

First Presbyterian Church of Naples

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



Third Sunday of Easter
May 1, 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

Chant de Mai (May Song)

JOSEPH JONGEN

THE TIME OF GATHERING

REV. CRAIG GOODRICH

*Call to Worship

Leader: In this Easter Season we proclaim,

People: *that Jesus Christ is risen.*

Leader: We will meet him on the road,

People: *and he calls us to follow.*

All: *He is risen! He is risen indeed! Let us worship God!*

A TIME FOR PRAISE AND CONFESSION

*Hymn of Praise #234

Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain

ST. KEVIN

- 1. Come, you faithful, raise the strain of triumphant gladness!
God has brought forth Israel into joy from sadness,
loosed from Pharaoh's bitter yoke Jacob's sons and daughters;
led them with unmoistened foot through the Red Sea waters.*
- 2. 'Tis the spring of souls today: Christ has burst his prison,
and from three days' sleep in death as a sun has risen.
All the winter of our sins, long and dark, is flying
from the Light, to whom we give laud and praise undying.*
- 3. Now the queen of seasons, bright with the day of splendor,
with the royal feast of feasts comes its joy to render;
comes to glad Jerusalem, who with true affection
welcomes in unwearied strains Jesus' resurrection!*
- 4. Neither could the gates of death, nor the tomb's dark portal,
nor the watchers, nor the seal hold you as a mortal:
but today, among your own, you appear, bestowing
your deep peace, which evermore passes human knowing.*

Call to Confession

REV. REX CHILDS

Prayer of Confession

Generous God, in Jesus you have shown us love - love that seeks, love that suffers, love that survives all things. You call us to show that love in our lives. Yet we turn away from what you would have us do. We confess that the ways of love are not our ways. Like Saul we deny and ignore, despise and reject. Have mercy on us, O God. Turn us back to your way. Help us to receive your love so that we can love others. Help us to receive your love so that we can love ourselves.

A Moment for Silent Personal Confession

Declaration of Pardon

Leader: Hear the good news! The resurrection of Jesus shows us the grace of God is stronger than death and the love of God has no boundary. Know that we are forgiven and be at peace.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

*Indicates all who are able, please stand

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

REV. REX CHILDS

Reception of New Members

Presentation of New Members

SARALENE OLDHAM, CLERK OF SESSION

Carol Georgieff, Gregory Georgieff, Elizabeth "Kay" Pittman

Questions of Members

Question of the Congregation

Elder: Do you as members of the church of Jesus Christ promise to guide and nurture these members by word and deed with love and prayer, encouraging them to know and follow Christ and to be faithful members of Christ's church?

Congregation: We do.

Welcome

All: With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you to share with us in the ministry of Christ, for we are all one in Christ.

Prayer

THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

SARALENE OLDHAM

First Reading

Psalm 30

PEW BIBLE PAGE 439

I will extol you, O LORD, for you have drawn me up, and did not let my foes rejoice over me. ²O LORD my God, I cried to you for help, and you have healed me. ³O LORD, you brought up my soul from Sheol, restored me to life from among those gone down to the Pit. ⁴Sing praises to the LORD, O you his faithful ones, and give thanks to his holy name. ⁵For his anger is but for a moment; his favor is for a lifetime. Weeping may linger for the night, but joy comes with the morning. ⁶As for me, I said in my prosperity, "I shall never be moved." ⁷By your favor, O LORD, you had established me as a strong mountain; you hid your face; I was dismayed. ⁸To you, O LORD, I cried, and to the LORD I made supplication: ⁹"What profit is there in my death, if I go down to the Pit? Will the dust praise you? Will it tell of your faithfulness?" ¹⁰Hear, O LORD, and be gracious to me! O LORD, be my helper!" ¹¹You have turned my mourning into dancing; you have taken off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy, ¹²so that my soul may praise you and not be silent. O LORD my God, I will give thanks to you forever.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Choral Response

Fourfold Amen

I. L. JENNINGS

Meanwhile Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest² and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem.³ Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him.⁴ He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?"⁵ He asked, "Who are you, Lord?" The reply came, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting."⁶ But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do."⁷ The men who were traveling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one.⁸ Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus.⁹ For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.¹⁰ Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." He answered, "Here I am, Lord."¹¹ The Lord said to him, "Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying,¹² and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight."¹³ But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem;¹⁴ and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name."¹⁵ But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel;¹⁶ I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name."¹⁷ So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit."¹⁸ And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized,¹⁹ and after taking some food, he regained his strength. For several days he was with the disciples in Damascus,²⁰ and immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, "He is the Son of God."

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

The Damascus Road

REV. CRAIG GOODRICH

*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

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

The Offertory

How Beautiful

TWILA PARIS

*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

TIME OF HOLY COMMUNION

*Communion Hymn #500

Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread

ST. FLAVIAN

- 1. Be known to us in breaking bread, but do not then depart;
Savior, abide with us, and spread your table in our heart.*
- 2. Here share with us, in love divine, your body and your blood,
that living bread, that heavenly wine be our immortal food.*

Invitation to the Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving and Lord's Prayer

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Leader: It is truly right and our greatest joy...Let us pray together as Jesus taught us, saying:

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 and Distribution

Communion Music

***My Shepherd Will Supply My Need
Just As I Am, Without One Plea***

ARR. DALE WOOD
ARR. WOOD

Prayer of Blessing

*Hymn of Commitment #239

Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing!

