

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 8, 2022

WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD'S LOVE

PRELUDE

GREETING (LUKE 24:22-23)

Rev. Brad Busiek

"Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive.

WELCOME / OPENING PRAYER

✦CALL TO WORSHIP (BASED ON DEUTERONOMY 6:4-9)

Leader: Hear, O Israel: The Lord is our God, the Lord alone.

People: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might.

Leader: Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart. Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise.

People: Bind them as a sign on your hand, fix them as an emblem on your forehead, and write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

Leader: Let us worship God.

✦SONG OF PRAISE

HYMN # 649 – GATHER US IN

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Longsuffering Lord, we confess that, in our life of faith, our words of commitment have been many, but our deeds of love and obedience have been few. Like a mother who cannot forget her children, you keep drawing near to us and answering our cries for help, even though we forget our promises to be faithful to you. In your mercy, forgive the emptiness of our words. Enable us by your Holy Spirit to serve you faithfully, putting into practice the faith our lips profess, through your holy Son, who took upon himself the form of a servant for our sake. Hear now, our silent prayers of confession...

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ISAIAH 49.15

✦SONG OF GRATITUDE

HYMN # 680 – BORNING CRY

✦PASSING OF THE PEACE

"May the peace of Christ be with you....And, also with you"

At this time, the congregation may greet each other and exchange signs of peace.

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S LOVE

SCRIPTURE READING

ACTS 16:1-5, 13-15

Jane Bohnstedt, reader

Leader: Blessed are those who hear and keep what is written, in the light of Jesus, the Word made flesh.

People: Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

All children are invited to come to the front for the Children's Message. Afterwards, preschool and elementary-aged children may go to Children's Chapel.

✦SONG OF FAITH

SHOUT TO THE NORTH, by Martin Smith

SCRIPTURE READINGS

2 TIMOTHY 1:1-14

SERMON

Rev. Brad Busiek, pastor

WE EMBRACE GOD'S LOVE

MUSICAL OFFERING

YOU RAISE ME UP, by Graham and Lovland

In response to God's love, we are invited during this moment to reflect on how we might give thanks to God through the sharing of our time, talents, and treasures. (An offering plate is located near the sound booth and there is a box on the wall near the entryway double doors)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, 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

WE ARE SENT OUT TO SHARE GOD'S LOVE IN THE WORLD

✦SONG OF DEDICATION

HYMN # 719 – GO MY CHILDREN, verses 1-3

✦CHARGE AND BLESSING (MATTHEW 28:19-20)

✦GRATEFUL RESPONSE

HYMN # 719 – GO MY CHILDREN, verse 4

✦POSTLUDE

✦Those who are able, are invited to stand.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A WARM WELCOME to all our guests. We are glad that you have joined us for worship today! We hope that you feel welcomed and loved. If you are looking for a church home, then we invite you to join us in the mission and ministry at Smith Memorial Presbyterian Church.

Smith Memorial Presbyterian Church is no longer requiring masks for everybody inside our buildings. However masks are still strongly encouraged for people who: are unvaccinated; the immunocompromised; people with underlying health conditions such as cancer, heart disease, or diabetes; and all people 65 years or older.

BLOOD DRIVE - We have a blood drive coming up. It will be held in our Fellowship Hall on Tuesday, May 17 from 12:00 to 5:30 pm. You can sign up by going to the Red Cross website and searching for our church. <https://www.redcrossblood.org/>

Our regular Children's Chapel/Sunday School program for children continues today. Children will be dismissed halfway through worship to attend. (Please note that on communion Sundays, the first Sunday of the month, we encourage families to worship together and thus there will be no children's chapel on those Sundays.)

This Wednesday, May 11 our Bible Study Class will meet at the home of Jon and Sandy Bachelder 10:10 AM. The address is 902 NW 8th Street; Gresham, OR 97030. Anyone is welcome to attend.

New Evening Bible Study Planning Meeting

We have a few people who have expressed interest in starting an Evening Bible Study which will start this summer. We would like to have a planning meeting to discuss ideas on Thursday evening May 12 at 7:00 pm. Please talk to Pastor Brad if you are interested in participating in some sort of evening bible study.

We are working on a new directory. There is a table in the entryway with the draft of the directory. Please put a check mark next to your name if everything is correct or add/edit the correct information with the pens on the table.

Prayer Requests may be placed in basket before the service begins. Offerings may be placed in the plate by the sound system technicians or inside the box by the entry-way double doors.

The food pantry needs volunteers every Friday from 10 am to noon and every Saturday from 9:30 am to noon. If you would like to volunteer at our food pantry, please call Pastor Brad at 503-539-3277 or email Sharon Mutoni at smithmemorial@gmail.com or sign up here on our occasional volunteer list: <https://signup.com/go/xTpDGs>

SMITH MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



2 TIMOTHY 1:5

"I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you."

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