

First Presbyterian Church of Birmingham

## Sunday, April 7, 2024, 10:00 am, Second Sunday of Easter

## **Inclusion Statement**

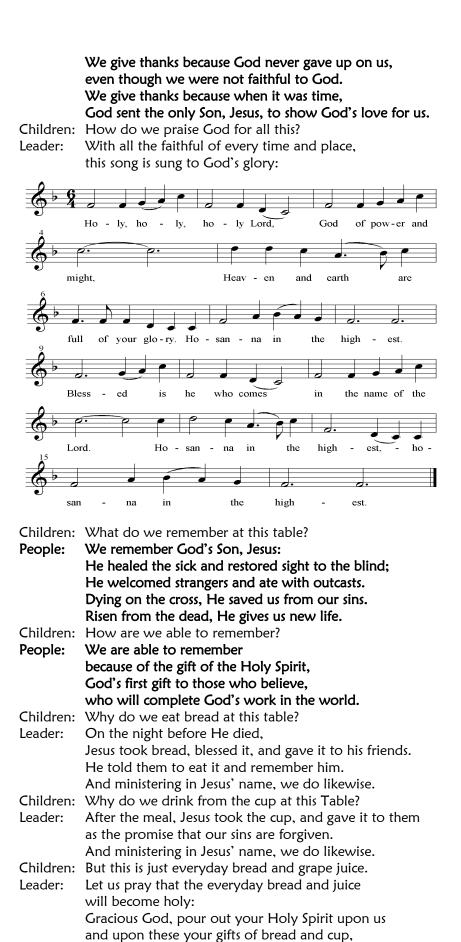
**Vision Statement** As Everybody's Church we commit ourselves to serving Christ by cultivating mission, inclusion and community. As Everybody's Church we strive to be a faithful, open and inclusive community. We welcome the full participation of all people of any ability, gender identity, race, ethnicity, sexual orientation or any other life circumstance.

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS			Rev. Lou Nyiri	†When this symbol precedes an element of the service, please rise in body or in spirit.	
INTRC		"Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks" Beth Lackey, soloist The music this morning is offered as an act of wor therefore, please refrain from applause.	Fishel <i>rship,</i>	Please join in reading those parts of the service printed in <b>bold</b> .	
CALL TO WORSHIP Samuel Moo					
	One:	God of mercy, we no longer look for Jesus amo he is alive and has become the Lord of life.	ng the dead, for		
	Many:	From the waters of death, you raise us with him gift of life within us.	and renew your		
	One:	Increase in our minds and hearts the risen life we Christ, and help us to grow as your people toward the fullness of life with you, through Ch			
	Many: All:	We are Easter people and Alleluia is our song! Let us worship God!	nst our Lord.		
†HYMI	<b>N</b> 246	"Christ Is Alive!"		Hymntune: TRURO	
	יד אדוש	HE YOUNGER CHURCH			
/	After Tir	ne With the Younger Church, children 3 years old will proceed to their classrooms.			
CALL T		IFESSION	Rev. Ted Thode	Confession acknowledges the reality of sin in our personal and corporate lives. This practice	
UNISO	N PRAY	er of confession	relieves us from the burden of sin and reminds us of the promise of God's forgiveness and grace sealed in our baptism.		
	sin and bound hungry oppres abuse t your p	ity God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you shatt I death. We confess that we remain captive to do by the ways that lead to death. We overlook th and pass by those who mourn; we are deaf to the sed and indifferent to calls for peace; we despise the earth you made. Forgive us, God of mercy. ower to change our lives and make us new, that life abundant given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord.			
SILENT		ESSION			

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

† <b>RESPONSE</b> 58	1 Gloi As it was ir w				
	LLUMINAT Living God Enliven our so we may through Jes Amen.	λ			
	ENT LESSO ord of the Lo be to God!	ord.	Gen	esis 18:1-8	Please follow along with the reading on page 14 of the Old Testament in your Pew Bible.
	MENT LES ord of the Lo be to God!	ord.	Luke	24:13-35	Please follow along with the reading on page 90 of the New Testament in your Pew Bible.
SERMON "Were not our while he was c		Veon-Nyiri On the road,			
OFFERING INF	ORMATIO Members a to le	All that we have is a gift from God. In gratitude, we return a portion of those blessings to the work of God in the church.			
OFFERING OF	OUR LIVES	AND RESOURCES			You are invited to contribute
MUSICAL OFFE	USICAL OFFERING "I Will Ri Beth Lackey,		Tomlin	Tomlin	your loose change to the offering plate. This loose change goes to the Deacons to help support their efforts to
†THE DOXOLO	Praise Pra Pra	God, from whom all bless ise God, all creatures here ise God above, ye heavenl Father, Son, and Holy Gho	below; ly host;		meet the immediate needs of food, clothing and shelter in our greater community. Those quarters (and dollars) really add up to help those in need!
Leader: <b>People:</b> Leader: <b>People:</b> Leader: <b>People:</b>	AYER OF 1 The Lor And also Lift up y We lift t Let us gi It is righ n: Why do We give	RD'S TABLE 'HANKSGIVING d be with you. o with you. your hearts. them to the Lord. we thanks to the Lord our of t to give our thanks and pr we give thanks at this table thanks for God's creation, ing us in God's image.	r <b>aise.</b> le?		



that the bread we break and the cup we bless

may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ.

