



The First Presbyterian Church Delhi, New York

April 23, 2023

10:30 a.m.

Third Sunday of Easter

"I will exalt the Lord at all times; his praise will always be on my lips" Psalm 34:1

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Prelude

Welcome and Church Life Notes

Introit

"Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!"

*Call to Worship (Isaiah 51:1-4)

Leader: Listen to me, you who pursue righteousness and who seek the Lord. Look to the rock from which you were cut and from the quarry from which you were hewn.

People: Look to Abraham, your father, and to Sarah who gave you birth. When I called him, he was but one, and I blessed him and made him many.

Unison: Lift up your eyes to the heavens, look at the earth beneath; the heavens will vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment and its inhabitants will die like flies—but my salvation will last forever. My righteousness will never fail.

*Hymn

"Crown Him with Many Crowns"

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Prayer of Confession

God judges the nations with righteousness and answers the poor with justice. God of glory, you sent Jesus among us as the light of the world, to reveal your love for all people. We confess that our sin and pride hide your light. We turn away from the poor and ignore cries for justice. We do not strive for peace as we should. O God, cleanse of our sin and pour out the gifts of the Holy Spirit, that through forgiveness we might show forth your glory, shining through the love of Jesus Christ.

(A moment for silent personal prayer of confession)

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Hear the good news! Who is in a position to condemn? Only Jesus Christ. Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ lives for us. Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

People: Thanks be to God. 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

"You Are My All in All"

Jernigan

Prayer for Illumination

Dear God, giver of all light, lift up our hearts and minds to Christ, who never fails us. By the energy of your Holy Spirit, reveal to us your blessed word and lead us to offer our lives to you in service and love, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Old Testament Reading – Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19

I love the Lord, because he has heard my voice and my supplications. Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live. The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me; I suffered distress and anguish. Then I called on the name of the Lord: 'O Lord, I pray, save my life!'

What shall I return to the Lord for all his bounty to me? I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord, I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people. Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his faithful ones. O Lord, I am your servant; I am your servant, the child of your serving-maid. You have loosed my bonds. I will offer to you a thanksgiving sacrifice and call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people, in the courts of the house of the Lord, in your midst, O Jerusalem. Praise the Lord!

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading – Luke 24:13-35

Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, 'What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?' They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, 'Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?' He asked them, 'What things?' They replied, 'The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him.' Then he said to them, 'Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?' Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, 'Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.' So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, 'Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?' That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, 'The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!' Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

Leader: God's Word for Today.

People: Thanks be to God.

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***Song**

“Because He Lives”

Bill & Gloria Gaither

*God sent his son, they called him Jesus;
He came to love, heal and forgive;
He lived and died to buy my pardon,
An empty grave is there to prove my Savior lives!*

*Chorus: Because he lives, I can face tomorrow,
Because he lives, all fear is gone;
Because I know he holds the future,
And life is worth the living,
Just because he lives!*

*How sweet to hold a newborn baby,
And feel the pride and joy he gives;
But greater still the calm assurance:
This child can face uncertain days because he lives!*

(Chorus)

*And then one day, I'll cross the river,
I'll fight life's final war with pain;
And then, as death gives way to victory,
I'll see the lights of glory and I'll know he lives!*

(Chorus)

***Affirmation of Faith – Apostle’s Creed**

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty: from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, 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

Leader: Holy God, you made us in your image and in your generosity make us be more faithful in our giving. We strive to be more generous when bringing our gifts to you. Bless our gifts, in your honor to do with them as you will. In the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

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”

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*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**

God, our hearts overflow with thanksgiving to you. You are infinitely good to us. You have supplied our salvation through Jesus and our spiritual needs through the Holy Spirit. Accept our tithes and offerings as thank you for your remarkable blessings. Amen.

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

... "forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors"

*Closing Hymn

"How Great Thou Art"

#625

*Benediction

Postlude

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Thought for the Day: "If we all said a prayer for each other every day, what a wonderful world this would be." —Anne Shelton

Leading us in worship this morning:
Pulpit Guest Ron Galley, Worship Leader
Billy Meredith, Music Director
Trustee Art Maxwell, Liturgist

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Welcome to worship, Christian education and fellowship. May God bless and strengthen you here today.

(Prayer) As you walk with me through life, Jesus, help me recognize you and invite you to stay.

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

The **deadline for submissions to the May-June newsletter** is tomorrow, April 24. If you have anything for the upcoming Courier, please get it to Darcy by the end of the day on Monday.

On **Sunday, April 30 we will be joining in the service at Bovina United Presbyterian Church at 10am.** There will be no service here in Delhi that morning. Following the service in Bovina there will be a luncheon, so bring a dish to pass!

The **TRUSTEES** responsible for counting today are Tom Little and Joe Cantwell. The Trustees responsible for counting on April 30 are Kevin Lee and Cullen LaFever.

The last Sunday of every month 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.

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

THOUGHTS ON GIVING “Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the scriptures?” Luke 24:32. How often do you take the time to discern what Jesus is calling you to do with your life? Are your prayers always petitions, asking Jesus to do things for you? If so, that’s a one-sided relationship. Living our faith means developing a personal relationship with Jesus. Just like any friendship, there is give and take, each side listening to each other and helping each other out. Take time, in silence, to listen to what Jesus is asking of you today.

STEWARDSHIP PRAYER: That we take time in silence, every day, to ask God what he wants us to do.

The **Per Capita** amount for 2023 has been set at \$43.95 per member.

<i>Virtual and Sanctuary Attendance Sunday 4-16-2023</i>	65 - 60 in sanctuary + Approx. 5 virtual
General amount needed each week	\$1,653.00*
General amount given week of 4-16-2023	\$1,381.11
General amount needed year-to-date	\$26,448.00
General amount given YTD as of 4-16-2023	\$29,838.45
Fuel Fund needed each week	\$423.62
Fuel Fund given week of 4-16-2023	\$25.00
Fuel Fund needed year-to-date	\$6,777.92
Fuel Fund given YTD as of 4-16-2023	\$495.00
Kirk Receipts 4-9-23 to 4-15-23	\$1,404.98
Mission giving week of 4-16-2023	\$160.00
Mission giving YTD as of 4-16-2023	\$1,095.50
Apportionment Needed 2023	\$7,163.85
Apportionment received YTD as of 4-16-2023	\$1,514.40

*General amount needed each week is total expenses minus budgeted savings transfers and fuel expenses.

SUNDAY April 23	9:45 am Choir Rehearsal 10:30 am Worship
MONDAY April 24	Newsletter Deadline 8:00 am – 12:00 pm Little Inspirations 9:00 am Kirk Work Day
TUESDAY April 25	8:00 am – 12:00 pm Little Inspirations 3:00 pm Girl Scouts
WEDNESDAY April 26	8:00 am – 12:00 pm Little Inspirations 10:30 am Gentle Yoga 4:00 pm Kirk Meeting 5:00 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal 6:00 pm Healthy Congregations Workshop
THURSDAY April 27	8:00 am – 12:00 pm Little Inspirations 9:00 am Kirk Work Day
FRIDAY April 28	8:00 am – 12:00 pm Little Inspirations 9:00 am – 2:00 pm Kirk Thrift Store Open 10:30 am Adult Ballet Class (Chapel)
SATURDAY April 29	9:00 am – 2:00 pm Kirk Thrift Store Open 10:15 am Ashtanga Yoga (Chapel) 11:45 am Yin Yoga (Chapel)
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