

# SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Third Sunday of Easter  
First Presbyterian Church  
Tallahassee, Florida  
April 19, 2026, 11:00 AM



## GATHERING

Ringling of the Zimbelstern

Voluntary

Durch Adam's Fall ist gans verderbt, TWV 31:26

Georg Phillip Telemann

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Glenn Hodges

Call to Worship

Jesus the Christ has freed us from death  
and brought us into new life.

**Through Christ, we have faith and hope in God.**

In genuine, mutual love,  
let us worship with one heart and one voice.

**In reverence and joy, we praise God's holy name!**

Opening Prayer

\*Hymn 252

Day of Rising

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\*Call to Confession

\*Prayer of Confession

**Eternally patient God, we ask again and again, "What should we do?" And again and again, you tell us, "Repent and return to me." Yet we have not changed our ways. We fall into old habits, cling to our own ways, and take for granted the grace you have given us. Once again, we ask you for forgiveness. Show us the way forward and help us return, once again, to you.**

\*Response Hymn

Lord, Have Mercy (Kyrie)  
*(Please see insert)*

John Weaver

\*Assurance of Pardon

Beloved, hear this good news:  
through Christ you have come to trust in God,  
who raised Christ from the dead and gave him glory,  
so that your faith and hope are set on God.

**We are born anew, through the living  
and enduring word of God. Alleluia! Praise to the risen Christ!**

*\*Asterisks indicate to please rise in body or spirit. Congregational responses are in **bold print**.*

\*Sung Response

Glory to God in the Highest (Gloria in excelsis Deo)  
*(Please see insert)*

John Weaver

\*The Peace

The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. **And also with you.**

## WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Linda Smith

First Reading

Acts 2:14a, 36–41

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn 799

I Love the Lord, Who Heard My Cry (Psalm 116)

I LOVE THE LORD

Second Reading

1 Peter 1:17–23

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

\*Hymn 729

Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

I WANT TO BE A CHRISTIAN

Gospel

Luke 24:13–35

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Rev. Glenn Hodges

\*Affirmation of Faith (Adapted from the Confession of 1967)

**Life in Christ is life eternal.  
The resurrection of Jesus is the sign  
that God will consummate the work  
of creation and reconciliation beyond death  
and bring to fulfillment  
the new life begun in Christ.**

Prayers of the People

...Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

The Lord's Prayer

**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.**

# EUCHARIST

Call To Offering

Anthem

On Emmaus' Journey: Festival Setting

HOLY MANNA  
arr. John Ferguson

*Who are you who walk in sorrow  
down Emmaus' barren road,  
Hearts distraught and hope defeated,  
bent beneath grief's crushing load?  
Nameless mourners, we will join you,  
we who also mourn our dead.  
We have stood by graves unyielding,  
eaten death's bare, bitter bread.*

*Who is this who joins our journey,  
walking with us stride by stride?  
Unknown Stranger, can you fathom  
depths of grief for one who died?  
Then the wonder! When we told you  
how our dreams to dust have turned,  
Then you opened wide the Scriptures  
till our hearts within us burned!*

*Who are you? Our hearts are opened,  
who are you who breaks the bread?  
Christ the victim, now the victor,  
living, risen from the dead!  
Great Companion on our journey,  
still surprise us with your grace!  
Make each day a new Emmaus;  
on our hearts your image trace!*

*Who are we who travel with you  
on our way through life to death?  
Women, men, the young, the aging,  
wakened by the Spirit's breath!  
At the font you claim and name us,  
born of water and the Word.  
At the table still you feed us,  
host us as our Risen Lord!*

*"Alleluia! Alleluia!" is the Easter hymn we sing!  
Take our life, our joy, our worship as the gift of love we bring.  
You have formed us all one people called from every land and race.  
Make your church your servant Body, sent to share your healing grace!*

Presentation of Gifts, Tithes and Offerings

\*Presentation Hymn 609

Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow

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\*Prayer of Dedication

## SENDING

\*Hymn 839

Blessed Assurance

ASSURANCE

\*Blessing and Charge

May the love of the holy triune God—  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—  
abide with you forever. **Alleluia!**

Now go forth in Jesus' name,  
remembering his new commandment  
to love one another, just as he has loved us. **Amen.**

Voluntary

Fugue in F Major, P.156

Johann Pachelbel

# IN WORSHIP TODAY

“**Kingdom**” or “**Kindom**” in the Lord’s Prayer? Kingdoms were the dominant community structure when our Scriptures were written. Some find it meaningful to think about other Biblical metaphors to convey the ethos of care and genuine kin-ships about which Jesus taught and preached. Please pray as you choose.

