



First
Presbyterian Church
Port Charlotte, FL



Sunday, April 14, 2024

3rd Sunday of Easter

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God Calls Us to Worship

CHIMES, GREETING & PRELUDE

I Will Sing of My Redeemer

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL INTROIT

This Is The Day

EXCHANGE OF PEACE †

CALL TO WORSHIP †

One: We gather with joy, for Easter brings us new life.

All: The Risen Christ is with us wherever we go.

One: Love breaks all bonds and unites us in hope.

All: Christ has defeated death. Let us rejoice and be glad!

One: Come and worship with hearts full of praise.

All: O God, receive our grateful Hallelujahs!

OPENING HYMN †

#361 Worship Christ The Risen King

We Renew Our Relationship With God

PRAYER OF ADORATION

LORD'S PRAYER

CALL TO CONFESSION

† Please stand in body or in spirit



PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God our Redeemer, in raising Jesus from the dead, you showed us your power to defeat all that brings fear and sorrow to our lives. Yet we confess we are sometimes uncertain if we can trust the promise of resurrection for ourselves. Forgive us when we struggle to trust your goodness for us. Forgive us when we miss the signs of your love in our midst.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

We Respond to God

MINOR DOXOLOGY†

#813 Glory Be To The Father

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

ANTHEM-CHANCEL CHOIR

Sing and Rejoice

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

OFFERTORY

I know that My Redeemer Liveth
Bernadine Allesee, Soloist

OFFERING HYMN†

#816 We Give Thee But Thine Own

PRAYER OF DEDICATION†

HYMN OF DEDICATION†

Father, Take The Gifts We Bring





God Speaks to Us



SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 3:1-19 (New Living Translation)

3 Peter and John went to the Temple one afternoon to take part in the three o'clock prayer service. ² As they approached the Temple, a man lame from birth was being carried in. Each day he was put beside the Temple gate, the one called the Beautiful Gate, so he could beg from the people going into the Temple. ³ When he saw Peter and John about to enter, he asked them for some money. ⁴ Peter and John looked at him intently, and Peter said, "Look at us!" ⁵ The lame man looked at them eagerly, expecting some money. ⁶ But Peter said, "I don't have any silver or gold for you. But I'll give you what I have. In the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, get up and walk!" ⁷ Then Peter took the lame man by the right hand and helped him up. And as he did, the man's feet and ankles were instantly healed and strengthened. ⁸ He jumped up, stood on his feet, and began to walk! Then, walking, leaping, and praising God, he went into the Temple with them. ⁹ All the people saw him walking and heard him praising God. ¹⁰ When they realized he was the lame beggar they had seen so often at the Beautiful Gate, they were absolutely astounded! ¹¹ They all rushed out in amazement to Solomon's Colonnade, where the man was holding tightly to Peter and John. ¹² Peter saw his opportunity and addressed the crowd. "People of Israel," he said, "what is so surprising about this? And why stare at us as though we had made this man walk by our own power or godliness? ¹³ For it is the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob—the God of all our ancestors—who has brought glory to his servant Jesus by doing this. This is the same Jesus whom you handed over and rejected before



Pilate, despite Pilate’s decision to release him. ¹⁴ You rejected this holy, righteous one and instead demanded the release of a murderer. ¹⁵ You killed the author of life, but God raised him from the dead. And we are witnesses of this fact! ¹⁶ “Through faith in the name of Jesus, this man was healed—and you know how crippled he was before. Faith in Jesus’ name has healed him before your very eyes. ¹⁷ “Friends, I realize that what you and your leaders did to Jesus was done in ignorance. ¹⁸ But God was fulfilling what all the prophets had foretold about the Messiah—that he must suffer these things. ¹⁹ Now repent of your sins and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped away.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

HYMN FOR ILLUMINATION

#633 Open Our Eyes, Lord

THE PREACHED WORD

“The Name Of Jesus Part 1”

God Sends Us Into the World

CLOSING HYMN†

#318 He Lives

COMMISSION & BENEDICTION†

SENDING HYMN†

Song Of Hope



CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Join us online for the practice of *Lectio-Divina* which is a traditional Christian practice of scriptural reading, meditation & prayer, to promote communion with God and increase the knowledge of God's word. Contact the office at 941-625-5045 for more info.



To connect go to www.Zoom.us
Click "Join" on the right hand upper corner
Meeting ID: 878 3208 0869
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Bring a friend & enjoy popcorn & soda as we journey through history into the lives of Jesus & his disciples, continuing Tuesday, April 16 at 6 PM in the sanctuary. Rides can be arranged for people that do not drive at night.

Sunday April 21st 2024
Admission Free!
Come enjoy a music concert with familiar songs from the 50's 60's and 70's held at:
First Presbyterian Church of Port Charlotte
2230 Harriet St. 33952
3:00 PM
Performance by Nick Miceli
Drummer-Guitarist & singer

Music selections include various songs made popular by Frank Sinatra, Elvis, Neil Diamond, Billy Joel, Harry Chapin, Cat Stevens, Bread, Van Morrison, Michael Buble and more

Love ❤️ offerings accepted 🙏

PRAYER LIST

Bernadine & Tom Allesee Family	-	<i>safety & health needs</i>
Barbara Edwards	-	<i>health needs</i>
Jean Heim	-	<i>health needs</i>
Ruth Hester	-	<i>health needs</i>
Sue Littrell	-	<i>health needs</i>
Donna & Loren Livengood	-	<i>health needs</i>
Margorie Lotz	-	<i>health needs</i>
Brad Messick	-	<i>health needs</i>
Olin	-	<i>housing needs</i>
Mavis Powell	-	<i>health needs</i>
Donnie Webb	-	<i>health needs</i>

FPCPC FAMILY -

**If you know of any shut-ins or anyone who may need our prayers,
please call the church office at 941-625-5045.**



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