

# First Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day  
Third Sunday of Easter

April 30, 2017

10:00 a.m.

## ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Gathering Music: Hymn 231  
Concerns of the Church  
Prelude

Call to Worship

The Lord is risen! Alleluia!

**Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!**

When Jesus speaks, our hearts burn within us;

**our eyes are opened when he breaks the bread.**

\* Hymn 236

"The Strife is O'er"

*Ushers will collect prayer request cards from the center aisle.*

\* Call to Confession

\* Prayer of Confession

**Almighty God, our world is tainted with corruption:**

**power disguises itself as truth;**

**convenience masquerades as goodness;**

**selfish pleasure imitates love.**

**We confess to you, O God,**

**that we have been caught in the web of the world's sin.**

**By the power of the Holy Spirit,**

**save us from these deceptions and free us for glad obedience,**

**that we may see the joy of Jesus' resurrection**

**and receive the promise of everlasting life.**

\* Silent Confession

\* Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace

\* Easter Response (Hymnal 587)

**Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia!**

## PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson: 1 Peter 1:17-23 (NT, p. 232)

Psalter: Psalm 116 (Hymnal 799)

A Time with Children

Anthem

"Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether"

Harold W. Friedell

Second Lesson: Acts 2:36-41 (NT, p. 119)

Sermon: "How Far Can Easter Reach?"

Rev. Carter

## RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

\* Hymn 231

"Christ Has Risen While Earth Slumbers"

\* Affirmation of Faith: Apostles' Creed (Hymnal, p. 35)

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

A Minute on Making a Legacy

Offering

Offertory

\* Doxology (Hymnal 606)

\* Prayer of Dedication

## GO IN GOD'S NAME

\* Hymn 238

"Thine is the Glory"

\* Charge and Benediction

\* Congregational Amen (Hymnal 601)

\* Postlude

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\* All who are able shall stand.

*The flowers this morning have been given by Shelley Lang to the glory of God and in loving memory of her sister, Candace Yankow.*

**PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE**

Pastor	Rev. William G. Carter
Coordinator of Children and Youth	Jana Schillinger
Director of Music	Frank Jones
Organist	Kay Ten Eyck
Liturgist	John Conklin
Ushers	Gayle Hamilton, Sara Ann Hosier

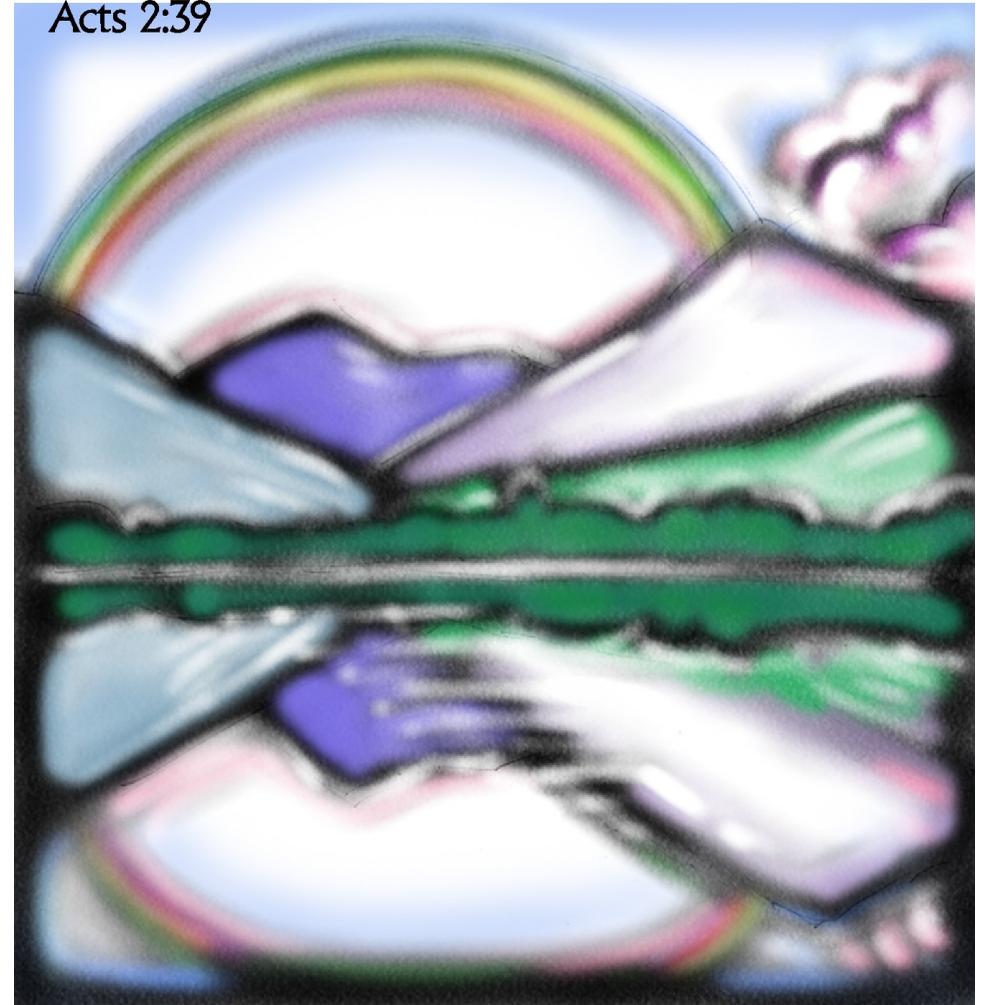


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**F**or the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.

Acts 2:39



## **1 Peter 1:17-23**

<sup>17</sup>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. <sup>18</sup>You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, <sup>19</sup>but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. <sup>20</sup>He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. <sup>21</sup>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. <sup>22</sup>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. <sup>23</sup>You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

## **Acts 2:36-41**

<sup>36</sup>Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified.”

<sup>37</sup>Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, “Brothers, what should we do?” <sup>38</sup>Peter said to them, “Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. <sup>39</sup>For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.” <sup>40</sup>And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, “Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.” <sup>41</sup>So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.