



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 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
2nd Sunday of Easter

April 16, 2023, 10am

Holocaust Remembrance Day is Tuesday, 4/18

***Please stand if you are able.**

Prelude

“Alleluia” by Randall Thompson

Welcome & Announcements

***Call to Worship**

(Psalm 16)

Protect me, O God, for in you I take refuge.

I say to the LORD, “You are my Lord; I have no good apart from you.”

As for the holy ones in the land, they are the noble, in whom is all my delight.

Those who choose another god multiply their sorrows; their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out or take their names upon my lips.

The LORD is my chosen portion and my cup; you hold my lot.

The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; I have a goodly heritage.

I bless the LORD who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart instructs me.

I keep the LORD always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.

Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices; my body also rests secure.

For you do not give me up to Sheol, or let your faithful one see the Pit.

You show me the path of life. In your presence there is fullness of joy; in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

***Opening Hymn**

“I Cannot Tell”

***Invocation**

Scripture Reading

1 Peter 1:3-9

³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead ⁴ and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, ⁵ who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

Scripture (cont.)

⁶ In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, ⁷ so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. ⁸ Although you have not seen him, you love him, and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, ⁹ for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

Call to Confession

O patient and loving God, we often forget in the dark what we knew in the light. We often base our faith on what we can see and touch, and so our faith begins to crumble when the skies turn dark, and we forget that you are with us in both the light and darkness. We confess that when darkness surrounds us, we often cannot see those around us from your perspective and we become neglectful and apathetic. Shine your light into our hearts so we may see you and all that you have created through your creative genius. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

***Passing the Peace**

Children’s Time

Prayer for Illumination (sung)

“Open Our Eyes, Lord”

*Open our eyes, Lord,
we want to see Jesus,
to reach out and touch him,
and say that we love him.
Open our ears, Lord,
and help us to listen.
Open our eyes, Lord,
we want to see Jesus.*

Scripture

John 20:19-31

¹⁹ When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. (cont.)

Scripture Reading (cont.)

²¹ Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²² When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

²⁴ But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵ So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

²⁶ A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." ²⁸ Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹ Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

³⁰ Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. ³¹ But these are written so that you may continue to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Sermon "Open Our Eyes, Lord, We Want to see Jesus "

***Hymn of Response No. 324** "Open My Eyes, That I Might See"

Offering

***Doxology**

***Unison Prayer of Dedication**

Open our eyes to the wonder of your generosity and to see your imprint on every human being and creation. We give in response to your generosity and reach out with our time, treasures, and talent to be a part of your healing work in our world. Bless these gifts and our very lives for your service. Amen.

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

***Closing Song No. 122** "Thine Is the Glory"

***Benediction**

***Postlude** "Christ is Alive" arr. by Mary McDonald

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

AV: Steve Simpson

Liturgist: Donna Schake

Fellowship: Barb Cromwell & 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.

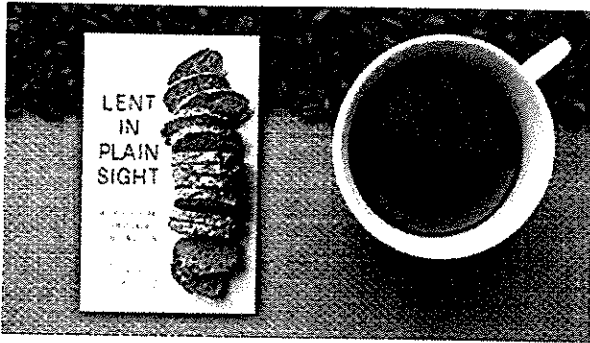
Upcoming meeting dates:

>April 16 & 30

>May 7 & 21



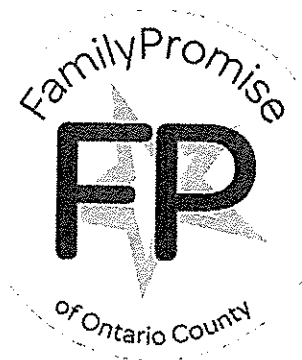
Needs:
The VFFC is currently in need of cereal and pasta! There will be a box in the Welcome Center for collection.
Thank you for donating!



Lent Book Study *Last week!

Grab a cup of coffee after worship and join us for a 7-week study on the book *Lent in Plain Sight* by Jill J. Duffield. The study will run on Sundays from February 19th through April 16th. Topics for each week include:

- ✓ Week One, Feb 19 & 26: **Dust and Ash Wednesday**
- ✓ Week Two, March 5: **Bread**
- ✓ Week Three, March 12: **Cross**
- ✓ Week Four, March 19: **Coins**
- ✓ Week Five, March 26: **Shoes**
- ✓ Week Six, March 2: **Oil**
- ⇒ Week Seven, April 16: **Holy Week and Easter Sunday**



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/>



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

Church Calendar

Sunday, April 16

10 am	Sunday Worship w/Youth Group
11:15 am	Fellowship Hour & Lent Book Study
7:30 pm	AA & Al-Anon meetings

Monday, April 17

7 pm	Deacons Meeting
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Tuesday, April 18

10 am	Free Panera
7 pm	Bridge Class

Wednesday, April 19

1 pm	Blanket Squares Group
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Saturday, April 22 *Earth Day

5-6:30 pm	Community Dinner (Baked Ziti)
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Spring Clean-Up Day at the church will be following worship on ***Next Sunday, April 23**

Yard work and painting/cleaning opportunities inside. Feel free to wear cleaning attire to church.

Thine Is the Glory 122

Edmond Louis Budry, 1884
 Trans. R. Birch Hoyle, 1923: all.

JUDAS MACCABEUS 5.5.6.5.6.5.6.5 with refrain

George Frederick Handel, 1748

1. Thine is the glo - ry, Ris - en, con - quering Son; - End - less is the
 2. Lo! Je - sus meets us, Ris - en from the tomb; - Lov - ing - ly He
 3. No more we doubt Thee, Glo - rious Prince of life! Life is nought with -

vic - tory Thou o'er death hast won. An - gels in bright rai - ment
 greets us, Scat - ters fear and gloom. Let the church with glad - ness
 out Thee; Aid us in our strife. Make us more than con - querors

Rolled the stone a - way, Kept the fold - ed grave - clothes
 Hymns of tri - umph sing, For the Lord now liv - eth;
 Through Thy death - less love; Bring us safe through Jor - dan

Refrain (last time only)

Where Thy bod - y lay,
 Death hath lost its sting.
 To Thy home a - bove. Thine is the glo - ry, Ris - en, con - quering Son;

End - less is the vic - tory Thou o'er death hast won.

Clara H. Scott, 1895

OPEN MY EYES 8.8.9.8 with refrain

Clara H. Scott, 1895

1. O - pen my eyes, that I may see Glimps-es of truth Thou hast for me;
 2. O - pen my ears, that I may hear Voic - es of truth Thou send-est clear;
 3. O - pen my mouth, and let me bear Glad - ly the warm truth ev - ery-where;

Place in my hands the won-der-ful key That shalt un - clasp and set me free.
 And while the wave notes fall on my ear, Ev - ery-thing false will dis - ap-pear.
 O - pen my heart, and let me pre-pare Love with Thy chil-dren thus to share.

Refrain

HOLY SPIRIT

Si-lent-ly now I wait for Thee, Ready, my God, Thy will to see;
 eyes,
 O - pen my ears, il - lu - mine me, Spir - it di - vine!
 heart,