

**First Presbyterian Church of Morrison, IL**  
**BULLETIN FREE SUNDAY—2nd Sunday of Easter, April 28, 2019**  
**10:15AM**

PRELUDE *Ershienen Ist Der Herrliche Tag (The Glorious Day Is Come)* J. S. Bach

OPENING WELCOME

**Pastor:** Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ

**People:** **Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ**

*[Mike will announce hymn and number]*

INTROIT *Morning Has Broken* No. 469 Vs. 1

OPENING PRAYER & MOMENT FOR MEDITATION

(Acts 4:32-35)

“Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles’ feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.”

CALL TO WORSHIP

***[Tell the congregation to respond: “Alleluia, praise our risen Lord” and say it with them]***

**Pastor:** Call on the name of the Lord in praise; Make known God’s deeds  
among the nations!

**All:** **Alleluia, praise our risen Lord!**

**Pastor:** Sing to God with joyful songs; tell of God’s wonderful deeds!

**All:** **Alleluia, praise our risen Lord!**

**\*HYMN *[Announce the hymn and the number]***

*For the Beauty of the Earth* No. 473

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

***[Ask them to respond with “Lord Have Mercy”]***

**Pastor:** In our daily lives, Lord, we neglect your will and follow other ways.

**All: Lord Have Mercy!**

**Pastor:** There is so much to devote our life to and so much calls to us for our devotion. And so often, we devote ourselves to that which guides us away from our Creator.

**All: Lord Have Mercy!**

**Pastor:** Yes, we often fall victim to not making God our top priority—our main importance. And in this choice—in this action, we fall away from God.

**All: Lord Have Mercy!**

*. . . Silent prayer followed by Amen.*

**\*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

***[Ask the congregation to respond by saying “amen”]***

**Pastor:** Through the light of Christ we are provided the way along the path of life. The light is always shining and always directing us, and calling us back when we are astray. The light will always lead us home.

**ALL: Amen**

**\*HYMN *[Announce the hymn and the number]***

*“Glory Be to the Father (Gloria Patri)”* No. 579

**TIME WITH THE GROWING CHURCH** (Ending with the Lord’s Prayer)

**The Gospel Reading for the Second Sunday of Easter is from John 20, chapters 19 through 31:**

John writes....When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you" After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side.

Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you."

When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

But Thomas (who was called the Twin ), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe."

Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.”

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

### **SERMON**

**\*HYMN**     *God of the Sparrow*     No. 272

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE** (Concluding with the “Lord in your mercy, hear our prayers”)

**\*HYMN**     *“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow (Doxology)”*     No. 592

### **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING** (Responsively)

Pastor: Dear Lord, thank you for the earth, for the trees, the plants, the water, the winds, the sky, and all beings everywhere. In our thanks, we bring our minds together in oneness, understanding that we are connected to all things great and small. You have given them all a specific place and purpose on this earth, and we are simple one of the many. Thank you for our lives among creation and we pray we learn to take care and protect all that is. We devote our lives to you, Lord, and everything within our lives as well. It has all come from you, which we recognize, and in such, we understand it is yours and not ours In Jesus’ name we pray.

**All: Amen**

**\*HYMN**     *All Creatures of Our God and King*     No. 455

### **\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE** [*Scott*]     *Jesus Christ, Our Saviour*     Dupré

**PASSING OF THE PEACE** (*greeting: “Peace be with you,” response: “and also with you”*)