

*St. Paul’s Presbyterian Church*

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Sunday, April 27, 2025 2nd Sunday of Easter

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Music Director: Linda Giddens

Worship leader: Rev. Dr. Brad Little

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

OUR APPROACH TO GOD

Prelude and Greeting

Responsive Call to Worship:

In life, in death, and in life beyond death,

The Risen Christ is Lord.

In success and discouragement, in fear and in hope,

The Risen Christ is Lord.

Of the poor and broken, of the sinner and the sinned against,

The Risen Christ is Lord.

In Church and community, in our hearts and our homes,

The Risen Christ is Lord, and so we gather to worship in his name.

Worship in Music: BoP 232  – Fairest Lord Jesus

Prayers of Approach and Confession:

Our Loving God of yesterday, today, and tomorrow, we rejoice in this new day You have made. We praise You for the abundant life with which You bless us, and for all the beauty that surrounds us as spring takes hold again. We praise You for Your Son, Jesus, and the power of new life promised in his resurrection. We praise You for Your Spirit at work in human history, to restore and redeem our hope with that power of new life. God of steadfast love, we worship You with the Spirit and the Son, and claim Your gift of new life even in the face of any doubt or danger within the world You love. All praise, honour and glory be Yours, O God, now and evermore. Amen.

O Gracious God of might and mercy, in raising Jesus from the dead, You showed us Your power to defeat all that brings fear and sorrow to our lives. In his resurrection, Jesus promised to be with us everywhere and always by his Spirit. Yet we confess we are sometimes uncertain about Your promises. We doubt the promise of resurrection for our own lives. Upheaval and anxiety eat away at our peace. Forgive us when we struggle to trust Your goodness and your steadfast love for us. Through Christ, our Lord we pray - Amen.

Assurance of Pardon:

Hear and believe the good news of the Gospel. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and set free from sin and sorrow. In Jesus Christ, God offers us the gift of peace. May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ fill your hearts this day.

Worship in Music:      SoG 135  - Trust and Obey

GOD’S WORD FOR HIS PEOPLE

First Reading: Acts 5: 27-32 Pg.774

Responsive Reading:  Psalm 118: 14-29

14 The Lord is my strength and my defense; he has become my salvation.

15 Shouts of joy and victory resound in the tents of the righteous: “The Lord’s right hand has done mighty things!

16 The Lord’s right hand is lifted high; the Lord’s right hand has done mighty things!”

17 I will not die but live, and will proclaim what the Lord has done.

18 The Lord has chastened me severely, but he has not given me over to death.

19 Open for me the gates of the righteous; I will enter and give thanks to the Lord.

20 This is the gate of the Lord through which the righteous may enter.

21 I will give you thanks, for you answered me; you have become my salvation.

22 The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone;

23 the Lord has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes.

24 The Lord has done it this very day; let us rejoice today and be glad.

25 Lord, save us! Lord, grant us success!

26 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. From the house of the Lord we bless you.

27 The Lord is God, and he has made his light shine on us. With boughs in hand, join in the festal procession up to the horns of the altar.

28 You are my God, and I will praise you; you are my God, and I will exalt you.

29 Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever.

Third Reading: John 20: 19-31 Pg769

Sermon:  “Without a Doubt”

OUR RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Worship in Music:    SoG 99 - Trusting Jesus

Offering and Offertory

The Doxology and Offertory Prayer

Prayers of God’s People and The Lord’s Prayer

Confession of Faith: BoP 616 - The Apostles Creed

Worship in Music:    SoG 23 - In the Garden

Benediction and Choral Amen

May is Camp Geddie month

Mission Moments:

Supported by Presbyterians Sharing and generous donations, a dedicated team brings the hope of Jesus to people in 24 prisons in Malawi. Overcrowding and underfunding means a lack of basic necessities. Stigma associated with imprisonment can result in abandonment by families and communities, leaving many feeling isolated and alone. Through weekly visits that include Bible study, prayer, and counselling, as well as monthly distribution of necessities such as bed mats, soap, toiletries, clothing, medicines and meal supplements for the most vulnerable, the Friends of Prisons ministry brings friendship and hope to prisoners.

Worship leaders coming up:

May 4- Maryann Skinner 3rd Sunday of Easter

May 11 – Bob Lyle -Mothers Day/Christian Family Sunday

May 18 – Brad Little -5th Sunday of Easter

May 25 – Maryann Skinner - Fellowship