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<b>People:</b> Leader:	Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, In the unity of the Holy Spirit, All glory and honor are Yours, Almighty God, now and forever. Amen. Since this meal brings us together with all Christia let us pray for the needs of the world, the church and all of God's children.		
(Th	e pastor offers prayers asking God to help all those		
Leader: <b>All:</b>	Now, together let us pray the family prayer that J Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy r kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our del our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and forever. Amen.	name. Thy in heaven. Give bts, as we forgive deliver us from	
The eler followed "The bro As you p	<b>OF THE FAITHFUL</b> ments will be served together in the pews; beginning d by the cup. Please partake as you receive. As you ead of heaven, broken for you." The response is "Th pass the cup say, "The cup of salvation, poured out e is, "Amen." ALL the bread is gluten-free.	pass the bread say, hanks be to God."	
PRAYER AFTER	COMMUNION		
† <b>HYMN</b> 250	"In the Bulb There Is a Flower"	Hymntune: PROMISE	
†BENEDICTION			
†PASSING OF T	HE PEACE		
POSTLUDE	"Be Thou My Vision" Leavitt		Welcome in Christ's name to First Presbyterian Church!
Mary Beth Jone	You are welcome here just as you are at whatever place in your spiritual journey that		

Our preacher this morning is Rev. Candace Veon-Nyiri. Candace holds a BA from Grove City College, a M.ED from the University of Arkansas and her M.Div. from Pittsburgh Theological Seminary. She is currently working on a Doctorate of Ministry in Theology and the Arts from United Seminary of the Twin Cities. Candace, a lifelong Presbyterian, has served in a variety of ministry roles: Christian educator, youth director, pediatric chaplain, associate pastor, solo pastor and as a Regional Associate for the Presbytery of Carlisle. Candace enjoys travel (especially Scotland), discussing theology and film, family hikes, visiting coffee shops for caffeinated inspiration, and taking too many pictures with her iPhone.

Our liturgist this morning is Samuel Moore. Sam is a 6th grader at Anderson Middle School in Berkley where he is a member of the chess club, the Student Leadership team, and plays violin in the orchestra. He is also a Boy Scout in Troop 1085 and just achieved the rank of Tenderfoot. He just returned from a fabulous trip to Italy and he would love to tell you all about it!

The flowers today are given by Terry and Cindy Lanzen in loving memory of those who have gone before.

Visitors, thank you for joining us today; please use this QR code to register your attendance:

you find yourself. If you have

any questions about who we

are, what we believe, or what

we do, please ask one of our

elders or pastors. They will be

pleased to visit with you.

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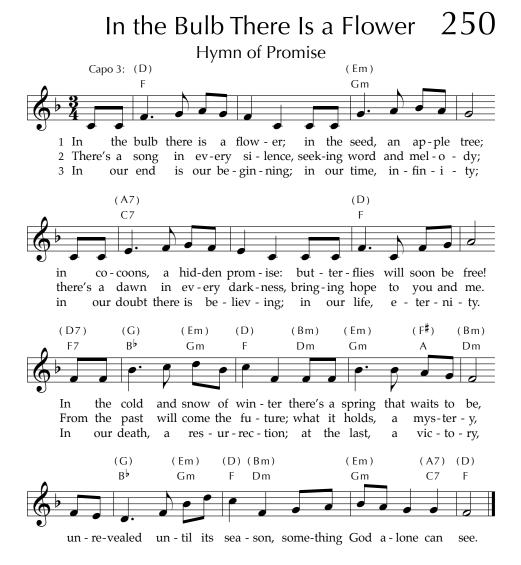
invited to join us for coffee

and goodies following the service in Calvin Hall.

JESUS CHRIST: RESURRECTION



In 1968 Easter fell ten days after the assassination of Martin Luther King Jr., and this text was written to express an Easter hope while mindful of that terrible event. Buoyed by a triple-arched tune, it affirms the presence of a wounded, risen Christ with all who suffer.



The writing of this hymn was spurred by a line from the poet T. S. Eliot: "In my end is my beginning." Shortly after this piece was completed, the author/composer's husband was diagnosed with what proved to be a terminal malignancy, and the original anthem version of this hymn was sung at his funeral.