

The First Presbyterian Church Delhi, New York

April 24, 2022

10:30 a.m.

Second Sunday of Easter

"Why do the nations conspire and the peoples plot in vain? The kings of the earth rise up and the rulers band together against the Lord and against his anointed, saying "Let us break their chains and throw off their shackles." Psalm 2:1-3

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Prelude

Welcome and Church Life Notes

Introit

"God Is So Good"

*Call to Worship (from Psalm 2)

He said to me, "You are my son; today I have become your father." Ask me, and I will make the nations your inheritance, the ends of the earth your possession.

You will break them with a rod of iron, you will dash them to pieces like pottery. Therefore, you kings, be wise; be warned, you rulers of the earth.

Serve the Lord with fear and celebrate his rule with trembling.

Kiss his son, or he will be angry and your way will lead to your destruction for his wrath can flare up in a moment. Blessed are all who take refuge in him.

*Hymn

"Where Armies Scourge the Countryside"

#344

*Where armies scourge the countryside, and people flee in fear,
where sirens scream through flaming nights, and death is ever near.*

Refrain: O God of mercy, hear our prayer. Bring peace to earth again!

*Where anger festers in the heart, and strikes with cruel hand;
where violence stalks the troubled streets, and terror haunts the land. (Refrain)*

*Where homes are torn by bitter strife, and love dissolves in blame;
where walls you meant for sheltering care hide deeds of hurt and shame. (Refrain)*

*O God, whose heart compassionate bears every human pain,
redeem this violent, wounding world till gentleness shall reign. (Refrain)*

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

We come to you, O God, with all our sins, knowing that your glorious forgiveness is in more-than-adequate supply. We are only human and at times our feelings or situations will tempt us to doubt you. Help us to cling to the promises you give us in your Word. Your forgiveness is your promise that we can put our wrongdoing in the past. Amen.

(A moment for silent personal prayer of confession)

Assurance of Pardon

Our Lord is good and kind. He cares for us and loves us unconditionally. Be confident that he sees your heart and you are forgiven.



Gracious and merciful God, we come to you to confess our sins. Every day we struggle and fall to temptation. We act selfishly, speak lies, and pass on opportunities to love others. We are sorry and ask you to forgive us for all the ways we fail you and your commands. Please cleanse us and help us to not return to our sinful ways. Amen.

***Choral Response**

"Gloria Patri"

#581

*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.*

***Sharing the Peace**

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Anthem

"Blessed Quietness"

Ferguson/Marshall

Prayer for Illumination

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the Scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.

Old Testament Reading – 2 Kings 7:1-16

Elisha said, "Hear the word of the Lord. This is what the Lord says: About this time tomorrow, a seah of flour will sell for a shekel and two seahs of barley for a shekel at the gate of Samaria." The officer on whose arm the king was leaning said to the man of God, "Look, even if the Lord should open the floodgates of the heavens, could this happen?" "You will see it with your own eyes," answered Elisha, "but you will not eat any of it!" Now there were four men with leprosy at the entrance of the city gate. They said to each other, "Why stay here until we die? If we say, 'We'll go into the city - the famine is there, and we will die, and if we stay here, we will die. So let's go over to the camp of the Arameans and surrender, if they spare us, we live; if they kill us, then we die.'" At dusk they got up and went to the camp of the Arameans. When they reached the edge of the camp not a man was there, for the Lord had caused the Arameans to hear the sound of chariots and horses and a great army, so that they said to one another, "Look, the king of Israel has hired the Hittite and Egyptian kings to attack us!" So they got up and fled in the dusk and abandoned their tents and their horses and donkeys. They left the camp as it was and ran for their lives. The men who had leprosy reached the edge of the camp and entered one of the tents. They ate and drank, and carried away silver, gold and clothes, and went off and hid them. They returned and entered another tent and took some things from it and hid them, also. Then they said to each other, "We're not doing right. This is a day of good news and we are keeping it to ourselves. If we wait until daylight, punishment will overtake us. Let's go at once and report this to the royal palace." So they went and called out to the city gatekeepers and told them, "We went into the Aramean camp and not a man was there – not a sound of anyone – only tethered horses and donkeys, and the tents left just as they were." The gatekeepers shouted to news, and it was reported within the palace. The king got up in the night and said to his officers, "I will tell you what the Arameans have done to us. They know we are starving; so they have left the camp to hide in the countryside, thinking, 'They will surely come out, and then we will take them alive and get into the city.'" One of his officers answered, "Have some men take five of the horses that are left in the city. Their plight will be like that of all the Israelites left here – yes, they will only be like all these Israelites who are doomed. So let us send them to find out what happened." So they selected two chariots with their horses, and the king sent them after the Aramean army. He commanded the drivers, "Go and find out what has happened." They followed them as far as the Jordan and they found the whole road strewn with the clothing and equipment the Arameans had thrown away in their headlong flight. So the messengers returned and reported to the king. Then the people went out and plundered the

