

First Presbyterian Church
Third Sunday of Easter
April 18, 2021

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

THE TOLLING OF THE BELL

THE WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRAYER CONCERNS

THE PRELUDE AND LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

Time to prepare our hearts and minds for worship

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The bread of life opens our eyes.

ALL: The word of life opens our ears.

Leader: The risen one shows us God's own brokenness,

ALL: And by those wounds we are healed.

Leader: Let us worship the Lord with thankful hearts.

*HYMN: 611 Joyful, Joyful, we Adore Thee

THE CALL TO CONFESSION

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*In unison*) **Good and gracious God, we are creatures of dust, ignorant of your revelation, misunderstanding your life, death, and resurrection among us, needing forgiveness. We repent of our failure to give as you have given to us. We beg your mercy for our fallen world. We seek your Word, that we may live with the faith of Jesus. Be our solace in this life and always. We ask this as your own children, holy and incomplete. Forgive us and lead us.** (...a time of silent confession)

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: In the name God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, our pleas for absolution have been heard.

All: God's promises are sure; our sins are forgiven. Peace be with us.

*GLORY TO THE TRIUNE GOD

*THE APOSTLES' CREED (*Traditional*)

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

TIME FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Psalm 4

THE GOSPEL READING: Luke 24:36b-48

MESSAGE: Have You Got Anything to Eat?

THE PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD

THE OFFERING

*PRAISE GOD #592

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

WE DEPART TO SERVE GOD

*HYMN: 838 Standing on the Promises

Taking the Light into the World

*THE CHARGE AND BLESSING

*THE POSTLUDE

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Sunday School Study of Ecclesiastes - April 18, 9:45 a.m.
- Children's Ministry Event - April 30, 5-7 p.m.
- Church Family Night Supper - May 5, 6 p.m.

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ADORATION

611 Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

1 Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!
 2 All thy works with joy sur-round thee; earth and heaven re-lect thy rays;
 3 Mor-tals, join the hap-py cho-rus which the morn-ing stars be-gan.

Hearts un-fold like flowers be-fore thee, o-pening to the sun a - bove.
 stars and an-gels sing a-round thee, cen-ter of un-bro-ken praise.
 Love di-vine is reign-ing o'er us, join-ing all in heav-en's plan.

Melt the clouds of sin and sad-ness; drive the dark of doubt a - way.
 Field and for-est, vale and moun-tain, flower-y mead-ow, flash - ing sea,
 Ev - er sing-ing, march we on-ward, vic - tors in the midst of strife.

Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad-ness, fill us with the light of day.
 chant - ing bird and flow-ing foun-tain, call us to re - joice in thee.
 Joy - ful mu - sic leads us sun-ward in the tri-umph song of life.

This well-known melody was created to provide a choral setting for J. C. F. von Schiller's poem, "An die Freude" (To Joy), as the final movement of the composer's *Ninth Symphony*. The author, a prominent Presbyterian pastor and author, wrote the words with this tune in mind.

TEXT: Henry van Dyke, 1907, alt.
 MUSIC: Ludwig van Beethoven, 1824; adapt. Edward Hodges, 1842, alt.

HYMN TO JOY
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838 Standing on the Promises

1 Stand - ing on the prom - is - es of Christ my king,
 2 Stand - ing on the prom - is - es that can - not fail,
 3 Stand - ing on the prom - is - es of Christ the Lord,
 4 Stand - ing on the prom - is - es I can - not fall,

through e - ter - nal a - ges let his prais - es ring;
 when the howl - ing storms of doubt and fear as - sail,
 bound to him e - ter - nal - ly by love's strong cord,
 lis - tening ev - ery mo - ment to the Spir - it's call,

glo - ry in the high - est, I will shout and sing,
 by the liv - ing Word of God I shall pre - vail,
 o - ver - com - ing dai - ly with the Spir - it's sword,
 rest - ing in my Sav - ior as my all in all,

stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God.
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Perhaps because this hymn is so well known, its language sounds vaguely scriptural; but while there are various biblical uses of "stand" and "promise(s)," the two words are never combined. The confidence here is similar to that of "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less" (see no. 353).