



Let your light shine
before others, that they
may see your good deeds
and glorify your Father
in heaven.

Matthew 5:16

WELCOMING OF GUESTS AND VISITORS

GATHERING

**indicates a time to stand if you are able*

Prelude

P We gather in the name of God: Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit.

C Amen!

*HYMN

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!

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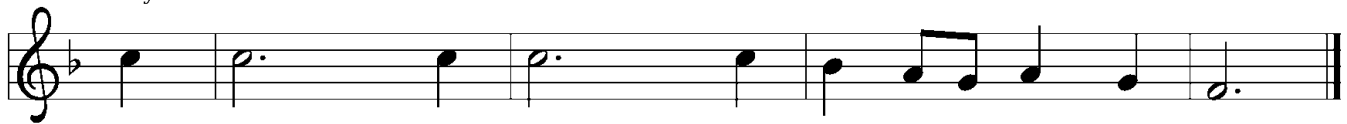


1 Re - joice, ye pure in heart! Re - joice, give thanks, and sing;
2 With voice as full and strong as o - cean's surg - ing praise,
3 With all the an - gel choirs, with all the saints on earth
4 Still lift your stan - dard high, still march in firm ar - ray,



your fes - tal ban - ner wave on high, the cross of Christ your king.
send forth the stur - dy hymns of old, the psalms of an - cient days.
pour out the strains of joy and bliss, true rap - ture, no - blest mirth.
as pil - grims through the dark - ness wend till dawns the gol - den day.

Refrain



Re - joice! Re - joice! Re - joice, give thanks, and sing!

*THE BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Together we pray,

C **Mighty God, lover of justice, You call us to life in community, but we have served our own interests at the expense of our neighbors. We have sown deceit where honesty was needed. We say the right words, but our hearts are far from You. Turn us to seek Your face. Knit us together and give us the mind of Christ, that we may do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.**

P The former things have passed away, and new things God now declares: Like a spring of water that never fails, God covers us in the righteousness of Christ and forgives our sin in † Jesus' name

C Amen.

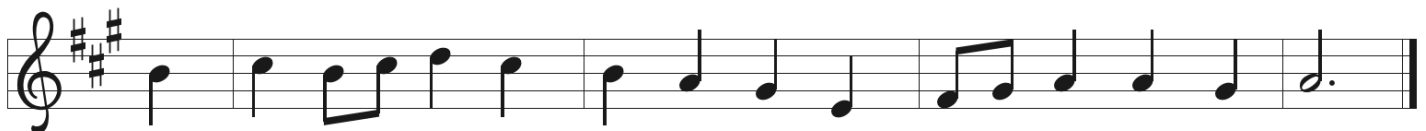
***HYMN OF PRAISE**

Arise, Your Light Has Come

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1 A - rise, your light has come! The Spir - it's call o - bey;
2 A - rise, your light has come! Fling wide the pris - on door;
3 A - rise, your light has come! All you in sor - row born,
4 A - rise, your light has come! The moun - tains burst in song!



show forth the glo - ry of your God which shines on you to - day.
pro - claim the cap - tive's lib - er - ty, good tid - ings to the poor.
bind up the bro - ken - heart - ed ones and com - fort those who mourn.
Rise up like ea - gles on the wing, God's pow'r will make us strong.

***THE GREETING**

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C And also with you.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P Together we pray,

C Lord God, with endless mercy you receive the prayers of all who call upon you. By your Spirit show us the things we ought to do, and give us the grace and power to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

***THE WORD**

FIRST READING

Isaiah 58:1-9a

¹ Shout out; do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet!
Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins.

² Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways,
as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness
and did not forsake the ordinance of their God;
they ask of me righteous judgments; they want God on their side.

³ “Why do we fast, but you do not see?

Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?”

Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day
and oppress all your workers.

⁴ You fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist.
Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high.

⁵ Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself?

Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush
and to lie in sackcloth and ashes?

Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the LORD?

⁶ Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice,
to undo the straps of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free,
and to break every yoke?

⁷ Is it not to share your bread with the hungry
and bring the homeless poor into your house;
when you see the naked, to cover them
and not to hide yourself from your own kin?

⁸ Then your light shall break forth like the dawn,
and your healing shall spring up quickly;
your vindicator shall go before you;
the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard.

^{9a} Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer;
you shall cry for help, and he will say, “Here I am.”

L The word of God.

C Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 2:1-12

¹ When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the
testimony of God to you with superior speech or wisdom. ² For I decided

to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. ³ And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. ⁴ My speech and my proclamation were made not with persuasive words of wisdom but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, ⁵ so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.

