



We welcome ALL because GOD is WELCOME!

It is our hope that you feel the warmth of God's presence and welcome here. If this is your first time joining us, we are honored by your presence and hope to see you again soon! To stay informed,

scan the QR code or visit www.firstchurchlh.org and subscribe to our weekly email. There's a lot going on here, and we want you to be a part of it!

- About the Service -

Portions of each Worship service are filmed for later access on Facebook and our church website.

The People's words are in **bold text**. *Indicates that the congregation may stand.

Offering plates are in the Narthex (sanctuary entrance) before and after worship. Because of your generosity, First Church makes a difference in our neighborhood and world. As we like to say, we are "blessed to be a blessing"!



a member congregation of:

The Presbytery of Florida,
The Synod of South Atlantic, and
The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

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GOD WELCOMES US

PRELUDE

"Prelude on 'Slane'"

Paul Fey

CHIMING THE HOUR

WORDS OF WELCOME

Rev. Lisa Martin

GATHERING SONGS

"Open the Eyes of My Heart" (Hymn 452)

OPEN THE EYES

Refrain

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord.

Open the eyes of my heart;

I want to see you;

I want to see you. *(repeat)*

To see you high and lifted up

Shining in the light of your glory.

Pour out your power and love

As we sing "Holy, holy, holy."

Holy, holy, holy. Holy, holy, holy.

Holy, holy, holy, ... *we sing:*

* "Holy, Holy, Holy" (Hymn 1)

NICEA

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!

Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.

Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!

God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

*WE REJOICE IN GOD'S WELCOME

The bread of life opens our eyes.

Luke 24

The word of life opens our ears.

The risen one shows us God's own brokenness,

and by those wounds we are healed.

The peace of the risen Christ be with you!

And also with you!

*HYMN 39

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

FAITHFULNESS

*PRAYER OF PRAISE

Faithful God, we give you thanks for your love poured into our

world through Christ Jesus, who opens our minds to understand

what you have made, whose appearance among his followers

brings peace, and who creates faith through touch and taste.

Show us Jesus even now, through the mystery of your own divine

self: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

The One who calls us to repent hears us. In trust that our Creator knows us through and through, let us open our hearts to the healing of God's forgiveness.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Good and gracious God, you welcome and receive us, inviting us to enjoy the blessings of abundant life. Yet too often we fail to welcome, receive, and invite others to the same enjoyment.

Forgive us, we pray. Restore to us the joy of your salvation, and uphold us by your Spirit, that we may be faithful witnesses for you. Through the risen Christ we pray. Amen.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

God has been gracious to us and has given us the Savior whose very life was given for us. Let us rejoice in the great Good News:

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

*GLORIA PATRI (Hymn 581)

GREATOREX

Glory be to the Father,

and to the Son,

and to the Holy Ghost;

as it was in the beginning,

is now, and ever shall be,

world without end. Amen, amen.

PIANO MEDITATION

"I Love to Tell the Story"

Kate Hankey, arr. Bradley Thoreson

*I love to tell the story of unseen things above,
of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love.*

*I love to tell the story because I know it's true;
it satisfies my longings as nothing else can do.*

REFRAIN:

*I love to tell the story; 'twill be my theme in glory
to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.*

*The Savior of all people has brought his peace to you;
now go and tell the story, for others need it too.*

*To ev'ry land and nation ring out the gospel call;
proclaim that Christ is risen and grants his peace to all.*

GOD INVITES US TO HEAR

GOSPEL

Luke 24:36-48

NT, p. 123, softback

NT, p. 856, hardback

MEDITATION

"Bring It All"

Rev. Lisa Martin

GOD CALLS US TO ACT

*HYMN 450

“Be Thou My Vision”

SLANE

*DECLARATION OF FAITH

(1 Corinthians & Colossians)

This is the Good News which we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved: that Christ died for our sins, according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day, and that he appeared to Peter, then to the twelve, and to many faithful witnesses. We believe that he is the Christ, the Son of the living God. He is the first and the last, the beginning and the end. He is our Lord and God! Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Amen!

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & 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.

GOD SENDS US TO SHARE THE LOVE OF CHRIST

*HYMN 749

“Come! Live in the Light”

WE ARE CALLED

*BENEDICTION & THREEFOLD AMEN

DANISH

POSTLUDE

“This Joyful Eastertide”

Based on VRUECHTEN

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

The Chancel Choir

Bradley Thoreson, Organist, Director of Music

The Reverend Lisa W. Martin, Pastor

ASSISTING TODAY

Greeters: Carol Oakley and Larry Hammond

Church Safety Volunteer: David Cooley

ASSISTING NEXT SUNDAY

Greeters: Ann and Jim Fyfe

Church Safety Volunteer: Bill Mease

ANNOUNCEMENTS

April 14, 2024

Welcome to Eastertide Worship! Please stay for refreshments following the service as we continue to delight in the Good News of Jesus’ resurrection victory and what that means for our lives!

