

Second Sunday of Easter
Holy Humor Sunday
April 7, 2024 - 10:00 AM

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude "Frühlings Zwiebeln" **B. Talliaferro Jones**

Announcements

"Not So Children's Time

***Call to Worship (From Psalm 19)**

Led by Liturgist Bill Batcher

One: We believe in God, who made us in His image.

All: We live, we love, we laugh because we are like Him.

One: We believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God, our Lord, and Savior.

All: He had the last laugh on the devil when He rose from the dead.

One: We believe in the Holy Spirit, coequal and coeternal with the Father and the Son.

All: Our counselor, our guide, our motivator – He is our joy! Let us worship God!

***Hymn**

"Take Time to Be Funny"

See Insert

Litany of Restoration

One: For those times when we move in the shadow, unaware or unwilling to be aware of how our actions affect others,

All: we come together, in the light, to find our joy in God.

One: For those times when we deceive ourselves – not revealing to ourselves or others the true nature of our vulnerabilities and fears,

All: we come together in the truth, to find forgiveness in fellowship.

One: For those times when life has been revealed, and we have ignored or denied it,

All: we come together to touch grace in the presence of the Spirit of Christ. Amen!

Assurance of Pardon

***Gloria Patri (#579)**

Passing of the Peace

Led by Liturgist Bill Batcher

One: Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another. The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

All: AND ALSO WITH YOU. (greet one another, sharing signs of peace & reconciliation)

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Old Testament Lesson

Psalm 133 (*Blue Bible p.543 Black Bible p.575*)

New Testament Lesson

Luke 24: 36b – 48 (*Blue Bible p.85 Black Bible p.91*)

Communion Meditation

"You Want Fries With That?"

Rev. Dr. Peter Kelley

Litany For Ordination and Installation

(Congregation joins in phrases in bold.)

There are different gifts, **But it is the same Spirit who gives them.**

There are different ways of serving God, **But it is the same Lord who is served.**

God works through different people in different ways, **But it is the same God whose purpose is achieved through them all.**

Each one is given a gift by the Spirit, **To use for the common good.**

Together we are the Body of Christ, **And individually members of him.**

Though we have different gifts, together we are a ministry of reconciliation, led by the risen Christ. We work and pray to make his church useful in the world, and we call women and men to faith, so that, in the end, every knee shall bow and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is the Lord, to the glory of God.

Within our common ministry, some members are chosen for particular work as ministers of the word, ruling elders or deacons. In ordination, we recognize these special ministries, remembering that our Lord Jesus said: "Whoever among you wants to be great must become the servant of all, and if whoever wants to be first must be the slave of all humankind!"

Just as the Son of Man came not to be served, but to serve, and to give his life to set others free.

To be Ordained & Installed as Ruling Elders (*Ralph Edwards, Sue Ketcham, Ashely Loreto, Stew Ross*)

To be Ordained & Installed as Deacons (*Garrett DeFriest, Kathy Geiger*)

To be Installed as Ruling Elders (*Vickie DeFriest, Marla Koster, Caroline MacArthur*)

To be Installed as Deacons (*Jay Batterman, Karen Danzer, Faith Finne, Fred Lee, Heather MacArthur*)

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Affirmation of Faith

Led by Liturgist Bill Batcher

We were made in God's image for vital work in this world to do justice, to speak truth, to live love. But we recognize that God's image also blossoms in our lighter side when we are curious playful and laughing. God has given us the gift of humor to laugh at ourselves, to unmask the weaknesses of sin, and to turn back to the arms of his love.

By: Rev. Elana Keppel Levy, Trinity Presbyterian Church, Bixby, OK

Knock, knock. Who's there? Phillip. Phillip who? Fill up the plate as it's passed to you.

Offertory Anthem

"When We Are Tempted"

Amy Cosnett

***Doxology (#592) & Prayer of Dedication**

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation**

Rev. Dr. Peter Kelley

The Great Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: AND ALSO WITH YOU.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: WE LIFT THEM UP TO THE LORD.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: IT IS RIGHT TO GIVE GOD THANKS AND PRAISE.