**Prayer Concerns and Celebrations — We offer prayers for healing** for Juana Maria Diaz Perez (mother of Ruben Diaz), Bob Rackleff, Rich Peyton, Martha Kutter, Joyce Crawford, Bev Breedlove, Tara Reynolds, Sandra Sherrard, Martha Snowden and Wayne Friedemann. **We offer prayers for strength and mercy** for Evanna (sister of Wayne Friedemann), Patricia McCoy Delancey, and Thaddeus Gillon. **We pray for the staff and volunteers** of Second Harvest of the Big Bend as well as those of all our mission partners. **We pray for victims of gun violence** in our community and our country. **We pray for the Presbyterian Reformed Church** in Cuba, Pastor Izett Samá Hernández, and Pastor Alison Infante. **We pray for peace** in Israel, Gaza, Ukraine, and around the world. **We also pray for those in military service**, including Brian Guisao, Ross Yeilding, David DelRossi, and Owen Elzie.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Children** are welcome in this service as full members of God’s family. Parents and children are invited to use whatever is useful in the basket by the door to the Narthex. Childcare for children under the age of kindergarten is in the Education Building. Please note that during worship the Education Building is locked. Please enter through the breezeway door.

**Restrooms** are located in this building through the door at the end of each ground floor aisle of the sanctuary.

**An induction loop system** is available in the sanctuary. To use the system, switch your compatible hearing aid to the T–telephone mode or request a wireless headset from an usher.

**Large Print Versions** of the *Glory to God* hymnal and worship bulletin are available from ushers.

**Visitors:** We are glad you are here this morning! If you have questions about our congregation or membership, please let us know by using the friendship registers or speaking to one of the greeters so we can connect you with the right people. We welcome new members after worship on the second Sunday of each month.

**Presbyterian Women Mission Workshop:** Everyone is invited to join us today immediately after worship in the Westminster Room for fun, fellowship and mission work. Bring a brown bag lunch; dessert and beverage will be provided.

LET US KNOW



YOU'RE HERE!



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## MEMBERS OF SESSION 2026–28

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## Day of Arising

Capo 1: (Esus)

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1 Day of a - ris - ing, Christ on the road - way, un - known com -  
 2 When we are walk - ing, doubt - ful and dread - ing, blind - ed by  
 3 Lo, I am with you, Je - sus has spo - ken. This is Christ's  
 4 Christ, our com - pan - ion, hope for the jour - ney, bread of com -

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pan - ion walks with his own. When they in - vite him,  
 sad - ness, slow - ness of heart, yet Christ walks with us,  
 prom - ise, this is Christ's sign: when the church gath - ers,  
 pas - sion, o - pen our eyes. Grant us your vi - sion,

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as fades the first day, and bread is bro - ken, Christ is made known.  
 ev - er a - wait - ing our in - vi - ta - tion: Stay, do not part.  
 when bread is bro - ken, there Christ is with us, in bread and wine.  
 set all hearts burn - ing that all cre - a - tion with you may rise.

*Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.*

Based on Luke 24:13–35, this text tells how Christ walked with two dejected believers on the way to Emmaus. This journey reminds us of our own spiritual wanderings, and the revelation of the risen Christ in the breaking of the bread gives us hope for such an encounter in worship.

## I Love the Lord, Who Heard My Cry 799

(Psalm 116)

1 I love the Lord, who heard my cry cry  
2 I love the Lord, who heard my cry cry

and pit - ied ev ery groan.  
and chased my grief a - way.

Long as I live and trou-les rise,  
O let my heart no more de - spair

I'll has - ten to God's throne.  
while I have breath to pray.

This setting of stanzas from a metrical psalm draws on an African American singing tradition marked by a slow pace and individual improvisation. Vestiges of that practice appear here in the pattern of extended syllables occurring at regular intervals without regard to meaning.

