



Welcome to Holy Humor Sunday

First Presbyterian Church

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Service for the Lord's Day

2nd Sunday of Easter / Holy Humor Sunday

247 Days Until "Star Wars: The Last Jedi"

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude "The Celebrated Chop Waltz" Arthur de Lulli (Euphemia Allen)

Concerns of the Church ... *and we have a LOT of concerns about this place!*

Call to Worship

Knock, knock . . .

* Hymn

"Joy to the World" (see insert)

Ushers will collect prayer request cards from the center aisle.

* Call to Confession

* Prayer of Confession

***Lord of life, as we rejoice in the gift of laughter,
we confess the ways we have abused the gift.***

We fall short of your glory

when we use laughter as a weapon,

when we laugh at the expense of another,

when we use humor to tear others down,

or to excuse hateful beliefs and harmful stereotypes.

Lord, forgive us and grant us wisdom.

Teach us to take ourselves lightly,

to giggle, guffaw, and howl when the moment is right,

to diffuse tension with an injection of grace,

to distinguish between that which builds up or tears down.

* Silent Confession

Please conclude before noon. We don't have all day.

* Assurance of Pardon

* Passing God's Peace to All Who Are Curiously Saved By Amazing Grace

* Easter Response (587)

Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia!

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

A Bright Prayer for Understanding Cloudy Bible Texts

Psalter: Psalm 150 *with modest accompaniment*

A Time with Little Buckaroos

Anthem

Interpretative Dance Solo by Kay Ten Eyck

"Coffee! Coffee! Coffee!"

Raible / Dykes

Gospel Lesson: John 20:19-31 (NT, p. 115)

Sermon: "Joy In Spite of the Scars"

The Vicar

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* Hymn

Window side sings Hymn 666, "O Splendor of God's Glory Bright"

Pulpit side sings Hymn 67, "My Song Forever Shall Record"

* Affirmation of Faith

***We believe God takes delight in his creation,
that God enjoys people,
that God laughs at the self-important.***

***We believe Jesus told jokes that many did not understand,
that he took joy in his saving work,
that people are still astonished to discover he is alive.***

***We believe that joy is evidence of the Holy Spirit,
that love is stronger than the grave,
that all things will work out well for those who love God.***

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

Sixty Seconds for Sixty Minutes

Introducing the Offering

Offertory

"The Pink Panther"

Henry Mancini

* Doloxogy

GO IN GOD'S NAME

* Hymn 396 "Brethren, We Have Met to Worship"

* Charge and Benediction

* Congregational Amen 601

* Postlude "Le Saut De Lapin"

R. Anthony

* All who are able shall recite a limerick in the Klingon language.

Today we continue to celebrate Easter through a gentle observance of Holy Humor Sunday. This is an ancient Easter custom begun in the early centuries of Christian faith, as we celebrate Jesus' resurrection with joy and laughter.

The flowers this morning have been given to the glory of God by generous people who love flowers. Those people would include Barbara Mellander and Carole Grodack who have placed this arrangement in loving memory of Thomas and Marion Abraham, their parents.

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Pastor

Vicar Guillermo Cartier, B.S.

Director of Music

Frankfurter Jones, B.A.

Organist

Kay Ten Nine Eyck, Ph.M.

Liturgist

Giggles Griffiths, L.O.L.

Baby Tuba

Leapin' Leas, A.K.A

Offering Introducer

The Voice of WVIA

Director of Kids and Yutes

Janananana S, E.T.C.

Ushers

They Answered God's Call

But Forgot the Offering Plates

Greeters

The Knights That Say Ni