

First Presbyterian Church in Philadelphia



## CELEBRATION!

Third Sunday of Easter

April 14, 2024

**Welcome**

The Reverend Dr. Baron Mullis

### Opening Acclamation

Christ is risen!

**He is risen indeed!**

### \*Song

#### Peace Like a River

I've got peace like a river; I've got peace like a river;

I've got peace like a river, in my soul.

I've got peace like a river; I've got peace like a river;

I've got peace like a river, in my soul.

I've got joy like a fountain; I've got joy like a fountain;

I've got joy like a fountain, in my soul.

I've got joy like a fountain; I've got joy like a fountain;

I've got joy like a fountain, in my soul.

I've got love like an ocean; I've got love like an ocean;

I've got love like an ocean, in my soul.

I've got love like an ocean; I've got love like an ocean;

I've got love like an ocean, in my soul.

### \*Prayer (unison)

The Reverend Laura Colee

Loving God, there is nothing that can separate us from you or your love. Not even death could keep Jesus from loving us! Thank you for raising Jesus on Easter morning and thank you for showing us that new things are possible.

Lord God, you promise to always love us, even when we make mistakes. When we fall down, your love and forgiveness lift us up again. Forgive us for when we've spoken unkindly to one another this week. Help us to choose words that are gentle and caring. Forgive us for when we've not shared with others and we've kept things for ourselves. Teach us your generosity and compassion. Forgive us for when we've ignored others and separated ourselves from them. Help us to see the best in people and help us to forgive the worst. As we continue to pray, remind us again and again of your unending love for each one of us...

## The Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.  
And also with you.

## Prayer for Illumination

Shine in our hearts the pur-est light of your e-ter-nal word; o -  
pen our eyes to com-pre-hend the mes-sage of our Lord. A - men.

## Reading the Word of God

Luke 24:36-48

Reagan & Wyatt Buzan

## Seeing and Touching the Word

Karen Marston

## Reflections

Dr. Mullis

## \*Song

### It Is Well with My Soul

When peace like a river attendeth my way, when sorrows like sea billows roll,  
whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say, it is well, it is well with my soul.

#### Refrain:

It is well with my soul; it is well; it is well with my soul.

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come, let this blest assurance control,  
that Christ hath regarded my helpless estate,  
and hath shed his own blood for my soul. (Refrain)

He lives: O the bliss of this glorious thought. My sin, not in part, but the whole,  
is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more.  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! (Refrain)

Lord, hasten the day when our faith shall be sight, the clouds be rolled back as a scroll,  
the trumpet shall sound and the Lord shall descend;  
even so it is well with my soul. (Refrain)

## \*The Apostles' Creed (unison)

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of  
the Father, and he will come 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.

## Offering (You may remain seated during the Doxology.)

Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow, Praise God all crea-tures here be - low, Praise  
God a-bove ye heav'n- ly host, Praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

## Prayers of the People

### The Lord's Prayer (unison)

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.

### The Lord's Supper

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

The gifts of God for the people of God.

**Let us keep the feast!**

### Prayer after Communion (unison)

God, who takes care of each one of us, thank you for feeding us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation; now send us out into the world to tell everyone about your love. Amen.

### \*Closing Song

### Now Go in Joy

Now go in joy to spread the Word till all people have heard:  
God embraces all! Follow, then, the disciples' call:  
tend your neighbors with loving care in daily work and prayer.  
God's own grace empower your spirit. Amen!

### Benediction and Going Forth

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**In the power of the Holy Spirit. Alleluia!**



## Meetings This Week

Wednesday, April 18

Session

6:30 p.m.

### Band of Boomers Visit Penn Museum - Today!

Join the Band of Boomers today after worship for a visit to Penn Museum, including a highlight tour. Meet at 1:30 at the Museum (3260 South Street) for the highlight tour. Lunch is available at the café beforehand. Please contact Shellie Unger ([shellieunger@mac.com](mailto:shellieunger@mac.com)) for information.

### Kids' Night @ FPCP

FPC Kids' Night is back! On Friday, April 19, from 5-8 pm, we are inviting kids to join us at First Presbyterian Church in Philadelphia for pizza, snacks, crafts, games, and a movie. While your kids hang out with us, parents and guardians are able to have a night to themselves. Register via our website!

### Earth Day Christian Education Programs - April 21

Join us next Sunday at 9:45 a.m. for Earth Day programs for both adults and children. In the MacColl Room, for the adults, Doug O'Malley, Director with Environment New Jersey and FPC member, will speak on progress made over the last year, and the impact of Climate Change. For the children, there will be a special Earth Day Sunday School in Old Buttonwood Hall. More information can be found on the church website.

### Twenties & Thirties Hot Sauce Tasting Lunch - April 21

After worship on next Sunday, the T&Ts will gather in Old Buttonwood Hall to taste test 10 hot sauces from Season 13 of Hot Ones over chicken and fries. Please RSVP to Laura ([youngadults@fpcphila.org](mailto:youngadults@fpcphila.org)) so we know how much food to order.

### Become a Sunday School/Nursery Volunteer

We'd love to have you volunteer with our children's Sunday School or Nursery program. If you are interested in helping lead Sunday School with Pastor Laura or volunteering the nursery a few times a year, please reach out at to Rev. Laura Colee ([laura.colee@fpcphila.org](mailto:laura.colee@fpcphila.org)).

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