The session meets today for its regular stated meeting. We’ll gather in the Church Office Parlor. All First Church members are welcome to attend meetings of the session.

Kids Connection will meet today after worship. All elementary aged children are welcome to be part of this dynamic group!

Congratulations to Emily Evans and Brentson Moss who were married at First Church yesterday! We pray God’s blessings upon Mr. and Mrs. Moss as they begin married life together!

Our April Fellowship Luncheon is next Sunday! This month’s theme is Spring Newness, so bring a favorite Springtime dish or try out a new one! Regardless, let’s gather to celebrate life together in faith and fellowship!

We give thanks to God for overwhelming support of our One Great Hour of Sharing Offering, received on Easter, which supports ministries of care and compassion of the Presbyterian Church (USA). We collected \$1,156.00. Way to go, First Church! We are blessed to be a blessing!

Our Church Yard Sale is April 26 and 27! All donations of house and outdoor wares are appreciated. No clothing, please. If you need assistance bringing your donations to the church, let Kathy Welsh know. We have some storage now for donations, but if you can hold off and bring them on the 22nd – 25th, that would be great. All proceeds support our local missions.



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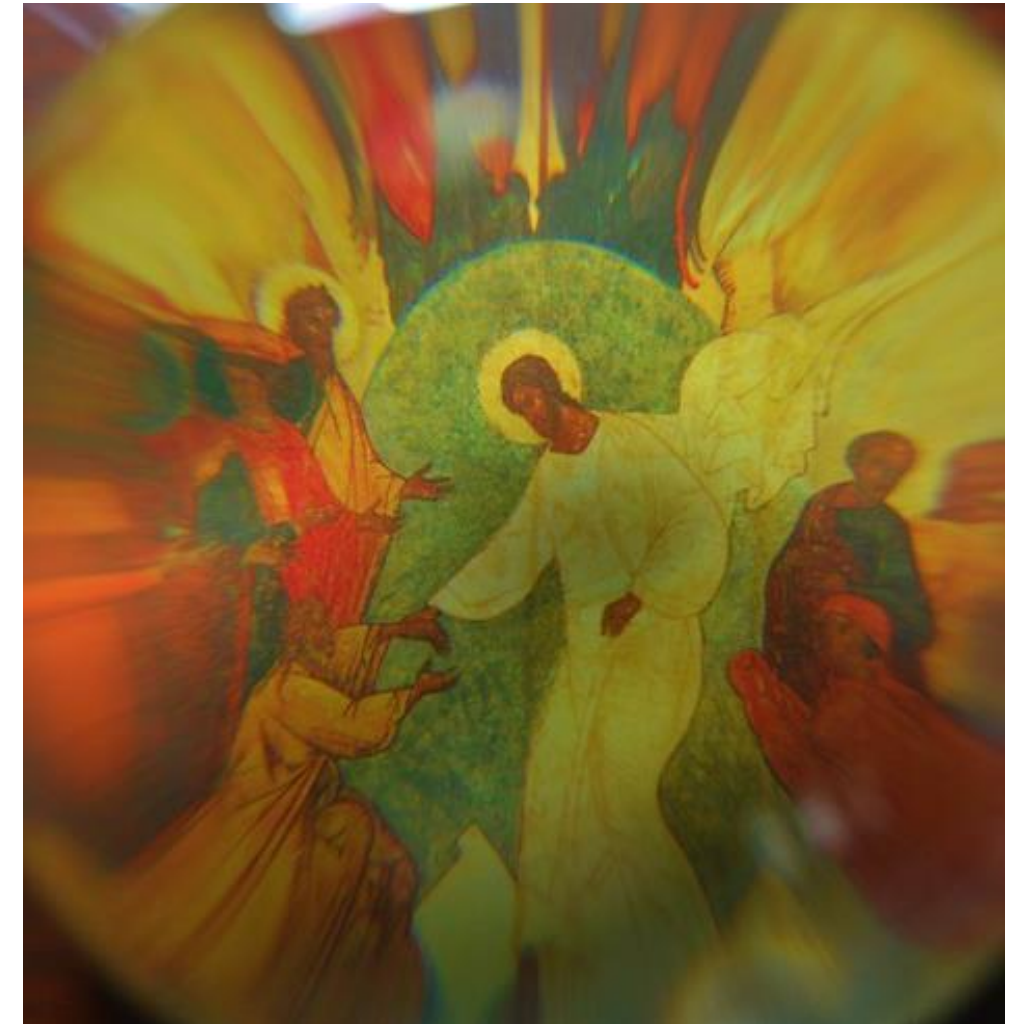
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MORNING WORSHIP



The Risen Christ: A Drop of the Ocean

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 14, 2024

10:00 AM

ADVENT | CHRISTMAS | EPIPHANY
LENT | **EASTER** | PENTECOST