

First Presbyterian Church

Morrison, Illinois

April 30, 2023

4th Sunday of Easter

10:15AM

Enter This Church That We Might Worship Together!

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PRELUDE *Water Music* G.F. Handel

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. 3

OPENING PRAYER & MOMENT FOR MEDITATION (Acts 4:42-47)
“They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.”

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsively) (Psalm 23)

Pastor: The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.

All: He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters; He restores my soul.

Pastor: He leads me in right paths for his name’s sake.

All: Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff—they comfort me.

Pastor: You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

All: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.

***HYMN** *I Sing the Mighty Power of God* No. 288

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (Unison)

Lord God, we come to you with humility, recognizing that we have strayed from you. We have chosen ways in our life that are of this world, not of your kingdom. We pray for forgiveness and for the ability to follow you once again. We pray this in Jesus’ name.
..... *Silent prayer followed by ‘Amen’.*

***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS** (Unison)

Jesus has died for our sins so that we may receive forgiveness. Have faith in this and be at peace. Praise be Jesus name forever and ever! 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 10:1-10

SERMON

HYMN *God of Our Life* No. 275

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** (Responsively)
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. Help us not waste a moment of what you have given to us. Help 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** *To God Be the Glory* No. 485

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE** *Jesus Loves Me* arr. W. Bradbury

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).

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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, Youdelka Philippe (MSH), Cooke Shawver, Jean Temple, the family of 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.facebook.com/firstpresmorrison>

Bible Study

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

Drive-Up Meal

The next meal will be on May 25. The meal is pulled pork sandwiches and begins at **5:00PM**. Help is needed on Wednesday at 1:30pm and Thursday starting at 3:30pm.

Birthdays

04/29: Miguel Velasco
05/01: Maddie Huizenga
05/05: Katie Browning
05/06: Tim Reynolds

STAFF

Pastor. Rev. Dr. Mike Selburg
Office Manager. Stacie Baker
Organist. Scott Vandermyde
Custodian. Courtney Bruckner

SESSION ELDERS:

Lynn Knox	Tim Reynolds	Carol Wolf
Lexie Laughlin	Ron Shank	Deb Zigler
Angela Reamer	Scott Vandermyde	Stacie Baker, Clerk

Love one another.

—Jesus
(ref. John 13:34)

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