clothed with honor and majesty, ²wrapped in light as with a garment. You stretch out the heavens like a tent, ³you set the beams of your chambers on the waters, you make the clouds your chariot, you ride on the wings of the wind, ⁴you make the winds your messengers, fire and flame your ministers. ⁵You set the earth on its foundations, so that it shall never be shaken. ⁶You cover it with the deep as with a garment; the waters stood above the mountains. ⁷At your rebuke they flee; at the sound of your thunder they take to flight. ⁸They rose up to the mountains, ran down to the valleys to the place that you appointed for them. ⁹You set a boundary that they may not pass, so that they might not again cover the earth. ¹⁰You make springs gush forth in the valleys; they flow between the hills, ¹¹giving drink to every wild animal; the wild asses quench their thirst. ¹²By the streams the birds of the air have their habitation; they sing among the branches. ¹³From your lofty abode you water the mountains; the earth is satisfied with the fruit of your work. ¹⁴You cause the grass to grow for the cattle, and plants for people to use, to bring forth food from the earth, ¹⁵and wine to gladden the human heart, oil to make the face shine, and bread to strengthen the human heart. ¹⁶The trees of the LORD are watered abundantly, the cedars of Lebanon that he planted. ¹⁷In them the birds build their nests; the stork has its home in the fir trees. ¹⁸The high mountains are for the wild goats; the rocks are a refuge for the coneys. ¹⁹You have made the moon to mark the seasons; the sun knows its time for setting. ²⁰You make darkness, and it is night, when all the animals of the forest come creeping out. ²¹The young lions roar for their prey, seeking their food from God. ²²When the sun rises, they withdraw and lie down in their dens. ²³People go out to their work and to their labor until the evening. ²⁴O LORD, how manifold are your works! In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Choral Response

Christ the Lord Is Risen Again

PHILIP W. J. STOPFORD

Christ the Lord is ris'n again. Christ hath broken ev'ry chain. Hark, angelic voices cry, singing evermore on high. Alleluia! He who gave for us his life, who for us endured the strife, is our Paschal Lamb today; we too sing for joy, and say Alleluia! He who bore all pain and loss comfortless upon the cross, lives in glory now on high, pleads for us, and hears our cry. He who slumbered in the grave is exalted now to save; now through Christendom it rings that the Lamb is King of kings. Alleluia! Thou, our Paschal Lamb indeed, Christ, thy ransomed people feed; take our sins and guilt away: let us sing by night and day Alleluia!

This is now, beloved, the second letter I am writing to you; in them I am trying to arouse your sincere intention by reminding you ²that you should remember the words spoken in the past by the holy prophets, and the commandment of the Lord and Savior spoken through your apostles. ³First of all you must understand this, that in the last days scoffers will come, scoffing and indulging their own lusts ⁴and saying, "Where is the promise of his coming? For ever since our ancestors died, all things continue as they were from the beginning of creation!" ⁵They deliberately ignore this fact, that by the word of God heavens existed long ago and an earth was formed out of water and by means of water, ⁶through which the world of that time was deluged with water and perished. ⁷But by the same word the present heavens and earth have been reserved for fire, being kept until the day of judgment and destruction of the godless. ⁸But do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. ⁹The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. ¹⁰But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and everything that is done on it will be disclosed. ¹¹Since all these things are to be dissolved in this way, what sort of persons ought you to be in leading lives of holiness and godliness, ¹²waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set ablaze and dissolved, and the elements will melt with fire? ¹³But, in accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home. ¹⁴Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found by him at peace, without spot or blemish; ¹⁵and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

New Heavens, New Earth

REV. REX CHILDS

*Affirmation of Faith (from A Brief Statement of Faith—PCUSA 1983)

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve...We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God's condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still. With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

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.

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

The Offertory

For the Beauty of the Earth

JOHN RUTTER

For the beauty of the earth, for the beauty of the skies, for the love which from our birth over and around us lies: Lord of all, to thee we raise This our joyful hymn of praise. For the beauty of each hour of the day and of the night, hill and vale and tree and flower, sun and moon and stars of light: Lord of all, to thee we raise This our joyful hymn of praise. For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child, friends on earth, and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild: Lord of all to thee we raise This our joyful hymn of praise. For each perfect gift of thine to our race so freely given, graces human and divine, flowers of earth and buds of heaven: Lord of all, to thee we raise This our joyful hymn of praise.