camp of the Arameans. So the seah of flour sold for a shekel and two seahs of barley sold for a shekel as the Lord had said.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading – John 20:19-31

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord. Again Jesus said "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me I am sending you." And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone his sins they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them they are not forgiven." Now Thomas (called Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord!" But he said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe it." A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe." Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!" Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." Jesus did many other miraculous signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. But these are written that you may have life in his name.

Leader: The Gospel of Christ.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Elder Tammi Tully

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***Hymn**

"O Hear Our Cry, O Lord"

#355

*O hear our cry, O Lord, now hear us as we pray.
You guide us as a shepherd leads so keep us in your way.
O come; Lord, come; restore and save us now.*

*Enthroned above all worlds, you shine with holy light,
Lord, pour your power upon us all and save us with your might.
O come; Lord, come; restore and save us now.*

*O Lord, the god of Hosts, turn not your face away.
Our tears have been both food and drink; foes mock us night and day.
O come; Lord, come; restore and save us now.*

*O Lord our God, return; bring peace in to each home.
So let your face shine on us all; restore us as your own.
O come; Lord, come: restore and say us now.*

***The Apostles Creed**

I believe in God, the Father almighty. Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell. On the third day, he arose again from the dead. He ascended into Heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will 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.

Presentation of Gifts & Offerings

Call to the Offering

Offerings may be made online at <https://fpcdelhi.org/content/offering> or by USPS mail service.

Offertory

***Choral Response** *“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”* **#606**

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

*Prayer of Dedication

Gracious God, your love has been with your people since the world began. In gratitude, we bring these gifts to you now. Use them and us, so that others may come to know of your great generosity and endless love. Amen.

Prayers of the People and The Lord’s Prayer

... “forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors”

*Hymn

“Will You Come and Follow Me”

#726

*Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don’t know and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown; will you let my name be known;
Will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?*

*Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don’t know and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?*

*Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?
Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean, and do such as this unseen,
and admit to what I mean in you and you in me?*

*Will you love the ‘you’ you hide if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you’ve found to re-shape the world around
through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?*

*Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.
In your company I’ll go where your love and foot-steps show.
Thus I’ll move and live and grow in you and you in me.*

*Benediction

*The Sending

“We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight”

#817

*We walk by faith and not by sight; with gracious words draw near,
O Christ, who spoke as none e’er spoke: “My peace be with you here.”*

*We may not touch your hands and side, nor follow where you trod;
but in your promise we rejoice and cry, “My Lord and God!”*

*Help then, O Lord, our unbelief; and may our faith abound
to call on you when you are near and seek where you are found.*

*And when our life of faith is done, in realms of clearer light
may we behold you as you are, with full and endless sight.*

Postlude

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Thought for the Day: “An effort made for the happiness of others lifts us above ourselves.”

—Lydia M. Child

Leading us in worship this morning:
Elder Tammi Tully, Worship Leader
Billy Meredith, Music Director
Art Maxwell, Liturgist



First Presbyterian Church of Delhi, New York April 24, 2022

Welcome to worship this second Sunday of Easter. Faith is always a mix of belief and doubt, so with Thomas we proclaim: “My Lord and my God!” (John 20:28).

(Prayer) Jesus, you showed Thomas the scars that remained, even in your resurrected body. Thank you for being so real for us all.

Your **tithes and offerings** may be made online via PayPal, click the donate button at <https://fpcdelhi.org/content/offering>, or by regular USPS mail (4 Clinton Street, Delhi, NY 13753).

