

SPECIAL MUSIC (8:30)

Be Thou My Vision Slane; arr. Joel Raney
Sue Nichols & Karen Larvick, piano duet

ANTHEM (10:45) *“Oh, How Good It Is”* Molly James

A READING FROM THE GOSPELS John 20:19-29

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON *“Can I Get a Witness?”* Pastor Dave Henry

THE THANKSGIVING

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *(The Apostles' Creed)*
I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE 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.

SHARING OF GOD'S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

Offertory *Abide With Us* J. Weinberger
Luke 24:28-29

*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.

Offertory Prayer

* HYMN #399 *“We Walk by Faith Not by Sight”* Dunlop's Creek

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE *“Jesus Loves Me”*

Jesus loves me this I know, for the Bible tells me so

Little ones to him belong, they are weak but he is strong.

Yes, Jesus loves me, yes, Jesus loves me!

Yes, Jesus loves me, the Bible tells me so.

*POSTLUDE *Prelude in D Minor* J.S. Bach

*Those who are able are invited to stand.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

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.

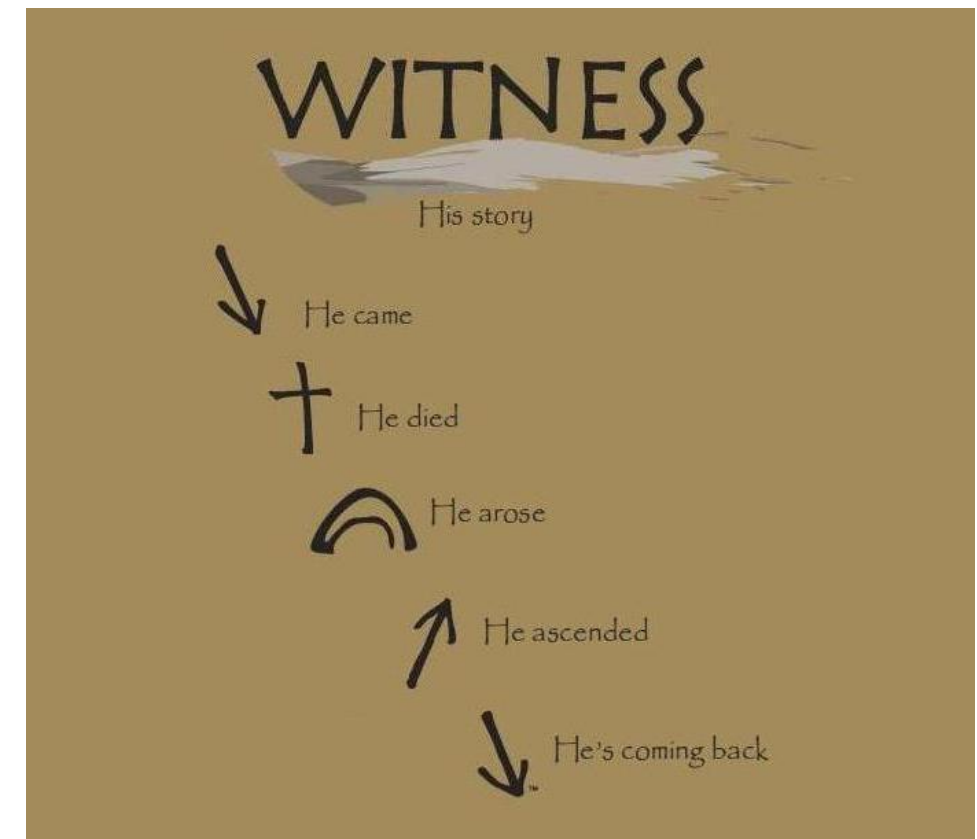
John 20:19-29

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.”

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GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *Draw Us to You* arr. Burkhardt
Jimmy Kay Sanders, organist

INTROIT (10:45)
“Crown Him With Many Crowns” Joel Raney
Chancel Choir, Dr. Natasia Sexton, Director

ENTERING OF WORD AND LIGHT

THE GATHERING

* CALL TO WORSHIP (*Psalms 133*)
Leader: “How very good and pleasant it is when kindred dwell together in unity!
People: It is like precious oil on the head, running down upon the beard, on the beard of Aaron, running down over the collar of his robes.
Leader: It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion.
People: For there the Lord ordained blessing, life evermore.”
ALL: Let us worship the God who seeks unity and gives blessing. Amen

* OPENING PRAYER

*HYMN #108 *“Christ Is Alive!”* Truro

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION(*in unison*)
God of resurrection and new life, like Thomas we often doubt the reality of resurrection and like Thomas we often demand proof of your presence. You are all around us, yet we fail to see you because we are too busy in our selfish pursuits. Help us to believe even when we have not seen, and forgive us when we fail to believe in the power of the Risen Christ. Hear our silent prayer, O Lord, and have mercy upon us...