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Sung Response: "Jesus, Remember Me" No. 599

The Words of Institution

Distribution of the Elements (*Garrett DeFriest, Betty Kiernan, Faith Finne, Fred Lee, John Zaveski*)

Prayer of Thanksgiving

****According to the governing body of this congregation (the Session), the Communion Table is an open table. This means that any baptized person who has accepted Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior, and is sincerely attempting to follow in his ways, is welcome at the table.**

"Whoever comes to me, I will in no wise cast out." (John 6:37)

"A dimly burning wick God will not quench." (Isaiah 42:3)

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE IN GOD'S NAME

***Closing Hymn**

"God Bless You Merry Sinner"

See Insert

Benediction

Postlude

"Nehmen Sie mich"

Albert Von Tilzer

Music:

Daniel Koontz

Usher/Greeter: Marla Koster, Bonnie Zellner

***If you are able, please stand.**

The flowers this morning are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Carol Batcher by her husband Bill Batcher and in loving memory of his sister Cathy Wist by Liz and Bob Burns.

Hymn Take Time to Be Funny
Suggested tune: "Take time to be holy"

Take time to be funny, rejoice in the Lord
Let laughter explode and have fun with God's Word
For laughter is healing, gives strength to the weak
God loves to see smiles, for they lift up the meek.

Take time to be silly, it's good for the soul
Too many are somber, grabbing control.
Let go and let God's love wash over your soul
Heavenly transcendence can be your life's goal.

Old Sarah and Abram – a child they lacked
But God's angels promised and she birthed Isaac
In Hebrew that's "laughter", go check if you want
Genesis Seven-teen is where it is found.

For humor is holy, it sanctifies life,
Replenishes hope and oft softens advice
It undercuts sorrow, deflates haughty pride
So smile and hang on, and rejoice in life's ride.

Hymn God Bless You Merry Sinner
(Tune: God Bless Ye Merry Gentlemen)

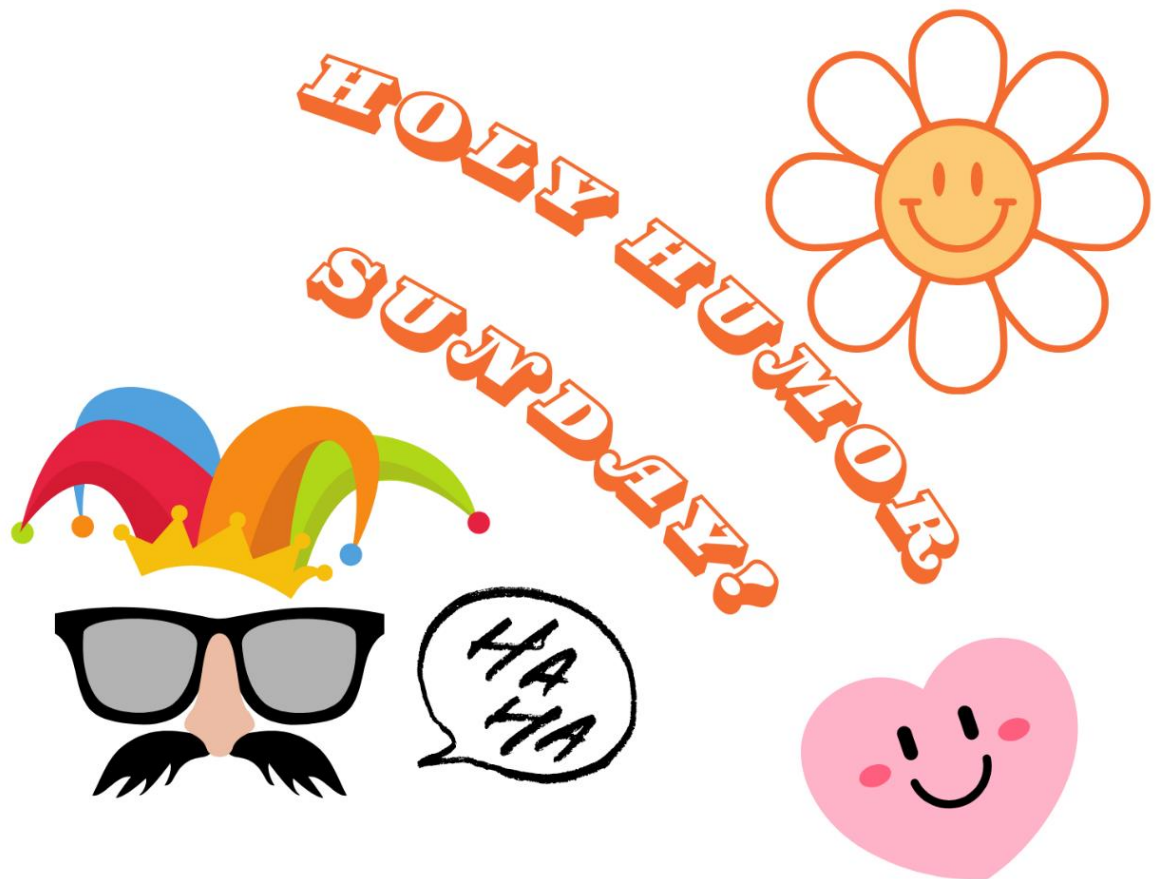
God bless you merry sinner,
you're forgiven it is true;
Remember Christ your Savior
has lived and died for you,
and lives again as King of Kings,
of saint and sinner, too.
Oh, tidings of Easter peace and joy,
peace and joy.
Oh, tidings of Easter peace and joy.

