

First Presbyterian Church

May 15, 2022

5th 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

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!

No. 113 Vs. 1

OPENING PRAYER & MOMENT FOR MEDITATION (1 John 3:14-18)

“We know that we have passed from death to life because we love one another. Whoever does not love abides in death. All who hate a brother or sister are murderers, and you know that murderers do not have eternal life abiding in them. We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God’s love abide in anyone who has the world’s goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help? Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action.”

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsively) (Psalm 148)

Pastor: Praise the Lord!

All: Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise him in the heights!

Pastor: Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his host!

All: Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars! Praise him, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens!

Pastor: Let them praise the name of the Lord, for he commanded and they were created. He established them forever and ever; he fixed their bounds, which cannot be passed.

All: Praise the Lord from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps, fire and hail, snow and frost, stormy wind fulfilling his command! Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars! Wild animals and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds! Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth! Young men and women alike, old and young together!

Pastor: Let them praise the name of the Lord, for his name alone is exalted; his glory is above earth and heaven. He has raised up a horn for his people, praise for all his faithful, for the people of Israel who are close to him.

All: Praise the Lord!

***HYMN**

Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks

No. 106

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (Unison)

Forgive us Lord, for our transgressions. Forgive us for living for the ways in which we forget to love and care for others. Forgive us for striving for material possessions, comfort and power, all which lead us away from you. Remind us that our true comfort, power and riches come from loving as you have loved others. We pray this in Jesus’ name...*Silent prayer followed by ‘Amen’.*

***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS** (Unison)

Through Christ, forgiveness for our transgression is given, the True Path is found, and new life is received. Let us follow Christ and live as we are commanded. Praise Jesus’ forever! Amen.

***HYMN**

Glory Be to the Father (Gloria Patri)

No. 579

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

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Acts 11:1-18

GOSPEL READING

John 13:31-35

SERMON

***HYMN**

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

No. 376

***PRAYER FOR DISCERNMENT**

***HYMN**

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow (Doxology)

No. 592

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION (Unison)

Let’s, together, as one body, give thanks to the Triune God. Let’s praise our Creator, our Savior, and our Guiding Spirit. Let’s begin a new life once again today by rededicating our life to the Triune God. Let our lives be given to the service of Christ. Let’s learn to be the disciples and stewards of Christ that we have the potential to be. Let’s love one another as Christ commands, so that we may learn what it truly means to love others so much that we are willing to give all of our own self to those in need. We pray this in Jesus’ name. Amen.

***HYMN**

Fill My Cup

No. 350

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, Windsor Manor and Pleasant View; medical workers, essential employees, school teachers & staff; Dan Brandon, Orville Goodenough, Janet Johnson, Omar Manchester, Joyce Mathew, Shirley Mills, Wayne Osborn, Youdelka Philippe (MSH), Cookee Shawver, Jean Temple, Dick Vandermyde, Michael Vegter, Jr.

Love one another!

Livestream Worship Services

Each Sunday at 10:15am from the church's Facebook group page: www.facebook.com/groups/firstpresmorrison. And after the service on YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCcZlObAb6lcNXGA0cbuuVdg>

Bible Study In May, we will meet for Bible study on the 10th and 17th at Pleasant View Home at 9:30AM.

Deacons Are Here For You Do you have a physical or spiritual need? Our deacons want to help! Please feel free to reach out to a deacon!

Anniversaries

05:17: Mike & Kelly Vegter

Prayer Requests

Have a prayer request? You can now email them to prayers.firstpresmorrison@gmail.com

Drive-Up Meal The next meal will be on May 26. Brats will be served. Meals will start being handed out at 5:00PM.

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SESSION ELDERS:

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Deacons:

Mavis Best
June Cortes
Nancy Glazier
Doris Robertson
Jody Tucker

*Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth;
for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away,
and the sea was no more.
And I saw the holy city,
the new Jerusalem,
coming down out of heaven from God,
prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.
And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,
“See, the home of God is among mortals.
He will dwell with them;
they will be his peoples,
and God himself will be with them;
he will wipe every tear from their eyes.
Death will be no more;
mourning and crying and pain will be no more,
for the first things have passed away.”
And the one who was seated on the throne said,
“See, I am making all things new.”
Also he said,
“Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.”
Then he said to me,
“It is done!
I am the Alpha and the Omega,
the beginning and the end.
To the thirsty I will give water
as a gift from the spring of the water of life.”
—Revelation 21:1-6*

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