

*First Presbyterian Church*

*April 7, 2024*

*2nd Sunday of Easter*

*Morrison, Illinois*

*10:15AM*

*Enter This Church That We Might Worship Together!*



**PRELUDE**

**THE GATHERING WELCOME**

Pastor: Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ

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

**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** (Responsively) (Psalm 133)

Pastor: How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity!

**All: It is like the precious oil on the head, running down upon the beard, on the beard of Aaron, running down over the collar of his robes.**

Pastor: It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion.

**All: For there the Lord ordained his blessing, life forevermore.**

**\*HYMN**

*Christ Is Alive!*

No. 108

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (Unison)

Lord God, you have formed us together into a community of faith, as followers of Christ. Yet we so often stray in our own lives to seek personal gain. In so many ways, we have forgotten how to share with one another and only care for another when it is convenient. Our selfish and egotistical actions harm the ability of our community to function. Forgive us Lord, and teach us how to be a true community, so that together we may serve you to the fullest of our potential. We pray this in Jesus’ name. . . . . Silent prayer followed by ‘Amen’.

**\*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS** (Unison)

Christ brought together the twelve disciples into a community. From there, the Christian community formed and spread. Today we are part of that original family that belongs to Christ. Thus, we are always forgiven when we stray. Through Christ we have the direction of where to turn when we have strayed, and through our communal loving actions, we can serve Christ together in all that we do. Praise be Jesus’ name. Amen.

**\*HYMN**

*Glory Be to the Father (Gloria Patri)*

No. 579

**TIME WITH THE GROWING CHURCH** (Concluding with the Lord’s Prayer (p. 16))

**GOSPEL READING**

John 20:19-31

**EPISTLE READING**

1 John 1:1-2:2

**SERMON**

**HYMN**

*Breathe on Me, Breath of God*

No. 316

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

**\*HYMN**

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow (Doxology)*

No. 592

**\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION** (Unison)

Lord, you give us so much in life. You have come to earth to live and die for us. You have risen so we might have new life. Let us not waste a moment of what you have given to us. Let us use it all in its entirety. With great thanks, we rededicate our life to you. Use us as you might so that we may be yours. We pray this in Jesus’ name. Amen.

**\*HYMN**

*Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks*

No. 106 Vs. 1,2

**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE\*\***

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

\*You are invited to stand for this portion.

\*\*Please remain seated until the conclusion of the postlude.

The Bible verses are read from the New Revised Standard Version (NRSV).



*Depart This House That We Might Witness Together!*

**Remember in prayer:** Individuals and families fighting COVID-19 infection; residents and staff of Resthove, Homestead and Pleasant View; medical workers, essential employees, school teachers & staff; Bev & Larry Bealer, Dan Brandon, Dale Johnson, Janet Johnson, Richard McCoy, Ken Mills, Sheila Osborn, Youdelka Philippe (MSH), Margie Selburg, the family of Cooke Shawver, Jean Temple, Rachael Tucker, Ray Tucker

# Love one another!

## Livestream Worship Services

Each Sunday at 10:15am from the church's Facebook group page: [www.facebook.com/groups/firstpresmorrison](http://www.facebook.com/groups/firstpresmorrison). And after the service on YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/@firstpresmorrison>

**Bible Study** We will meet Tuesdays at 9:30am at Pleasant View. Rick Barr will lead the weeks that Pastor Mike is unavailable.

**Drive-Up Meal** The next meal will be on April 25. This is our **15th Anniversary** meal! We will be serving pulled pork sandwiches. Meal begins at **5PM**. Help is needed on Wednesday at 1:30pm and Thursday starting at 4:15pm.

### Upcoming Community Events:

04/10:

1:30pm BINGO @ Homestead

04/11:

12pm Golden Oldies @ The Bread Lady

6:30pm Golden Agers BINGO @ Odell

### STAFF

Pastor. . . . . Rev. Dr. Mike Selburg

Office Manager. . . . . Stacie Baker

Organist. . . . . Scott Vandermyde

Custodian. . . . . Courtney Bruckner

### SESSION ELDERS:

Rick Barr  
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*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.*

—John 20:19-31