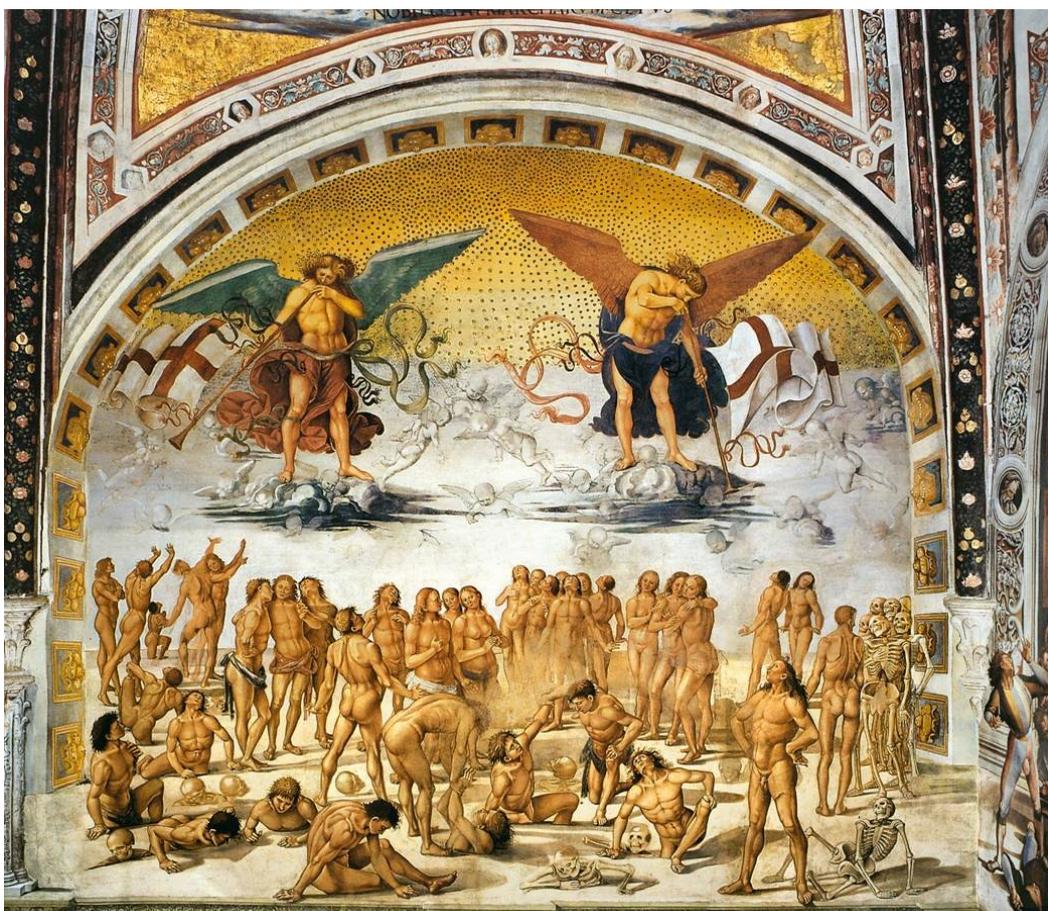


# Welcome All to Sunday Worship Service



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## ORDER OF WORSHIP

First Presbyterian Church  
February 13, 2022  
Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

**Prelude:** Arise Toward the Light

- Tom Birchwood, 1988

**Welcome and Announcements**

**\*Passing of the Peace**

One: The peace of Christ be with you.  
All: **And also with you!**

**Introit:** Light of The World, We Hail Thee

- John S. B. Monsell, 1811-1875/  
William Walker 1809-1875

**Call to Worship**

One: When we turn our hearts away from God and toward ourselves, putting trust in our own strength,  
All: **we become like a shrub in the desert, living in a parched, salty place.**  
One: When we trust in God, when our trust is God, we are like a tree planted by water.  
All: **Our roots go deep, we are ever-green; even in a drought we are not anxious, but bear fruit, full and beautiful, gifts of the God who made us.**

**Prayer of the Day** (*unison*)

God of life, in Christ you resurrect all things.  
Raise us from death to life,  
that our transformation may bear witness  
to the power of your grace in our lives  
through Jesus Christ, the firstborn from the dead.  
Amen.

**\*Opening Hymn:** "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

No. 276

*\*Please stand in body or spirit.*

**\*Invitation to Confession**

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves  
and the truth is not in us.  
So let us be honest and confess what separates us  
from God and our neighbors,  
trusting in God's constant desire to forgive and renew.

**\*Prayer of Confession** (*unison*)

**God of judgment and renewal,  
we admit to you and to each other  
that we have not always loved you and our neighbors  
as fully as you call us to love.  
We have failed to be good stewards  
of the air, the water, the animals, and the plants.  
We have turned away from you  
and toward our own self-interest.  
We have been shortsighted,  
and we are humbly sorry.  
Help us turn back to you, O Lord,  
to reach toward you as a tree sends its roots out  
toward water. Amen.**

**\*Kyrie Eleison**

**Lord, have mercy upon us.  
Christ, have mercy upon us.  
Lord, have mercy upon us.**

**\*Assurance of Pardon**

Because Christ has been raised from the dead,  
sin and death do not have the final word!  
Believe in God, Friends!  
Believe the good news: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

