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First Presbyterian Church of Leesburg

Easter Sunday

March 31, 2024

10:00 a.m.

Disciples Making Disciples



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THE LITURGY FOR GATHERING

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PROCESSIONAL – Crown Him with Many Crowns – Hymn #234

Rev. RJ Leek
Chancel Choir,
Joyful Ringers & Congregation

CALL TO WORSHIP

^Victory in Jesus
^Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks
Our God Reigns

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Responsive)

Steve Weller, Lay Leader

Leader: Gracious Father, on this Easter day, we come before You
with contrite hearts, aware of our human frailty.

**Congregation: Merciful God, forgive us for moments when doubt
overshadowed the joy of Christ's resurrection.
Renew our faith in Your promises.**

Leader: Heavenly Shepherd, we confess that at times, we've
strayed from Your fold, seeking solace in temporary pleasures
rather than the eternal joy You offer.

**Congregation: Forgive us, O Lord, for moments of selfishness,
when our desires took precedence over selfless love,
the very love Christ demonstrated on the cross.**

Leader: Loving Redeemer, we repent for times when we failed
to extend forgiveness to others as You have forgiven us.
Grant us hearts of mercy.

**Congregation: We receive Your forgiveness, O God, and seek the
transformative power of Christ's resurrection to mend
broken relationships and heal wounded hearts.**

Leader: Risen Lord, forgive us for moments of spiritual
complacency, when the magnitude of Your victory became
commonplace in our lives.

**Congregation: We humbly receive Your grace, and with
grateful hearts, we celebrate the triumph of Easter,
embracing the renewed hope found in the empty tomb.**

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Leader: May the joy of the resurrection inspire us to live
transformed lives, reflecting Your love in a world of need. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS (Responsive)

Steve Weller, Lay Leader

Leader: Beloved, on this Easter Sunday, let us rejoice in the
assurance of God's forgiveness and the victory of Christ's resurrection.

**Congregation: Gracious God, we come with contrite hearts,
grateful for Your boundless mercy and redemption found in a
risen Savior.**

Leader: In the empty tomb, we find the assurance that our sins are forgiven.
Christ's sacrifice brings reconciliation and new life.

**Congregation: Thank you, Lord, for the for the gift of forgiveness through
the triumph of the cross and the empty grave.
We embrace Your mercy.**

Leader: In Christ, we are made new.
The risen Lord offers freedom from sin, and His grace transforms us into
vessels of His love.

**Congregation: We receive this assurance with joy, knowing that Easter
declares our redemption and invites us into the abundant life
Christ promises.**

Leader: As forgiven and reconciled people, let us share the good news
of Easter's hope with a world in need of redemption.

**Congregation; Amen. May our lives reflect the light of Christ's resurrection,
and may His forgiveness inspire us to love and serve others.**

PASSING THE PEACE

Rev. Leek

ADVENTURE TIME

Dick Kruse

ANTHEM – Now the Green Blade Rises

Joyful Ringers

^Please stand, where able.
(Worship service order continues at bulletin insert.)

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^APOSTLES CREED

Steve Weller, Lay Leader & Congregation

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 hence 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.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

Offering

Rev. Leek

Offertory

Cathy Bullock

^Doxology

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.

Prayer of Dedication

Steve Weller, Lay Leader

Jesus Paid It All

HIM Sticks Ministry

PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE

Rev. Leek

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.

THE SCRIPTURES

Steve Weller, Lay Leader

John 20: 1-18; 1 Corinthians 5: 6-8

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

Rev. RJ Leek

“Resurrection in Joy!”

^HYMN OF RESPONSE

Christ the Lord is Risen Today – Hymn #217

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BENEDICTION

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Rev. Leek

^RESPONSE TO BENEDICTION

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He is Lord – Hymn #105

POSTLUDE

Cathy Bullock

Upcoming Events:

Wednesday, April 2, 2024

TOPS (Weight Loss) Support Group, 9 am., Fellowship Hall

Sufficient Grace Practice – 9:45 a.m., Sanctuary

Staff Meeting, 11 a.m., Church Office

Chancel Choir Practice – 3:30 p.m., Choir Room

Joyful Ringers Practice – 5 p.m., Choir Room

Sunday, April 7, 2024

Ring in Spring Handbell Concert, Sanctuary, 4 p.m.

Wednesday, April 9, 2024

2nd Tuesday @ First Dinner, Fellowship Hall, 5 p.m.

Menu Correction: Lasagna, Salad, Bread Sticks, Dessert & Drinks provided by Olive Garden. \$10+ donation per plate suggested. This is NOT a potluck. It is catered.

No sign up necessary, just come.

Program: Internet Security, Danny Licata, Media Specialist

Sunday, April 21, 2024

Contemporary Worship Service, Sanctuary, 4 p.m.,

(Traditional Worship Service is also offered at 10 a.m. on 4/21/24.)

Anthem Lyrics – Now the Green Blade Rises

Now the green blade riseth, from the buried grain,

Wheat that in dark earth many days has lain;

Love lives again, that with the dead has been:

Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.

In the grave they laid Him, Love who had been slain,

Thinking that He never would awake again,

Laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen:

Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.

Forth He came at Easter, like the risen grain,

Jesus who for three days in the grave had lain;

Quick from the dead the risen One is seen:

Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.

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