

First Presbyterian Church
3rd Sunday of Easter – April 26, 2020

Prelude

“Our God”

Tomlin, Reeves, et al

Welcome and Announcements

The cords of death entangled me, the anguish of the grave came over me;
I was overcome by distress and sorrow.

Then I called on the name of the Lord: “Lord, save me!”

I Will Call Upon the Lord

2002 (Sing the Faith)

What shall we return to the Lord for all his bounty to us?

I will offer to you a thanksgiving sacrifice and call on the name of the Lord.

O Thou, My Soul, Return in Peace

228 (Presbyterian Hymnal)

Prayer of Adoration: Lord, we celebrate the triumph of life over death — this is the good news of Jesus, our risen Savior. In His resurrection, we are born anew with him— born of the immortal, born of the everlasting, born into a living hope. Mighty God, your promises are like shelter in a storm— to us and to our children, to all those far and near, to everyone who hears your call. We wait as empty vessels, ready to be filled to overflowing with your living water, as you reveal your love for us through Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Call to Confession and Prayer (Responsive)

We’re afraid to take a truthful look at ourselves, yet you see us as we really are.

Open our eyes, Lord.

Even when we won’t listen to you, you hear us when we call your name.

Open our ears, Lord.

We keep the light of your word hidden to ourselves,
though you gave it to share with the world.

Open our mouths, Lord.

May we know and serve the One who calls us to see, hear, and speak.

Open our hearts, Lord.

Friends, believe the good news:

In Jesus Christ, who opens our lives to forgiveness and hope, we are forgiven! Amen!

Hymn of Illumination

“Open Our Eyes, Lord”

2086 (Sing the Faith)

1 Peter 1:17-21

Luke 24:13-28

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

Message

“We Had Hoped...”

Rev. Chan Willis

+ We Believe...

“Be Thou My Vision (Will You Guide Me)”

Byrne/Lancaster

Dedication of Our Offerings

+ Doxology

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*“I love the Lord because he hears my prayers and answers them.
Because he bends down and listens, I will pray as long as I have breath!” (Ps. 116:1-2)*

Sharing of Prayer Concerns 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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.
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 Know That Christ is Raised*

495 (Presbyterian Hymnal)

+ Charge and Benediction

+ Postlude

Hymn Lyrics

“Our God”

(Verse 1) **Water You turned into wine Open the eyes of the blind
There's no one like You None like You**

(Verse 2) **Into the darkness You shine Out of the ashes we rise
There's no one like You None like You**

(Chorus) **Our God is greater Our God is stronger
God You are higher than any other**

Our God is healer Awesome in power our God our God

(Bridge) **And if our God is for us Then who could ever stop us
And if our God is with us Then what could stand against (Repeat)**

“I Will Call Upon The Lord”

(Verse) **I will call upon the Lord (ECHO) Who is worthy to be praised (ECHO)
So shall I be saved from my enemies (ECHO) I will call upon the Lord**

(Chorus) **The Lord liveth And blessed be my Rock
Let the God of my salvation be exalted (REPEAT)**

“O Thou, My Soul, Return in Peace”

O thou, my soul, return in peace To thine untroubled rest,
For thee the bounty of the Lord Abundantly hath blest.

God did indeed redeem my soul That else in death had slept;
God hath mine eyes from tears set free, My feet from stumbling kept.

What shall I render to the Lord, What shall my offering be,
For all the gracious benefits God hath bestowed on me?

Salvation's cup my soul shall take While to the Lord I pray,
And with God's people I will meet, My thankful vows to pay.

Not lightly dost Thou, Lord, permit Thy chosen saints to die;
From death Thou hast delivered me; Thy servant, Lord, am I.

6 Within God's house, the house of prayer, My soul shall bless the Lord,
And praises to God's holy name Let all the saints accord.

“Open Our Eyes”

Open our eyes Lord We want to see Jesus
To reach out and touch Him And say that we love Him

Open our ears Lord And help us to listen
Open our eyes Lord We want to see Jesus

“Be Thou My Vision (Will You Guide Me)”

(Verse 1) Be Thou my Vision O Lord of my heart
Naught be all else to me save that Thou art
Thou my best thought by day or by night
Waking or sleeping Thy presence my light

(Verse 2) Be Thou my Wisdom and Thou my true Word
I ever with Thee and Thou with me Lord
Thou my great Father I Thy true son
Thou in me dwelling and I with Thee one

(Chorus) Will You guide me when I can't see
Please Lord lead me You're all that I need
(REPEAT)

**(Verse 3) High King of heaven my victory won
May I reach heaven's joys bright heaven's Sun
Heart of my own heart whatever befall
Still be my Vision O Ruler of all**

(Ending) Be Thou my Vision O Lord of my heart

"We Know that Christ is Raised"

**We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.
Embraced by death, he broke its fearful hold,
and our despair he turned to blazing joy.
Alleluia!**

**We share by water in his saving death.
Reborn, we share with him an Easter life
as living members of a living Christ.
Alleluia!**

**The Father's splendor clothes the Son with life.
The Spirit's power shakes the church of God.
Baptized, we live with God, the Three in One.
Alleluia!**

**A new creation comes to life and grows
as Christ's new body takes on flesh and blood.
The universe, restored and whole, will sing:
Alleluia!**