In Jerusalem at Calvary
that dismal Friday morn,
amid the pain and suffering
eternal life was born.
It came with arms outstretched to us,
right through the curtain torn.
*Oh, tidings of Easter peace and joy,
peace and joy.*
Oh, tidings of Easter peace and joy.

So sing an alleluia,
for our Savior's victory,
and shout to all "Hosanna!"
that we have been set free
from sin and death and devil's grip
throughout eternity.
We'll have tidings of Easter peace and joy,
peace and joy.
Glad tidings of Easter peace and joy.

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A hearty welcome to you today!

**We are strangers and friends, locals and visitors, believers, and doubters,
the certain and the curious, because ever since the calling of disciples,**

Jesus attracts a mixed company to his side.

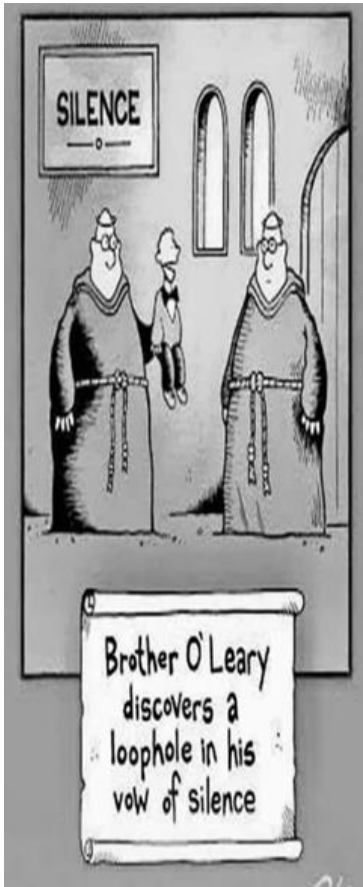
May Christ be your companion today and all week.



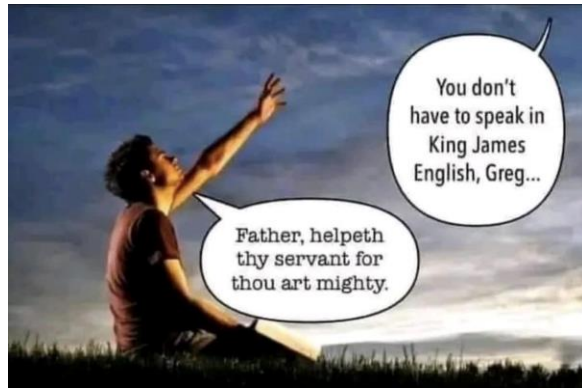
HOW COME THE WAITRESS GETS 15% AND GOD ONLY GETS 10%?

Never buy flowers from a Franciscan

Only you can prevent florist friars



"Matthew, Mark and Luke, see me after class. Your book reports are surprisingly similar."



You should be as excited about church as about the Super Bowl.

So when your pastor makes a point this Sunday, pour Gatorade® over his head.

fun fact: if you rearrange the letters in "presbyterians," it spells "britney spears"



Adultery is a sin.



You can't have your Kate and Edith too.



THANKS TO A TYPO IN THE CONTRACT, THE PROFESSOR GAINED COMPLETE MASTERY OF ALL THE KNOWLEDGE IN THE HEAVENS AND THE EARTH, IN EXCHANGE FOR HIS SOUP.

TOM GAULD for NEW SCIENTIST

