

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

**THE SERVICE FOR THE DAY OF RESURRECTION**

**WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD**

**THE PRELUDE**

“God of Grace and God of Glory”

P. Manz

**THE WORDS OF WELCOME**

**THE CALL TO WORSHIP**

One There is grace that every dawn renews,  
**All A loveliness making every morning fresh.**  
 One We will endure, we will prevail –  
**All We, the children of Hope,**  
 One Children of the One,  
**All Who crowds the heavens with stars,**  
 One Endows the earth with glory,  
**All And fills the mind with wonder!**

**THE HYMN**

“God of Grace and God of Glory”

*Cwm Rhondda*

**God of grace and God of glory, on Thy people pour Thy power;  
 Crown Thine ancient church’s story; bring its bud to glorious flower.  
 Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the facing of this hour,  
 For the facing of this hour.**

**Lo! The hosts of evil round us scorn Thy Christ, assail Thy ways!  
 From the fears that long have bound us free our hearts to faith and praise.  
 Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the living of these days,  
 For the living of these days.**

**Cure Thy children’s warring madness, bend our pride to Thy control;  
 Shame our wanton, selfish gladness, rich in things and poor in soul.  
 Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, lest we miss Thy kingdom’s goal,  
 Lest we miss Thy kingdom’s goal.**

**Set our feet on lofty places; Gird our lives that they may be  
 Armored with all Christlike graces, pledged to set all captives free.  
 Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, that we fail not them not Thee!  
 That we fail not them nor Thee!**

**Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore;  
 Let the gift of Thy salvation be our glory evermore.  
 Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, serving Thee whom we adore,  
 Serving Thee whom we adore.**

**THE CALL TO CONFESSION**

**THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION** *(in unison)*

**Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo.  
Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear,  
and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment.**

**Set us free from a past that we cannot change;  
open to us a future in which we can be changed;  
and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image;  
through Jesus Christ, the light of the world.**

**THE ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

**WE HEAR THE GOOD NEWS OF NEW LIFE**

**THE PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING**

**THE MORNING LESSON**

Proverbs 1:1-7

The proverbs of Solomon son of David, king of Israel:

For learning about wisdom and instruction,  
for understanding words of insight,  
for gaining instruction in wise dealing,  
righteousness, justice, and equity;  
to teach shrewdness to the simple,  
knowledge and prudence to the young –

Let the wise also hear and gain in learning,  
and the discerning acquire skill,  
to understand a proverb and a figure,  
the words of the wise and their riddles.

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge;  
fools despise wisdom and instruction.

**THE SPECIAL MUSIC**

“Festal Trumpets”

N. Rawsthorne

**THE SERMON**

“Wisdom’s Beginnings”

**Kevin Scott Fleming**

**WE GIVE THANKS FOR THE GIFT OF NEW LIFE**

**A TIME OF INTENTIONAL SILENCE**

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

**In life and in death we belong to God.  
Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit,  
we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel,  
whom alone we worship and serve.**

- from A Brief Statement of Faith Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

## **THE MORNING OFFERING**

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## **THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

The Sharing of Joys and Concerns

The Spoken Prayers

The Silent Prayers

The 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.**

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

### **THE HYMN**

*"Called as Partners in Christ's Service"*

*Beecher*

**Called as partners in Christ's service, called to ministries of grace,  
We respond with deep commitment fresh new lines of faith to trace.  
May we learn the art of sharing, side by side and friend with friend,  
Equal partners in our caring to fulfill God's chosen end.**

**Christ's example, Christ's inspiring, Christ's clear call to work and worth,  
Let us follow, never faltering, reconciling folk on earth.  
Men and women, richer, poorer, all God's people, young and old,  
Blending human skills together gracious gifts from God unfold.**

**Thus new patterns for Christ's mission, in a small or global sense,  
Help us bear each other's burdens, breaking down each wall or fence.  
Words of comfort, words of vision, words of challenge, said with care,  
Bring new power and strength for action, make us colleagues, free and fair.**

**So God grant us for tomorrow ways to order human life  
That surround each person's sorrow with a calm that conquers strife.  
Make us partners in our living, our compassion to increase,  
Messengers of faith, thus giving hope and confidence and peace.**

### **THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

### **THE POSTLUDE**

*"Christ, Forgive Your Servants"*

*M. Dupré*