GELOBT SEI GOTT

- 1. Good Christians all, rejoice and sing! Now is the triumph of our King!
To all the world glad news we bring: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*
- 2. The Lord of life is risen today! Death's mighty stone is rolled away.
Let all the earth rejoice and say: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*
- 3. Praise we in songs of victory that love, that life which cannot die,
and sing with hearts uplifted high: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*
- 4. Your name we bless, O risen Lord, and sing today with one accord
the life laid down, the life restored: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

Annual Meeting of the Congregation

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The Annual Meeting of the Congregation will be held at the conclusion of our worship service today. 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.

Jim Mahon, Elder Class of 2024

Education: PhD Boston College, MA Virginia Tech, BS Virginia Tech

Church Experience: Member Knox Presbyterian, Cincinnati, OH

Professional Background: Executive VP, NCH Healthcare System, VP Research, University of Texas Medical Branch, Managing Director, Bartlett & Co.

Investments; Dean Bentley University.

Chair, SW Florida Red Cross Board.

One daughter: named after Katharine Hepburn



2022-2023 Nominating Committee Candidates

At Large Members: Cindy Esler, Andie Goodrich, Les Kasten, Gary Root

Session Members: Teresa Doane, Saralene Oldham

Deacon Moderator: David Witman

Ushers

Richard Beach (head usher), Barbara Beach, Jeff Camp, Dorothy Gomori, Sally Jackson, Mark Owens, Audrey Smith

Greeters

Pat Collins, Cindy Esler, Betty Plum, Roger and Barbara Simons

Flower Dedication

The Chancel flowers are given by
Dick and Laurie Hillebrand, Melinda Younkin, Michael and Elizabeth Younkin
in memory of Mary Younkin.

In Memoriam

We express our heartfelt sympathies to the family and friends of Jane Long who died on April 1, 2022. Please keep her husband, Hansen, and her family in your prayers.

No service arrangements have been made at this time.

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.

*Linda Arsenault

Darryl Bernhardt

*Bill Crawford

*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, and for the

lack of medicine they are

facing.

Feed the 5,000

This month our donations will help replenish the food pantry of Youth Haven. Food bags containing the list of items requested will be handed out following the service today. Contributions will be collected at the Sixth Street church entrance next Sunday. Checks may be made payable to "First Presbyterian Church" with the memo marked "Feed the 5,000" and may be placed in the collection plate. If you prefer, donations may be made online at www.fpcnaples.org/give. Please select "Feed 5,000" fund.

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.

Presbyterian Women's May Gathering

Don't forget to sign up after worship this morning for our upcoming luncheon on Wednesday at noon. Rev. Rex Childs will summarize this year's study, *What My Grandmothers Taught Me*. We will also have a presentation on our Stamp Ministry. Your payment of \$10 for your box lunch secures your reservation.

WOW Spring Bible Study

ALL women are invited to the WOW Spring Bible Study focusing on the parables of Jesus. Each study will begin with a brief devotional and allow time for 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 - *Surprised by the Parables: Growing in Grace through the Stories of Jesus* by Michelle Lee-Barnewall, may be ordered on Amazon (\$19), or we'll order a copy for you. Sign up via email, fpcwomen2017@gmail.com (Pat Nordbrock) or after worship in Spencer Hall. 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.

160 Fundraiser for Montreat

This summer 12 youth and young adults will travel to Montreat, NC to join others for a life-changing, week-long conference. Today we will be launching the 160 Fundraiser in Spencer Hall to help fund this trip. There will be 160 envelopes displayed (numbered 1 through 160). We ask you to choose one or more envelopes and by doing so, you agree to contribute the amount on the envelope. For instance, if you choose the envelope marked "1" you would contribute \$1. If you choose the envelope marked 52, it would be \$52. Please prayerfully consider being part of this opportunity to support our youth and young adults. If you prefer, donations may be made online at www.fpcnaples.org/give. Please select "Youth-Montreat" fund.

Kidz Lab

All children (pre-K to grade 5) are invited to join us for Kidz Lab after the children's time. Our children's lessons follow the lectionary. 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.

PW Helping Hands Ministry

Are you wanting a little project over the summer? PW's Helping Hands Ministry has some simple projects for those who like to knit or have a sewing machine and can sew a straight line. Visit the PW table in Spencer Hall to pick up instructions to make little Izzie dolls, prayer shawls, or a kit to sew quilt tops. Questions? Contact Gail Clark (313.319.0282) summer coordinator.

Mision Peniel Diaper Collection

Through May 15 the Missions Committee will be collecting much needed diapers for the farmworkers at Mision Peniel. ONLY diapers in sizes 5 and 6 are needed. Please place your contributions in the tote in Spencer Hall near the Missions table. Thank you for your continued support of our mission partners.

VBS is back and we need your help!

VBS will be held Monday, June 20 through Friday, June 24 from 9 a.m. to noon. We are looking for volunteers to help with snack time, games, bible lessons, group leaders, arts and crafts. Only have a day or two that week? That's ok! We would love to have you! Volunteer sign-up starts today. You can sign up in Spencer Hall or access the link on our website www.fpcnaples.org/childrenandyouth.

Giving Opportunities

Deacons Fund Sunday

Deacon Benevolence Fund Sunday is held on Communion Sunday. Your donation will go directly to one of the three Deacons' partners in their important local outreach: The Salvation Army, Helps Outreach and the St. Vincent de Paul Society. Please consider donating to the Fund today using the pink envelopes located by the offering boxes. You may also donate at www.fpcnaples.org/give.

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. 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!

The Palms Society—Legacy Giving

The Palms Society is a way to honor those who include the church in their long-range gift and estate plans. To learn more about the Palms Society please contact Linda Gadkowski, linda.gadkowski@gmail.com.

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