*The Doxology

**All: Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise him all creatures here below;
Praise him above ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn of Commitment #611

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

HYMN TO JOY

- Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love!
Hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.*
- All thy works with joy surround thee; earth and heaven reflect thy rays;
stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in thee.*
- Mortals, join the happy chorus which the morning stars began.
Love divine is reigning o'er us, joining all in heaven's plan.
Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife.
Joyful music leads us sunward in the triumph song of life.*

*Charge and Benediction

Postlude

Carillon

LOUIS VIERNE

Ushers

Bill Kearney (head usher), Ned Camuti, Sharlene Kearney, Dottie Morse,
Chuck Mundt and Kathy Norgart, Patty Rutzler

Greeters

Jack Foust, Steve and Janeen McClure, Gary and Janet Root

Flower Dedication

The Chancel flowers are given by
Susan Pierson Sonderby in loving memory of Peter R. Sonderby
and by
Carmela Gilbertsen in loving memory of Bob Gilbertsen.

Prayer List

In an effort to keep the prayer list current, names will remain on the prayer list for four weeks, unless we are notified otherwise. If you wish for a name to be included, please contact the church office.

Jenn Abbott
Tia Athens
*Linda Arsenault
Darryl Bernhardt
*Bill Crawford
*Jackie Cusick
Ruth England
*Pam Fisher
Scott McCullough
Kent Morse

*Jane Nordlund
Justin Shapiro
Vanessa Uzupes-Owens
Schools and teachers
The U.S. Military
Stephen Ministers and
care receivers
* church member

Missionary (Honduras)
Dorie Hjalmarson
Central Presbyterian Reformed
Church (Matanzas, Cuba)
José Bello, Jazmin Martínez,
Walkiria Rodríguez, Patria
Gonzalez and family, Leydis
Santana, retired pastors
Miguel Pérez, Ofelia Ortega,
Daniel Montoya,

News and Events

Membership at First Presbyterian Church

Do you want to know more about our faith, this congregation and how to become a member of our dynamic church? We want to encourage you in your journey of faith. **A Seekers and Joiners class will be held today** following the worship service in the Parlor. Information packets are available at the exit doors or in the Parlor.

Women's Ministry Bible Study

You are invited to a weekly Bible Study on Mondays at 1 p.m. in the Youth Room. Please bring your own Bible. For more information please contact Janeen McClure at jrmc@airmcclure.com.

Mision Peniel Service Day

On Friday, April 29 we have been invited to Mision Peniel to serve the Immokalee farm workers by sorting, bagging and distributing food. Two teams of 6 people each are needed for two shifts: 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. or 2:30-6:30 p.m. All Mision Peniel volunteers are required to wear masks and be fully vaccinated. Visit Spencer Hall to sign up or contact Lee Ryan at va4ryans@gmail.com.

E-mail communications

In an effort to keep members and friends informed of upcoming events, e-mails are being sent out on a weekly basis. We also e-mail a video of the worship service on Sundays so you can worship with us from home or when you return to your northern home. If you are not receiving these notices, and would like to be included, please contact Kathleen Law at kathleenl@fpcnaples.org or 239.262.1311 ext. 2013.

Heading North?

If you are heading up north for the summer, please be sure to let us know by checking the box on the Friendship Pad, sending an e-mail (fpc@fpcnaples.org), or calling the office (239.262.1311). You can follow us on our website (www.fpcnaples.org) to view the Sunday services, and stay in the loop on Facebook. We wish you safe travels and an enjoyable summer. See you next season.

Wednesdays at First Environmental Series

If you missed our recent series on the environment, no worries! The videos of each of our speakers: Francis Rooney, Dr. Michael Savarese and Rob Mohr are available to view on our website www.fpcnaples.org/adults.