# 729 Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

1 Lord, I want to be a Chris-tian in my heart, in my heart;  
 2 Lord, I want to be more lov - ing in my heart, in my heart;  
 3 Lord, I want to be more ho - ly in my heart, in my heart;  
 4 Lord, I want to be like Je - sus in my heart, in my heart;

Lord, I want to be a Chris-tian in my heart.  
 Lord, I want to be more lov - ing in my heart.  
 Lord, I want to be more ho - ly in my heart.  
 Lord, I want to be like Je - sus in my heart.

In my heart, in my heart,  
 In my heart, in my heart,

Lord, I want to be a Chris-tian in my heart.  
 Lord, I want to be more lov - ing in my heart.  
 Lord, I want to be more ho - ly in my heart.  
 Lord, I want to be like Je - sus in my heart.

Through its recurring phrase, “in my heart,” this poignant African American spiritual expresses the desire that our professed faith will not be superficial or hypocritical but will permeate the very center of our being, so that we may truly be the people God calls us to be.

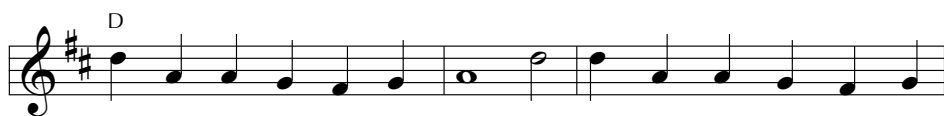
# 609 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow



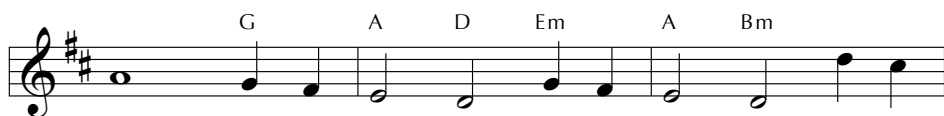
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise God, all creatures



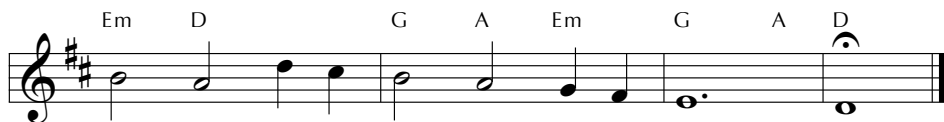
high and low. Alleluia, alleluia! Praise



God, in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word, and Spirit



one. Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia



luia, alleluia, alleluia!

## 839 Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!

1 Bless - ed as - sur - ance, Je - sus is mine! O what a  
 2 Per - fect sub - mis - sion, per - fect de - light, vi - sions of  
 3 Per - fect sub - mis - sion, all is at rest; I in my

fore - taste of glo - ry di - vine! Heir of sal - va - tion,  
 rap - ture now burst on my sight; an - gels de - scend - ing,  
 Sav - ior am hap - py and blest, watch - ing and wait - ing,

pur - chase of God, born of his Spir - it, washed in his blood.  
 bring from a - bove, ech - oes of mer - cy, whis - pers of love.  
 look - ing a - bove, filled with his good - ness, lost in his love.

## Refrain

This is my sto - ry; this is my song, prais - ing my Sav - ior

Sometimes this prolific 19th-century hymnwriter wrote texts for others to set, and sometimes she created words for tunes others had composed. This text was of the second kind, and the resulting close fit between words and music has made them both popular and inseparable.

all the day long; this is my sto - ry; this is my

song, prais - ing my Sav - ior all the day long.

## KOREAN

- 1 예수를 내가 주로 믿어  
성령과 피로써 거듭나니  
이 세상에서 내 영혼이  
하늘의 영광 누리도다
- 후렴 이것이 나의 간증이요  
이것이 나의 찬송일세  
나사는 동안 끊임없이  
예수 내 구주 찬송하리
- 2 온전히 주께 맡긴 내영  
온전한 기쁨을 누리면서  
자비와 사랑 속삭이는  
하늘의 천사 보리로다 후렴
- 3 예수께 맡긴 나의 영혼  
주안에 복되고 평안하니  
세상도 없고 나도 없고  
사랑의 주만 보이도다 후렴