⁶ Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are being destroyed. ⁷ But we speak God's wisdom, a hidden mystery, which God decreed before the ages for our glory ⁸ and which none of the rulers of this age understood, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. ⁹ But, as it is written,

“What no eye has seen, nor ear heard,
nor the human heart conceived,
what God has prepared for those who love him”—

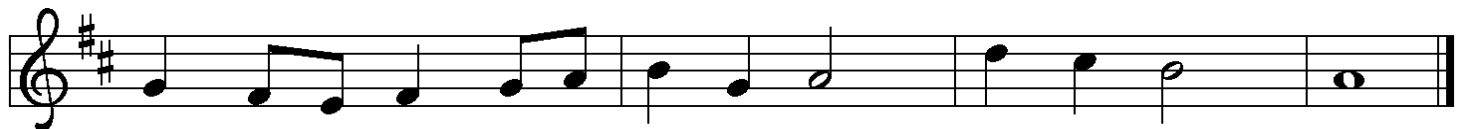
¹⁰ God has revealed to us through the Spirit, for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. ¹¹ For what human knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. ¹² Now we have received not the spirit of the world but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God.

L The Word of God.

C Thanks be to God.



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

***GOSPEL**

Matthew 5:13-20

C Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] ¹³ “You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

¹⁴ “You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. ¹⁵ People do not light a lamp and put it under the bushel basket; rather, they put it on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶ In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

¹⁷ “Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. ¹⁸ For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. ¹⁹ Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. ²⁰ For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.”

P The Gospel of our Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

Pastor Estevez

***HYMN**

There is a Balm in Gilead

ELW 614

Refrain



There is a balm in Gil-e-ad to make the wound-ed whole;



there is a balm in Gil-e-ad to heal the sin-sick soul.



- 1 Some - times I feel dis - cour-aged and think my work's in vain,
- 2 If you can - not preach like Pe - ter, if you can-not pray like Paul,
- 3 Don't ev - er be dis - cour-aged, for Je - sus is your friend;

Refrain



but then the Ho - ly Spir - it re - vives my soul a - gain.
you can tell the love of Je - sus and say, "He died for all."
and if you lack for knowl-edge, he'll ne'er re - fuse to lend.

***THE APOSTLES' CREED**

L Together we confess our faith,

C I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Please be seated.

***PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

L As God's beloved children united in Christ, let us pray for the church, the whole human community, and the well-being of the earth, our home.
each petition concludes...

Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

L Confident that the Holy Spirit receives our prayers and answers us, we commend all for whom we pray to God's loving-kindness made known to us in Christ Jesus our Savior.

C **Amen.**

***SHARING OF THE PEACE**

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

***OFFERING**

In thanksgiving for God's blessing, we respond with our tithe and offering

***OFFERTORY HYMN** *Accept, O Lord, the Gifts V.1,3* ELW 691



- 1 Ac - cept, O Lord, the gifts we bring to place up - on your ta - ble.
- 2 The vines were plant - ed, seeds were sown. They grew in your good plea - sure.
- 3 Our hopes and dreams, our toils and cares we lift in prayer be - fore you.



We do not wor - ship as we ought but on - ly as we're a - ble.
What once was com - mon, dail - y food be - comes a ho - ly trea - sure.
Lord, by your grace now come to us, as hum - bly we a - dore you.

***OFFERING PRAYER**

L Together we pray,

C God of majesty, no eye has seen, no ear has heard what You have prepared for those who love you, yet in this meal You reveal the wideness of Your mercy. Use what we have gathered to feed us with the reign of God come near, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

***THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give him thanks and praise.

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ, who always inspires us to be salt of the earth and light to the world. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -



san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

***THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

P In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

P After supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

***THE LORD'S PRAYER** *(We always pray as Jesus taught)*

P Together we pray,

C 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

INVITATION

P Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! Come to the table; taste and see.

DISTRIBUTION

As we celebrate the meal of our Lord, all are invited. If you are a guest and regularly commune at your church, you are welcome to commune here. For those not communing, please keep your hands folded and you will receive a blessing. Both wine (red) and grape juice (white) are available at communion. If you prefer a gluten-free wafer, notify the server. If you are unable to come to the altar rail and would like to receive communion in your seat, please notify an usher.

after all have communed

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace.

C **Amen.**

P Together we pray,

C **Radiant God, we have seen Your glory in the face of Jesus Christ. In the sacrament of His body and blood, You have drawn us to Your heart. Send us from this table with delight, that our lives may reflect the beauty of Your love, and bear witness to all we have seen and heard, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

***BENEDICTION**

P May the triune God, who has put a new song in your mouth and tuned your heart for praise ✝ bless you now and forever.

C **Amen.**

*HYMN	<i>Jesus is a Rock</i>	<i>ELW 333</i>
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Refrain - All

Je - sus is a rock in a wea - ry land, a wea - ry land, a
 wea - ry land; my Je - sus is a rock in a
 wea - ry land, a shel - ter in the time of storm.