Annual Meeting of the Congregation

The Annual Meeting of the Congregation will be held at the conclusion of our worship service next Sunday, May 1, 2022. The purposes of the meeting will be (1) to receive the 2021 Annual Report, (2) to receive the report of the Nominating Committee that Jim Mahon be elected as an elder in the class of 2024, and (3) to elect the Nominating Committee for 2022-2023.

Wednesday Morning Men: Faith and Fellowship

Join us on the first and third Wednesdays of the month. We are focusing on great, former religious leaders. May 4: "John Wesley" led by Jack Marsh. We will meet in the Youth Room at 8 a.m. and via Zoom. If you have comments, questions, or require the Zoom link, contact Bill Kearney, skearney239@comcast.net.

News and Events

Presbyterian Women's May Gathering

Mark your calendar for PW's May Gathering: Wednesday, May 4 at noon. Following lunch, Rev. Rex Childs will present this year's PW Study: *What My Grandmothers Taught Me*. In this study we continue to learn about five courageous and astounding women in Matthew's Genealogy of Jesus. In addition, Saralene Oldham will share what she learned on her recent visit to the sorting center for our Stamp Ministry, one of PW's Helping Hands mission projects. Sign ups for the gathering and lunch will take place in Spencer Hall today and on Sunday, May 1. Your payment of \$10 for your box lunch secures your reservation.

WOW Spring Bible Study

ALL women of the church are invited to attend the WOW spring bible study focusing on the parables of Jesus. This four week series will conclude our parables theme from last fall using the well-received study guide, *Surprised by the Parables*. Even if you didn't attend the fall session, we encourage you to take part. Each weekly lesson stands alone so you won't be "behind" and you can fully participate in the small group discussion and good fellowship of our gatherings. Each study will begin with a brief devotional and allow ample time for small group discussion. Join us on Thursdays, May 12 - June 2; 9:30-11 a.m. in Spencer Hall (possible Zoom option also).

Our study book is *Surprised by the Parables: Growing in Grace through the Stories of Jesus* by Michelle Lee-Barnewall. The book (\$19) can be ordered on Amazon or we'll order a copy for you. Sign up via email, fpcwomen2017@gmail.com (Pat Nordbrock) or after worship in Spencer Hall on Sundays, May 1 or May 8. Please let us know if you'd like us to order a study guide for you; and if you'd like to attend in-person or by Zoom.

Kidz Lab

All children (pre-K to 5th grade) are invited to join us for Kidz Lab after the children's time. Today, we will include an Earth Day component to bring awareness that we are all stewards of God's great earth. Our children's lessons follow the lectionary, so the same scripture being shared in service (with exceptions), is the scripture we focus on. This is an interactive, collaborative faith experience. For those at home, we invite participants to join us on Zoom at 10 a.m. Please contact ashley.hancock@fpcnaples.org for the Zoom link.

Youth Group

Our youth group meets on the fourth Sunday of each month during the school season - which happens to be today. All youth are invited to join us for brunch upstairs in the Youth Room.

Young Adult Group

Young adults meet on the first Sunday of the month online or in person. If you are joining us in person, you are invited to join us for lunch after our time together. Our next meeting is May 1. Please contact nancyv@fpcnaples.org for Zoom link.

Giving Opportunities

2022 Generosity Campaign

Thank you for your overwhelming response to our 2022 generosity pledge campaign. Already we have received 264 pledges for a total of \$1,423,176.00 Our pledge goal is \$1,500,000. If you haven't already pledged, we hope you'll do so soon. Your consideration and generosity are greatly appreciated by the entire First Presbyterian Church of Naples community!

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance—Ukraine

As the violence in Ukraine continues, the number of people being displaced and fleeing to neighboring countries increases daily. The PDA's first priority is to provide funding to sibling churches that provide basic items for survival for these refugees. The response will include both financial and technical assistance as the network of faith communities providing humanitarian assistance grows. To support their efforts, checks may be made payable to First Presbyterian Church with a memo to PDA-Ukraine. You may also give on our website. Select "Disaster Relief" under fund choices.

Staff Listing

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Elders

Class of 2022

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Patty Rutzler
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Class of 2023

Teresa Doane
Fran Engelhardt
Linda Gadkowski
Roni Haggart
Bill Kearney

Class of 2024

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