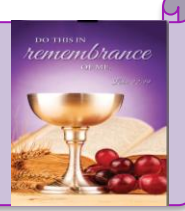


# Third Sunday of Easter

May 4, 2025



## THE CHURCH GATHERS

CHIMING OF THE HOUR; WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, PASSING THE PEACE, PRELUDE

## GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

### **\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

**Leader**

**based on Psalm 16:7-11**

We know that God is always with us, so we come this morning to remind ourselves that we are with God. In this time of worship, may our hearts be glad; May our souls rejoice; May our bodies rest secure. God shows us the path of life and in God's presence there is fullness of joy. Let us worship God.

### **\*HYMN # 504 (Red Hymnal)**

**We've a Story to Tell to the Nations**

### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Unison**

**(inspired by Isaiah 65: 17-25)**

*Almighty God, you raised Jesus from death to life and crowned him Lord of All. We confess that we do not acknowledge Him as Lord of our lives, our families, our vocations, or our decisions. We have gone along with the ways of the world. We have failed to wait for your advice, and to give you all the glory. Forgive us, and raise us from sin, that we may live as those who are faithful to you, through Christ our Lord, Amen.*

### **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**based on 1 Timothy 2:3-6**

God our Savior wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth. For there is one God and one mediator between God and mankind, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all people. In Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

**\*GLORIA PATRI** - *Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, And to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: World without end. Amen.*

### **A WORD FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART**

## WE GIVE THANK OFFERINGS TO GOD

### **GIVING GOD'S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS**

### **OFFERTORY**

**\*DOXOLOGY** - *Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

### **\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

## WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

**SCRIPTURE READINGS:** Luke 22:14-16; 19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

**THE SERMON:** Dr. William D. Coker

*"In Remembrance of Me "*

## WE CELEBRATE THE LORD'S SUPPER

### **\*COMMUNION HYMN - Video**

*In Remembrance of Me*

(Young Adult Choir - Church of St. Paul the Apostle in New York City)

## THE WORDS OF INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

The Lord's Supper was instituted by Christ as a celebration of remembrance and spiritual renewal. Every time we share the bread and the cup, we are to remember the gift of salvation that has come to us through Jesus' atoning death and resurrection. All are invited to participate in a spirit of repentance and confession. Even Baptized children may participate, provided parents explain the meaning following Worship. (Please hold the elements, that we may all partake together as the Body of Christ.)

## SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION AND PREPARATION

## SHARING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

## COMMUNION PRAYER and THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.*

## WE AFFIRM OUR FAITH

### **\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

**The First Creed**

**Leader:** Jesus is Lord!

**People:** Jesus is Lord, indeed!

**All:** Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Amen.

### **\*HYMN**

***In Christ Alone***

- 1) In Christ alone, my hope is found, He is my light, my strength, my song  
This Cornerstone, this solid ground, Firm through the fiercest drought and storm  
What heights of love, what depths of peace, When fears are stilled, when strivings cease  
My Comforter, my All in All, Here in the love of Christ I stand.
- 2) In Christ alone, who took on flesh, Fullness of God in helpless babe  
This gift of love and righteousness, Scorned by the ones He came to save  
'Til on that cross as Jesus died, The wrath of God was satisfied  
For every sin on Him was laid, Here in the death of Christ I live, I live.
- 3) There in the ground His body lay, Light of the world by darkness slain  
Then bursting forth in glorious Day, Up from the grave He rose again  
And as He stands in victory, Sin's curse has lost its grip on me  
For I am His and He is mine, Bought with the precious blood of Christ.
- 4) No guilt in life, no fear in death, This is the power of Christ in me  
From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny  
No power of hell, no scheme of man, Can ever pluck me from His hand  
Till He returns or calls me home, Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

### **\*BENEDICTION**

Go now from this service to the service of Christ in the World, refreshed by your Remembrance of Him. And as you go, may the blessings of Christ's Love and Grace guide you this day and forevermore. Amen.

**POSTLUDE** - (\*) *We stand as we are able.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. 8 Most Significant Words: "Who will you invite to church next Sunday?"
2. #1 Reason to Be at First Pres: *Because we know why we're here - to share the Real Jesus.*
3. **Prayer List:**
  - a. Cathy Martin (Biff's sister) -She continues to fight pancreatic cancer and remains hopeful that she will be able to begin a clinical trial.
  - b. Key Coker (Biff's brother) - Anterior Cervical Discectomy (plate on neck spine)
  - c. Rhonda Webster - (longtime friend of Margaret Connor) - colon cancer
  - d. Allen Boyd - Torn rotator cuff
  - e. Marj Chalfant
  - f. Cheryl Coker who is recovering from foot surgery.
  - g. Ben Reeves (friend of Allen Boyd)
  - h. Jim Hall (friend of Cokers) - colon cancer
  - i. Susan Robbins (friend of Cokers)
  - j. Rodney Bennett's mother (Betty Driggers) is under hospice care.
  - k. Melissa Hughes (niece of Marlene Mathis) who has bone cancer. She will begin treatment. Pray for healing so this mother will see her young children grow up).
  - l. Allison Whitworth (Melinda Howell's daughter) - nasal surgery
  - m. Mary & Mickey Bozeman (sister & brother-in-law of Melinda Howell)- health issues.
  - n. Prayer Requests Placed at the Foot of the Cross - Prayers for all suffering; Prayers for a friend in Hospice; Prayers for good Health; Prayers for God to help us reach many for Christ; Prayers for me because I don't know what I'm doing; Prayers for Biff's Mother and Sister; Prayers for Peace, Compassion, and Understanding; Prayers for those in Darkness; Prayers for those who need Encouragement; Prayers for where to go next in Life; Prayers for friend in Chemo; Prayers to shut out Busyness of World; Prayers for Clarity in Circumstances; Prayers for person with Breast Cancer.
4. *The Church needs cleaning volunteers to clean things monthly. Please volunteer (No toilet cleaning skills required).*
5. *Our next fellowship luncheon will be May 18<sup>th</sup>.*
6. *Presbyterian Ladies will lunch at The Local Graze on Thursday at 11:20 am.*
7. *If anyone has a prayer request/need, you can fill out a prayer card and place it in the offering plate or email us at [1stprestifton@gmail.com](mailto:1stprestifton@gmail.com).*
8. *The sign-up sheet for flowers is in the narthex.*



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