



Thank you for the gift of your presence here this morning. We are so glad you have chosen to spend this time in this space. Please know you are invited to participate in any way that is most helpful for you. You are not expected to announce your presence, but you are most welcome to reach out to anyone here. You are invited to fellowship following worship downstairs in Corey Hall and we would love to share a coffee and a chat. If you would like to have us reach out to you in the days ahead, please fill out the Visitor Card in the pew and drop it in the Offering plate or use the QR code below.

If you are here with children, that is wonderful, and they are welcome too. Sunday School is offered during the worship service for youth ages 4 through grade 6, following the Children's Time. Youth Group Sunday School is also offered for children in 6th grade and up every other Sunday. See our calendar for the schedule. You are welcome to join your child in the class, have your child remain with you during the service, or send them off to class. The Infant Care Room, equipped so users can hear and watch the service, is located at the top of the eastern stairs in the back of the sanctuary.

It is good to have you here. Welcome.



*First
Presbyterian
Church* IN VICTOR
WHOEVER YOU ARE.
HOWEVER YOU HAVE COME.
YOU ARE WELCOME HERE.



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Order of Worship
3rd Sunday of Easter
***Please stand if you are able.**

April 23, 2023, 10am

Prelude "Alleluia" by WA Mozart, arr. by Hal Hopson

Welcome & Announcements

***Responsive Call to Worship** (from Psalm 116)

I love the Lord, who heard my voice,
and heard my cry for mercy.
Because God listened to me,
I will call on the Lord as long as I live.
The cords of death entangled me,
the anguish of the grave came over me;
I was overcome by distress and sorrow.
Then I called on the name of the Lord:
"Lord, save me!"
What shall I return to the Lord
for all God's goodness to me?
I will give thanks and praise,
and call on the name of the Lord.
I will do all I have promised
in the presence of all the people.
Praise the Lord.

***Opening Hymn No. 104** "Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!"

***Invocation**

Scripture Reading Acts 2:14, 36-41

Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: "Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say.
"Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Messiah."
When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?"
Peter replied, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call."



Upcoming Church & Community events to add to your calendars:
details on each event in your eNews

Church Calendar

Sunday, April 23

10 am Sunday Worship w/Youth Group
11:15 am Church Clean-up
7:30 pm AA & Al-Anon meetings

Tuesday, April 25

10 am Free Panera
7 pm Bridge Class
7 pm Worship Committee Meeting (virtual)

Thursday, April 27

Noon Bridge Class



Spring Clean-Up Day

****Today, Sunday, April 23****

Yard work and painting/
cleaning opportunities inside.

Please stay after worship to help!



****Items VFFC currently need are**:**

Cereal & pasta-top requests

Body soap, shampoo, conditioner, toothbrushes

Dish soap-small ones

Laundry soap- small ones

Paper towels, Tissues

Baby wipes

(Bin in the Welcome Center to collect your donations)

**The VFFC is also looking for churches or groups to clean the Cupboard once a month. Your group would come in on a Saturday and do general cleaning which usually takes a group of 3-4 an hour. The list of chores and supplies are at the Cupboard. Ideally, we'd like you to sign up for one Saturday two different months. It's been difficult to find groups to do this easy task. If any on your congregation is looking for an opportunity to serve the community in this way, please give the food cupboard a call!



Go to the link below or scan the QR code above to read all about what is happening with our local mission Family Promise!

<http://victorpres.org/family-promise-oc-news-april-2023/>

Scripture Reading (cont.)

With many other words he warned them; and he pleaded with them, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day.

Unison Prayer of Confession

**Almighty God,
in raising Jesus from the grave,
you shattered the power of sin and death.
We confess that we too often continue in doubt
and fear,
bound by the ways that lead to death.
We too often overlook the poor and the hungry,
and pass by those who mourn;
deaf to the cries of the oppressed,
and indifferent to calls for peace.
Do we despise the weak,
and abuse the earth you made?
Forgive us, God of mercy.
Help us to trust your power
to change our lives and make us new,
that we may know the joy of life abundant
given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord.
Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

***Passing the Peace**

Children's Time

Unison Prayer for Illumination

**Holy and gracious God,
may your Holy Spirit give us
a spirit of wisdom and revelation,
so that, with the eyes of our hearts
enlightened, we may know the hope to which
Christ has called us, the riches of his glorious
inheritance among us, and the greatness of his
power for those who believe.
Amen.**

Scripture Reading

Luke 24:13-35

Now that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem. They were talking with each other about everything that had happened. As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus himself came up and walked along with them; but they were kept from recognizing him.

They stood still, their faces downcast. One of them, named Cleopas, asked him, "Are you the only one visiting Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?"

"What things?" he asked.

"About Jesus of Nazareth," they replied. "He was a prophet, powerful in word and deed before God and all the people. The chief priests and our rulers handed him over to be sentenced to death, and they crucified him; but we had hoped that he was the one who was going to redeem Israel. And what is more, it is the third day since all this took place. In addition, some of our women amazed us. They went to the tomb early this morning but didn't find his body. They came and told us that they had seen a vision of angels, who said he was alive. Then some of our companions went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see Jesus."

He said to them, "How foolish you are, and how slow to believe all that the prophets have spoken! Did not the Messiah have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?" And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself.

As they approached the village to which they were going, Jesus continued on as if he were going farther. But they urged him strongly, "Stay with us, for it is nearly evening; the day is almost over." So he went in to stay with them.

When he was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them. Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him, and he disappeared from their sight. They asked each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?"

They got up and returned at once to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven and those with them, assembled together and saying, "It is true! The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon." Then the two told what had happened on the way, and how Jesus was recognized by them when he broke the bread.

Sermon

"Walking With Jesus"

Special Music

"Just a Closer Walk With Thee"
Soloist- Joy Bergfalk

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

*Hymn No.363

"I Want Jesus to Walk with Me"

Offering

*Doxology

*Unison Prayer of Dedication

**Lord Jesus Christ, you were rich,
yet for our sake you became poor,
so that through your poverty we might become rich.
Accept this collection and offering
as a token of our gratitude
for all you have done. Amen.**

*Benediction

*Postlude "Christ is Risen, Alleluia!" arr. by Albin Whitworth

***Thank you to these members who are
helping with worship today-***

AV: Bill Martz

Liturgist: Sue Delmonico

Fellowship: Linda Smith & Donna Schake

Youth Sunday School

Sunday School program for our youth (**grades 6 and up**) that will meet twice a month during service in the youth room. All youth are invited including friends. Youth can be in the sanctuary for the beginning of the service, then gather in the youth room.

Upcoming meeting dates:

>April 30

>May 7 & 21