

**We are grateful for your presence and invite you to participate in the worship, service, and program life of First Pres!**

**SERVICE FOR THE DAY OF RESURRECTION**

**WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD**

**MUSIC BEFORE THE SERVICE**

**WORDS OF WELCOME**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

One A new day has dawned! The sun has risen! We are alive!

**All God’s faithfulness has carried us to this new day!  
We will rejoice and give thanks!**

One The created world around us rejoices in the Creator!  
The song of birds, the blooms and blossoms, the dancing winds,  
all bespeak the praise of God!

**All We join our voices with those of creation in offering worship and praise!**

One Celebrate the glory of our God!

**All For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised!**

**SONG**

“Canticle of the Sun”

*Marty Haugen*

**The heavens are telling the glory of God, and all creation is shouting for joy.  
Come, dance in the forest, come play in the field, and sing, sing the glory of the Lord!**

**Sing to the sun, the bringer of day, he carries the light of the Lord in his rays;  
The moon and the stars who light up the way unto your throne.**

**Sing to the wind, that blows through the trees, the sea’s mighty storms, the gentlest breeze;  
They blow where they will, they blow where they please to please the Lord.**

**Sing to the rain, that waters our fields, and blesses our crops so all the earth yields;  
From death unto life her myst’ry revealed springs forth in joy.**

**Sing to the earth, who makes life to grow, the creatures you made to let your life show;  
The flowers and trees that help us to know the heart of Love.**

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**OPENING PRAYER** *(in unison)*

**Giver of Light and Life, we celebrate your glory this day and every day!  
You are the Donor of our days! You are the source of our blessings!  
You are our Companion and Guide! You are our Redeemer and Lord!  
Receive our praise and thanksgiving for all your kindness shown to us.  
Accept our worship and our service;  
for we offer it to you in the name of Jesus Christ, the Risen One,  
who, with you and the Holy Spirit, are ever to be praised! Amen.**

## WE HEAR THE GOOD NEWS OF NEW LIFE

### PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

#### FIRST LESSON

Psalm 8

One O LORD our Lord, how exalted is your name in all the world!

**All Out of the mouths of infants and children  
your majesty is praised above the heavens.**

One You have set up a stronghold against your adversaries,  
to quell the enemy and the avenger.

**All When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers,  
the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,**

One what are human beings that you should be mindful of them?  
mortals that you should seek them out?

**All You have made them but little lower than the angels;  
you adorn them with glory and honor;**

One you give them mastery over the works of your hands;  
you put all things under their feet:

**All All sheep and oxen, even the wild beasts of the field,**

One the birds of the air, the fish of the sea, and whatsoever walks in the paths of the sea.

**All O LORD our Lord, how exalted is your name in all the world!**

#### SECOND LESSON

Acts 17:1-9

After Paul and Silas had passed through Amphipolis and Apollonia, they came to Thessalonica, where there was a synagogue of the Jews. And Paul went in, as was his custom, and on three sabbath days argued with them from the scriptures, explaining and proving that it was necessary for the Messiah to suffer and to rise from the dead, and saying, "This is the Messiah, Jesus whom I am proclaiming to you." Some of them were persuaded and joined Paul and Silas, as did a great many of the devout Greeks and not a few of the leading women. But the Jews became jealous, and with the help of some ruffians in the marketplaces they formed a mob and set the city in an uproar. While they were searching for Paul and Silas to bring them out to the assembly, they attacked Jason's house. When they could not find them, they dragged Jason and some believers before the city authorities, shouting, "These people who have been turning the world upside down have come here also, and Jason has entertained them as guests. They are all acting contrary to the decrees of the emperor, saying that there is another king named Jesus." The people and the city officials were disturbed when they heard this, and after they had taken bail from Jason and the others, they let them go.

#### SERMON

Kevin Scott Fleming

**"Living in an Upside-Down World"**

## WE GIVE THANKS FOR THE GIFT OF NEW LIFE

#### TIME OF INTENTIONAL SILENCE

## **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *(in unison)*

**We trust in God,  
whom Jesus called Abba Father.  
In sovereign love God created the world good  
and makes everyone equally in God's image,  
male and female, of every race and people,  
to live as one community.  
But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator.  
Ignoring God's commandments,  
we violate the image of God in others and ourselves,  
accept lies as truth,  
exploit neighbor and nature,  
and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care.  
We deserve God's condemnation.  
Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation.  
In everlasting love,  
the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people  
to bless all families of the earth.  
Hearing their cry,  
God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage.  
Loving us still,  
God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant.  
Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child,  
like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home,  
God is faithful still.**

*– from A Brief Statement of Faith Presbyterian Church (USA)*

## **MORNING OFFERING**

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## **SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

Invitation to the Table  
Prayer of Thanksgiving  
Lord's Prayer *(in unison)*

**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.**

Prayer After Communion *(in unison)*

**Living Christ, as you open the scriptures to us  
you make yourself known in the breaking of the bread.  
Fed at your Table and filled by the Spirit,  
walk with us all the days of our lives  
and empower us to proclaim the glory of your resurrection. Amen.**

## **WE DISPERSE TO SHARE THE GOOD NEWS OF NEW LIFE**

### **SONG**

“All the Ends of the Earth”

*Bob Dufford*

**All the ends of the earth, all you creatures of the sea,  
lift up your eyes to the wonders of the Lord.**

**For the Lord of the earth, the master of the sea, has come with justice for the world.**

**Break into song at the deeds of the Lord, the wonders God has done in ev'ry age.  
Heaven and earth shall rejoice in his might, ev'ry heart, ev'ry nation call him Lord.**

**The Lord has made salvation known, faithful to the promises of old.**

**Let the ends of the earth, let the sea and all it holds, make music before our King!**

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### **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

### **MUSIC AFTER THE SERVICE**