Leader or All

1 No one can do like Je - sus, not a
 2 When Je - sus was on earth, the . .
 3 Yon - der comes my Sav - ior, him . .

mum-bling word he said; he went walk - ing down to Laz -
 flesh was ver - y weak; . . he took a towel and gird -
 whom I love so well; . . he has the palm of vic -

Refrain

- a - rus' grave, and he raised him from the dead.
 ed him - self and he washed his dis - ci - ples' feet.
 - to - ry and the keys of death and hell.

DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Be salt to the earth and light to the world.

C Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Faith's Weekly Announcements
Welcome to all of you attending this morning!

A Super Outreach

Today we celebrate Super Bowl with a Souper Bowl of Caring. The canned soup we collect today will be donated to the food bank at First Pres. Some of the folks at First Pres attach a dollar to each can of soup so the outreach goes farther. There are rubber bands in the narthex in case you wish to do this.

Sunday School

Sunday school will resume next Sunday morning at 9:00. We will be studying the book, What is the Bible by Rob Bell. See Jeff Kamm if you need a book.

Live Music Concert Today

There will be a concert this afternoon at 3:00 at First Pres in Port Charlotte. Check the bulletin board in the narthex for details.

February Ladies' Luncheon

Note the new time

Ladies, join us this Wednesday at Lipinski's Tavern in Cape Haze. The Tavern is located at 3745 Cape Haze Drive. ***They do not open until 12 noon, so we will be moving our luncheon to 12 noon.*** A 20% service fee will be added to each check.

Directions: Take Placida Road south to Cape Haze Drive, turn left and continue past The Links golf course to Lipinski's on your right (approx. 1 mile). Signup sheet is in the narthex. Today is the deadline.

Friendship Potluck Dinner

This Wednesday at 6 pm, is our potluck dinner with others in the church family. Today is your last chance to sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board in the narthex. If you have questions or would like to help, talk to Mary Lou Fitzgerald.

Want to Join the Family?

We will be welcoming new members into the church family this month. If you are interested in joining the family of Faith, please contact Barbra in the church office either by phone (941-697-3313) or email (office@alivingfaith.org).

Do You Like to Take Pictures?

We need someone who loves to take photos to help us with pictures for the church newsletter. You just need a smart phone and a willingness to attend events and document with your pictures. If you are interested, see Pastor or contact Barbra in the church office (941-697-3313). A fun and easy job for someone or even more than one.

Chime Choir

We are getting our chime choir established again this year and would love to have new members. You don't need any prior experience, we will help you learn. Date of the first meeting TBD. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex for anyone interested.

WE PRAY FOR...

Ginny Linsberg
Debby Porter
Jim Hughs

Sandy Despreaux
Tracie Thompson
Kay Culver

Barbra Davis
Bob Ash

Looking to Lent

~ Ash Wednesday is February 18th. We will have a 5:00 pm service. [Note the different time.]

~ There are 5 Wednesdays in Lent. We will have Soup Suppers on each at 5:00 pm, followed by worship at 6:00.

~ Times for Maundy Thursday and Good Friday are TBD.

~ There will be one service on Easter Sunday morning at 10:45.

Lenten Help Needed

We need ushers to serve just one service (unless you want to do more) during the Wednesday Lenten evenings plus Ash Wednesday. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex.

Coffee Fellowship

Our Coffee Fellowship time has been much appreciated, but to keep it going we need some help. If you are willing to help with set up and cleaning after, there is a sign-up sheet in the narthex. The more help we get, the easier it will be to continue the fellowship time.

Attendance Last Week: 72

Serving Today

Altar Guild: Gloria Marsh

Lector/ Worship Assistant: Kathryn Gallagher

Ushers: Jeff & Julie Petersen, Gene Newlon

Your Church Council

Jeff Kamm, Jeff Petersen, Gene Newlon, Jim Porter, Dave Woodliff, Sue Baran, Dave Johnsen, Jan Moynihan, Ken Stephens

THIS WEEK AT FAITH

Every week day morning	6:30 am	AA meets at church
Monday	8:00 pm	AA meets at church
Tuesday	8:00 am	Work Crew
	9:00 am	Chicks
Wednesday	12:00 pm	Ladies Luncheon
	6:00 pm	Potluck
Sunday	9:00 am	Sunday School resumes
	10:15 am	Coffee Fellowship
	10:45 am	Morning worship

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Secretary Office Hours: 9:00 am – Noon (M-F)

Our Guiding Principle: GOD'S GRACE WINS....

As we WORSHIP Jesus as our Lord and Savior

As we LOVE one another, welcoming everyone

As we SERVE, inspired by the Holy Spirit

As a deep FAITH is taught and caught

As we make WITNESS and MISSION our life



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