The **deadline for Newsletter submissions is Monday, April 25th**. If you have anything for the May-June Courier, please be sure to get it to Darcy by tomorrow!

For the time that we are without a full-time pastor, members of Session will be taking turns in serving as a go-to person if a pastoral need arises. For the remainder of April and for the month of May it will be Kathy Sullivan who will serve as the contact person. Carolyn Massey will serve in June.

One Great Hour of Sharing is our **mission focus** for April. It makes a difference in our world by supporting Presbyterian outreach programs. The outreach programs include the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance program which works alongside communities as they recover and find hope after devastation of natural and human caused disasters. Another is the Presbyterian Hunger Program which takes action to alleviate hunger, care for the creation and systemic causes of poverty so that all may be fed. The third is the Self-Development of People which invests in communities responding to their experiences of oppression, poverty and injustice. Please consider supporting this worthy cause.

Devotional booklets (Upper Room and Daily Bread) are available outside the office and in the new narthex. Please take one for your daily devotions!

Today is a BOUNTIFUL GIVING SUNDAY. The Delhi Food Pantry is accepting **non-perishable food items**. You can also donate via <https://fpcdelhi.org/content/offering> or give cash or check donations designated for the food bank. Please make checks out to First Presbyterian Church. Checks may also be mailed via regular mail to the church at 4 Clinton Street, Delhi NY 13753.

THOUGHTS ON GIVING: “Jesus said to them again, ‘Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.’” (John 20:21) Peace – the first gift of the risen Lord. Just as Jesus sent the apostles out into the world, so too, he sends us. As disciples of Jesus, we are called to be compassionate and merciful; and not with just those who are our friends, but also with our “enemies.” Think of someone in your life who you need to reconcile with. Call them right now or better yet, go visit them.

STEWARDSHIP PRAYER: That we show mercy to someone we need to reconcile with.

The **Per Capita** amount for 2022 has been set at \$42.00 per member.

<i>Virtual and Sanctuary Attendance Maundy Thursday 4-14-2022</i>	18 - 10 in sanctuary + Approx. 8 virtual
<i>Virtual and Sanctuary Attendance Easter Sunday 4-17-2022</i>	72 - 59 in sanctuary + Approx. 13 virtual
The amount needed each week	\$2,147.35*
The amount given week of 4-17-2022	\$1,782.00
The amount needed year-to-date	\$34,357.60
The amount given YTD as of 4-17-2022	\$31,117.45
Fuel Fund given YTD as of 4-17-2022	\$1,505.00
Kirk Receipts week of 4-10-22 to 4-16-22	\$1,080.84
Mission giving week of 4-17-2022	\$10.00
Mission giving YTD as of 4-17-2022	\$575.00
Apportionment Needed 2022	\$7,182.00
Apportionment received YTD as of 4-17-2022	\$1,527.58

*The amount needed each week is total expenses minus budgeted savings transfers.

Thank you for everything you are doing to keep yourself and others safe as we worship and fellowship together virtually and in person!

SUNDAY April 24	<i>Bountiful Giving Sunday & Second Sunday of Easter</i> 9:45 am Sunday School 9:45 am Choir Rehearsal 10:30 am Worship
MONDAY April 25	<i>Newsletter Deadline</i> 8:00 am – 12:00 pm Little Inspirations 9:00 am SPARKS 9:00 am Kirk Work Day
TUESDAY April 26	8:00 am – 12:00 pm Little Inspirations
WEDNESDAY April 27	8:00 am – 12:00 pm Little Inspirations 4:00 pm Kirk Meeting 5:00 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal
THURSDAY April 28	8:00 am – 12:00 pm Little Inspirations 9:00 am Kirk Work Day
FRIDAY April 29	8:00 am – 12:00 pm Little Inspirations 9:00 am – 2:00 pm Kirk Thrift Store Open
SATURDAY April 30	9:00 am – 2:00 pm Kirk Thrift Store Open
SUNDAY May 1	<i>Third Sunday of Easter</i> 9:30 am Deacons Meeting 9:45 am Choir Rehearsal 10:30 am Worship