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April 28, 2019
Season of Eastertide

Second PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Welcome to Second Presbyterian Church! We are thankful you are worshiping with us today. In contrast to the somber starkness of Holy Week, last Sunday’s Easter was bright and celebratory! It was marked with music and songs that reflect the full joy of the Christian faith because of Jesus’ victorious resurrection. However, because the good news of Easter can hardly be contained in a single day, Easter is only the first of a 50-day season we call, “Eastertide.” This season is designed for extended celebration, exploring the implications of Easter in the redemption of all creation and the life of believers. Let us then begin this season with joyful worship as we together reflect on Him in whom we have redemption, victory, and everlasting life!

**Praise Our Risen King**

**ORGAN PRELUDE:** “Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee” ....................... Larry Wolz
   Jill Peak, organ

**INSTRUMENTAL MEDITATION:** “Sacred Solitude” ....................... James Michael Stevens
   Dee Walker, alto flute; Jill Peak, piano

**CALL TO WORSHIP** ................................................................. Todd Erickson

†HYMN OF PRAISE: No. 273 “Jesus Christ Is Risen Today” ................ LLANFAIR
   Words: Charles Wesley / Music: Robert Williams / Matthew 28:7

†INVOCATION (Please lift hands)

†STATEMENT OF FAITH: Westminster Shorter Catechism Q. 7 ............. Shelley Hill (8:15)
   Haley Overcast (11:00)

What are the decrees of God?

The decrees of God are His eternal plan
   based on the purpose of His will,
   by which, for His own glory,
   He has foreordained everything that happens.

This catechism will be the topic of the sermon this evening.

†GLORIA PATRI ................................................................. GREATOREX

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen, Amen!

**SACRAMENT OF CHRISTIAN BAPTISM**

8:15

Caroline Louise Sadlow, born June 18, 2018, daughter of Emily and John Sadlow
Rose Elizabeth Wilkins, born January 25, 2019, daughter of Jess and Luke Wilkins
Cecil Ford Amagliani, born November 11, 2018, son of Natalie and Louis Amagliani
Norah Rose Farnsworth, born April 16, 2018, daughter of Emily and Graham Farnsworth
Louise Wright Towner, born September 15, 2018, daughter of Katherine and Buck Towner

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Houston Cruz Clenin, born October 8, 2018, son of Kristen and Derek Clenin
Hudson Ryan Mattox, born November 26, 2018, son of Sarah and Anthony Mattox
Philip Reid Wesson, born October 29, 2018, son of Callie and Reid Wesson
Andrew David Norman, born August 27, 2018, son of Sally and Paul Norman

**SONG OF ENCOURAGEMENT:** “Jesus Loves You” .................... JESUS LOVES ME

Jesus loves you, this we know, for the Bible tells us so;
Little ones to Him belong, you are weak but He is strong.
Yes, Jesus loves you! Yes, Jesus loves you!
Yes, Jesus loves you! The Bible tells us so.
CATECHETICAL QUESTION AND ANSWER

The affirmation of Easter to the world speaks to the triumph of Christ over death. The pericope from 1 Corinthians 15:26-28 further supports this message. Let us begin this season with joyful worship as we reflect on Him in whom we have redemption, victory, and everlasting life!
PRAISE OUR ETERNAL KING

†PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (please stand)

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.

†HYMN OF PREPARATION: “I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say” .......... KINGSFOLD

Words: Horatius Bonar / Music: Ralph Vaughan Williams / Matthew 11:28-30

1. I heard the voice of Jesus say, “Come unto me and rest;
I came to Jesus as I was, so weary, worn, and sad;
I found in him a resting place, and he has made me glad.

2. I heard the voice of Jesus say, “Be hold, I freely give
I came to Jesus, and I drank of that life-giving stream;
my thirst was quenched, my soul revived, and now I live in him.

3. I heard the voice of Jesus say, “I am this dark world’s Light;
I looked to Jesus, and I found in him my Star, my Sun;
and in that Light of life I’ll walk till traveling days are done.

lay down, O weary one, lay down your head upon my breast.”
the living water; thirsty one, stoop down and drink, and live.”
look unto me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright.”

I came to Jesus as I was, so weary, worn, and sad;
I came to Jesus, and I drank of that life-giving stream;
I looked to Jesus, and I found in him my Star, my Sun;

I found in him a resting place, and he has made me glad.
my thirst was quenched, my soul revived, and now I live in him.
and in that Light of life I’ll walk till traveling days are done.
The grass withers, the flower fades,
but the Word of our God will stand forever.  (Isaiah 40:8)

I. **Strength for Weakness** *(Exodus 3:10-12)*

II. **Credibility for Inexperience** *(Exodus 3:13-15)*