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*THE GATHERING*

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**Chiming of the Hour**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Prelude to Worship**

**\*\*Call to Worship**

Liturgist: Blessed be the God of our Savior, Jesus Christ!

**People: God has given us a new birth in the living hope of the resurrection.**

Liturgist: God has given us an inheritance that is imperishable and unfading.

**People: In this we rejoice, even when we suffer trials.**

Liturgist: For although we have not seen Jesus, we love him; and although we have not seen him, we believe in him.

**People: For the outcome of our faith is the salvation of our souls.**

**\*\*Prayer of the Day**

**\*Hymn 476**                    *"O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!"*

**\*\*Call to Confession**

**\*\*Prayer of Confession**

God, you have made known to us the ways of life. Yet, too often, we put other things above you and turn away from the ways of life and toward the ways of death. Forgive us and guide us back into your presence, that we may know the fullness of joy. Amen.

**\*\*Declaration of Pardon**

**\*\*Hymn 579**                    *"Glory Be to the Father"*

*"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."*

**\*\*The Passing of the Peace of Christ**

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Let us share this peace with one another.

*Children are dismissed to their class.*

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*THE WORD*

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**Unison Prayer for Understanding**

**Guiding God, send your Holy Spirit upon the reading of your Word that it may serve to show us the path of life and lead us into your presence where there is fullness of joy. Amen.**

**The Reading from the Gospels**

**Matthew 28:1-10**

*...see insert...*

Reader: The gospel of our Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**A Gift of Music**

**Sermon**

*"The Power You Possess"*

**\*\*Hymn 435**

*"We All Are One in Mission"*

**Affirmation of Faith**

**The Apostles 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.**

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THE RESPONSE TO THE WORD

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Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

(debts/debtors)

*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.*

Invitation to the Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

**\*\*Hymn**                    *"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"*                    **DOXOLOGY**

*"Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!" Amen.*

**\*\*Prayer of Dedication**

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THE SENDING

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**\*\*Hymn 411**                    *"Arise, Your Light Is Come!"*

**\*\*Charge and Blessing**

**\*\*Postlude**

**\*\*please stand as you are able**

# *First Presbyterian Church of Lancaster*

*Order of Worship for the Third Sunday of Easter*

*April 19, 2026 ~ 11 a.m.*

Organist—Mr. Jim Parrish  
Pastor—The Reverend Michael Denney

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*Please silence cell phones prior to worship*

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*(The Walk to Emmaus by Lelio Orsi—circa 1565-75)*