**\*Gloria Patri**

**\*Prayer of Illumination** (*unison*)

**Creator God, you created us with free will  
and freedom of choice.  
By the power of the Holy Spirit,  
speak your Word though the words of scripture,  
that we may live according to your will;  
through Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.**

**First Scripture Reading:** Jeremiah 17:5-10

P. 719 in the Old Testament

Thus says the LORD:  
Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals  
and make mere flesh their strength,  
whose hearts turn away from the LORD.  
They shall be like a shrub in the desert,  
and shall not see when relief comes.  
They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness,  
in an uninhabited salt land.  
Blessed are those who trust in the LORD,  
whose trust is the LORD.  
They shall be like a tree planted by water,  
sending out its roots by the stream.  
It shall not fear when heat comes,  
and its leaves shall stay green;  
in the year of drought it is not anxious,  
and it does not cease to bear fruit.  
The heart is devious above all else;  
it is perverse—  
who can understand it?  
I the LORD test the mind  
and search the heart,  
to give to all according to their ways,  
according to the fruit of their doings.

**Anthem:** Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks

- Donald Fishel, 1973

**Second Scripture Reading:** 1 Corinthians 15:12-20

P. 176 in the New Testament

Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ—whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

**Sermon:** In the Light of the Resurrection

Rev. Jim DeMent

1 Corinthians 15:20: But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

*Silence and stillness*

**\*Congregational Hymn:** “Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed ”

No. 78

**Presentation of Tithes and Offerings**

**Offertory:** Trust and Obey

*Daniel B. Towner, 1887*

**\*Doxology**

**\*Prayer of Thanksgiving** (*unison*)

Holy One, bless and multiply these gifts we give  
as tokens of our trust in you.

Use them to bless the poor,  
feed the hungry, and comfort those who weep;  
in Jesus’ name. Amen.

**\*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 at 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.

**Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer**

**\*Closing Hymn:** “I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art”

No. 457

**\*Charge**

**\*Benediction**

**\*Choral Benediction:** Walk in the Light

- *Bernard Barton, 1784-1849*  
*Henry W. Greatorex, 1851*

**Postlude:** When the Roll Is Called Up Yonder

*Played by C. F. Schneider*

- *James M. Black, 1856-1938*

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Verse 1

Verse 3

Verse 2

Verse 4

**Great Is Thy Faithfulness**

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God, Creator,  
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;  
Thou changest not, Thy compassions they fail not;  
As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;  
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,  
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,  
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above  
Join with all nature in manifold witness  
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.

**Refrain:**

Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided;  
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

**Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed**

Alas! And did my Savior bleed,  
And did my Sovereign die!  
Would He devote that sacred head  
For sinners such as I?

Well might the sun in darkness hide,  
And shut its glories in,  
When Christ, the great Redeemer, died  
For human creatures’ sin.

Was it for sins that I have done,  
He suffered on the tree?  
Amazing pity! Grace unknown!  
And love beyond degree!

But drops of grief can ne'er repay  
The debt of love I owe.  
Here, Lord, I give myself away;  
'Tis all that I can do.

**I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Are**

I greet Thee, who my sure Redeemer art,  
 My only trust and Savior of my heart,  
 Who pain didst undergo for my poor sake;  
 I pray thee from our hearts all cares to take.

Thou art the King of mercy and of grace,  
 Reigning omnipotent in every place:  
 So come, O King, and our whole being sway;  
 Shine on us with the light of Thy pure day.

Thou art the life, by which alone we live,  
 And all our substance and our strength receive;  
 Sustain us by Thy faith and by Thy power,  
 And give us strength in every trying hour.

Thou hast the true and perfect gentleness,  
 No harshness hast Thou and no bitterness:  
 O grant to us the grace we find in Thee,  
 That we may dwell in perfect unity.



**Caregiving Concerns and Prayer Requests**

Kathryn Amsler	Gloria Aouelle	Bette Austin	Nathan Galvan (Son of Leila Galvan)
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**FPC Opportunities for Worship & Service**

**Wednesday, February 16**  
 5:30 AM Choir Practice  
**Sunday, February 20**  
 10:30 AM Worship Service

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 Public Health and Safety Protocols  
 for In-Person Gatherings  
 at the Church”  
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**Pastor’s Notes**

The fresco on our Bulletin cover, “Resurrection of the Flesh,” was created in the late Middle Ages (1499-1502) by the Italian Renaissance master, Luca Signorelli (c. 1441/1445 – 16 October 1523). The fresco, together with other masterpieces by Signorelli, adorns the vaulted ceilings of the “New” Chapel (aka the San Brizio Chapel, completed in 1591) of the Orvieto Cathedral (begun in 1290) situated in the town of Orvieto in Umbria, central Italy.

Signorelli’s fresco captures the Christian theology of the resurrection of the body in glorious detail. Notice that there are no ghost-like souls soaring to heaven; the resurrection is somehow corporal rather than an ascension of spirits. Still, the theological mystery for most post-modern Christians is that it is hard to image that the resurrection of the body, though clearly foretold by Christ, will be like that of the beautiful human specimens in the prime of their lives as Signorelli has portrayed. This Sunday, we are studying Paul’s insistence on the resurrection of the body as a central tenet of Christianity. Next Sunday, we will study Paul’s teachings about what the resurrection of “the body” must mean to those who are faithful to Jesus Christ.

**Clergy, Music, and Administration**

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