

First Presbyterian Church of Morrison, IL
BULLETIN FREE SUNDAY—3rd Sunday of Easter, April 23, 2023
10:15AM

PRELUDE *Fantasia* J. Pachelbel

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. 2

OPENING PRAYER & MOMENT FOR MEDITATION

1 Peter 1:17-23

If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile.

You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God.

Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart.

You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

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)

Gospel reading: Luke 24:13-25

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 *March from Athalie* F. Mendelssohn

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