Our Silent Personal Prayers of Confession

* DECLARATION OF PARDON

Leader: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven

People: Alleluia and Amen.

* 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. Amen.

* PASSING OF THE PEACE

“Peace be with you...and also with you.”

A TIME FOR OUR CHILDREN

* HYMN #316 *“Breathe on Me, Breath of God”* Trentham

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

A READING FROM THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES Acts 4:32-35

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

TODAY AT FPC

WELCOME to our service of worship this Second Sunday of Easter. Join us for refreshments in Knox Hall following worship.

OUR RADIO BROADCAST over Station KWOS (950 AM) at 11:00 a.m. today is dedicated to the glory of God.

FLOWERS in the sanctuary this day are dedicated to the glory of God and in loving memory of Jim Whaley from Ann Whaley.

USHERS: 8:30 am Janet Shinkle
10:45 am Allison Pearson
5:00 pm Jessica Cox

BUS DRIVERS: Beth Archias & Cecil Caulkins

FLOWER VISITATION: Tom Holt, Bill Covington & Blaine Smallwood

WORSHIP NEXT WEEK

On April 15th, the Third Sunday of Easter, we will be looking at Jesus’ appearance to the disciples as found in the Gospel of Luke (24:36-53). The service will center on our belief that **“We Have Quite a Story to Share.”**

SUNDAY NIGHT LIVE @ FIVE

How do we respond to the experience of the Risen Lord? Pastor Zac will lead us in reflecting on 1 John 1:1-2:2 and **“Sharing Our Faithful Truth.”** All are welcome!

TODAY’S SCHEDULE

8:30 am Worship Service
9:30 am Coffee Fellowship - Knox Hall
9:45 am Sunday School for All Ages
10:45 am Worship Service
11:45 am Coffee Fellowship - Knox Hall
2:00 pm Celebration of Life for Priscilla Klinger
5:00 pm Sunday Night Live @5 Worship Service
5:45 pm Shared Meal - Knox Hall

PLEASE PRAY for our sister congregations of Trinity & First Presbyterian Church - Columbia. It is part of our being the connectional church.

ROOF REPAIR UPDATE - The work to replace the Church roof has begun! If you are visiting the church during the week, you may park anywhere in the Hawthorn Bank parking lot behind the church.

YOUTH NEWS

This Wednesday SWAG and EPIC meet! SWAG from 6-7:30pm and EPIC from 7-8:30 in the Youth Room.

NEXT SUNDAY (April 15th)- Our fundraiser breakfast at the church. **Let Zac know when you can help!**

For more event dates & times, please see the calendar on our website at www.fpcjcmo.org

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Monday, April 9 through Sunday, 15

MON - FRI 9:00 am - 4:30 pm Preschool
MON - THUR 8:30 am - 3:00 pm K-Plus

MON 10:00 am Hands for Mission Sewing Group - Chapel

4:30 pm Serve Supper for Salvation Army

5:15 pm Bible Study - Library

6:30 pm Stephen Ministers - Parlor

7:00 pm Boy Scouts Troop 2 - Gym

TUES NO VOLLEYBALL - BYE WEEK

9:30 am Bible Study - McAfee Room

1:00 pm Recorder Practice - Choir Room

1:30 pm Staff Meeting

6:30 pm Session Meets - Chapel

WED 1:30 pm Presbyterian Women Faith Circle - Heisinger Bluffs, Apt. 327

4:30 pm Serve Supper at Salvation Army

6:00 pm SWAG (Mid Highs)

6:30 pm Choir Practice

7:00 pm EPIC (Senior Highs)

THURS 12:45 pm Presbyterian Women Afternoon Circle - Library

FRI 10:15 am Meals on Wheels

SAT 11:30 am Serve Lunch at Ken Locke Apartments

SUN 8:00 am Fellowship Breakfast Youth Fundraiser

8:30 am Worship Service

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