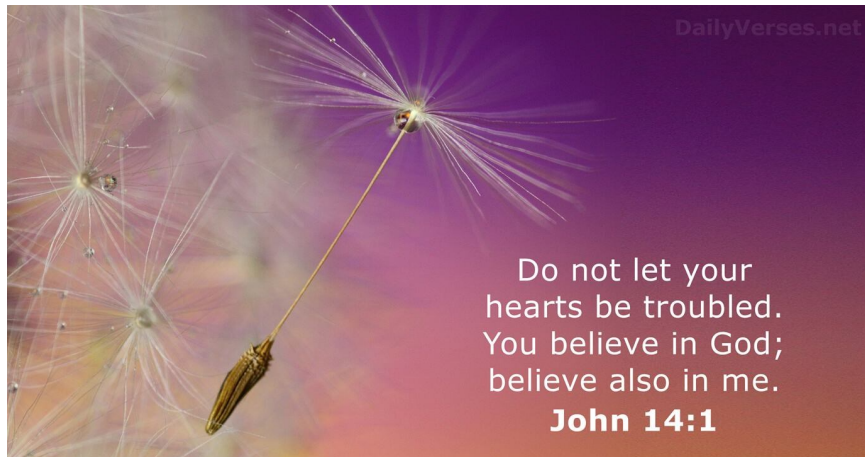


First Presbyterian Church IN VICTOR

WHOEVER YOU ARE.
HOWEVER YOU HAVE COME.
YOU ARE WELCOME HERE.



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Pastors: Rev. Dr. Jimmy Reader
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Order of Worship
5th Sunday of Easter
***Please stand if you are able.**

May 7, 2023, 10am

Prelude "Prelude in Classic Style" by Gordon Young

Welcome & Announcements

***Responsive Call to Worship** *Psalm 31, selected verses*

In you, O LORD, I seek refuge; do not let me ever be put to shame; in your righteousness deliver me.

Incline your ear to me; rescue me speedily. Be a rock of refuge for me, a strong fortress to save me.

You are indeed my rock and my fortress; for your name's sake lead me and guide me,

take me out of the net that is hidden for me, for you are my refuge.

Into your hand I commit my spirit; you have redeemed me, O LORD, faithful God. My times are in your hand; deliver me from the hand of my enemies and persecutors.

Let your face shine upon your servant; save me in your steadfast love.

***Opening Hymn No. 485**

"To God Be The Glory"

***Invocation**

Scripture Reading

1 Peter 2:2-10

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation— if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like living stones let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture:

"See, I am laying in Zion a stone,

a cornerstone chosen and precious,

and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame."

This honor, then, is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe,

"The stone that the builders rejected

has become the very head of the corner," and

"A stone that makes them stumble

and a rock that makes them fall."

(cont.)

Scripture Reading (cont.)

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the excellence of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

Once you were not a people,

but now you are God's people;
once you had not received mercy,
but now you have received mercy.

Unison Prayer of Confession

Too often we think we are beyond your love and grace and believe that about others as well. Forgive us for doubting your love and how you are able to heal us and the world. Open us to your healing presence and to be a healing presence in the lives of others.

Assurance of Pardon

*Passing the Peace

Children's Time

Anthem

"Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life"
arr. by Hal Hopson

Unison Prayer for Illumination

We are here to feed upon your word, to hear your voice, and to respond as you call us. Reach into our hearts with your healing presence, and let us be aware that truly your presence has been in this place.

Scripture Reading

John 14:1-14

"Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going." Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?"

(cont.)

Scripture Reading (cont.)

Jesus said to him, "I am the way and the truth and the life.

No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him."

Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, but if you do not, then believe because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

Sermon

"Jesus' Prep for the Future"

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

*Special Music

"Healer of My Soul"

*Healer of my soul of my soul,
Heal me at evening, heal me at morning
Heal me at noon, Healer of my soul.*

*Keeper of my soul, on rough course faring,
Help and safeguard my means this night,
Keeper of my soul.*

*For when I am tired, when I'm astray and stumbling
You shield my soul from the snare of sin.*

*Offering

Doxology

*Unison Prayer of Dedication

With gratitude we come to offer you a portion of what you have given to us. Please use these gifts and offerings and our very selves to carry your healing presence into this world.

*Closing Song "Come to Jesus"

*Benediction

*Postlude "Toccata in G Major" by Theodore DuBois

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

AV: Brenda Dean

Liturgist: Dave Henderson

Fellowship: Barb Cromwell & Linda Smith



We would like to recognize the graduating class of 2023! Do you have a 2023 graduate (High School or College) that you want to celebrate? Please email Courtney in the office (office@victorpres.org) with this information:

- Name of graduate
- Proud Parents, Grand-parents, or guardians names
- Where they are graduating from
- Degree if applicable
- What they are doing post-graduation: College or work, etc.
- Any other pertinent information about the graduate.
- A **picture** to share in the announcements!



Labyrinth at Chartres Cathedral, Chartres, France

Please join us after worship today to explore how the church might live out our mission to our congregation and the community, especially concerns around mental health from a holistic (spirit, mind, body) perspective. Some have expressed interest in the labyrinth, a meditative prayer walk that is often used therapeutically. (Marti Mowers knows more about this.) Joy will do a brief presentation to introduce the labyrinth as part of our discussion.

Last year's congregational mission study identified mental health as an important way to touch the lives of people in Victor. A \$1,000 grant from the Presbytery is available, with the application due May 15, to help fund whatever you discern as God's work for you. This after-worship session is a first step in this discernment process and will focus on the Presbytery grant application due soon.

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.

Upcoming meeting dates:

***Today* May 7, May 21**



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

Church Calendar

Sunday, May 7

- 9:20 am Choir Practice
- 10 am Sunday Worship w/Youth Group
- 11:15 am Fellowship Hour & Mission discussion
- 12-6 pm Community Group
- 7:30 pm AA & Al-Anon meetings

Tuesday, May 9

- 10 am Free Panera
- 7 pm Bridge Class
- 7 pm Session Meeting

Thursday, May 11

- Noon Bridge Class

Saturday, May 13

- 8 am Men's Breakfast
- 5-6:30 pm Community Dinner (Sloppy Joe's)

Sunday, May 14 *Mother's Day*

- 10 am Sunday Worship w/communion & baptism
- 11:15 am Fellowship Hour
- 7:30 pm AA & Al-Anon meetings



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.

**Interested in becoming a member?
Please call or email one of our pastors.
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