Service for the Lord's Day

Second Sunday of Easter

April 23, 2017

The Lord has made known to me the paths of life; the Lord will fill me with joy in His presence.

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

(each person prays silently)

Gracious and Holy God, open us to the realization of your promise of presence in our lives so that we live gratefully surrounded, filled, and accompanied by your love. Amen.

Gathering

PRELUDE Selected

WELCOME Carol Scoggins

*INTROIT #664

"Morning Has Broken"

Farjeon, 1931

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

The whole creation rejoices; the birds sing from every tree.

Alleluia! Christ is in our midst!

Babies babble with sounds of joy; words cannot express our overflowing hearts.

Alleluia! Christ is our light forever!

Breathing peace on us in these moments; surrounding us with grace and hope.

*HYMN #286

"Breathe on Me, Breath of God"

Hatch, 1878

CALL TO CONFESSION

Afraid that God will find out how faithless we are, we try to lock up our hearts so God cannot see our foolish lives and failures. Let us confess our sins to the One who offers us peace and healing, first silently, then together using the words in the bulletin.

SILENT PRAYER

(A time of silence for personal prayer)

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Hear the echoes of our locked hearts, Path of Life. We cross the borders into temptation and never seem to find our way back. We multiply the sorrows of others by our hurtful words and the harmful deeds we do. We see the ones you would give us to serve, but believe we do not have the abilities to care for them. Have mercy on us, God whose breath gives us life. Walk through the closed doors of our worries and doubts to stand in our midst, offering us that grace which can heal us, that hope which can enliven us, and that faith which enables us to

follow Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

LORD HAVE MERCY Kyrie Eleison

"Lord, have mercy upon us, Christ have mercy upon us, Lord have mercy upon us."

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

It is God's great mercy through the resurrection of Jesus which gives us that hope which lives within us.

Thanks be to God for this precious gift by which we are able to believe and rejoice in our inheritance. Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI

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.

Proclaiming

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE

1 Peter 1:3-9

Bibles, p.218/LG. p.281

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

HYMN #817

"We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight"

Alford, 1844

#580

SECOND SCRIPTURE

John 20:19-31

Bibles, p.108/LG. p.141

The Word of God, for the People of God

Thanks be to God

SERMON

"Receive the Living Hope"

Jen Mitchell

Responding

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by Word and deed and blessings the children, Healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts and forgiving sinners, and calling all to repeat and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal. 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. Amen.

— a Brief Statement of Faith

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

MINISTRY OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Sending

*HYMN #37 "Let All Things Now Living" Davis, 1939

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE #37 *"Let All Things Now Living"*

POSTLUDE Selected

(*) Those who are able may stand. **Bold italic letters** indicate congregational responses.

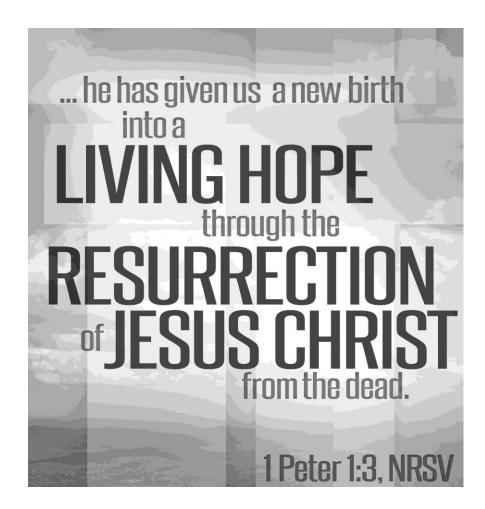
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This week's prayers and concerns: Robbie Brooks, Syble DeLoach, Jack Gray, Joyce Huggins, Billie Manck, Claudia Morgan-Gray, Debbie Murphy, Cindy and Bob Ratliff, Patsy and Travis Reynolds, Patsy Snelgrove, Sue Williams.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS		
Mon. 04/24	Presbyterian Women Meeting	11:30am
Mon. 04/24	Pipeline Deadline	
Mon. 04/24	Adopt-A-Block	4:15pm

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