



Welcome!


**First Presbyterian Church,
Port Townsend, WA
Sunday, April 7, 2024**

We strive to welcome everyone without regard to ability, race, religious background or perspective, gender identity, or sexual orientation.

In that spirit, we begin our gathering by acknowledging the first residents and stewards of this land. We acknowledge that the land we now use for worship and service in Port Townsend is on the traditional homeland of the S'Klallam and the Chemakum Peoples. We commit to uplifting indigenous voices long silenced, and we pledge to honor, in word and in deed, the Creator, the original stewards of this land, and the creation they hold dear. Peace be with you!

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Leaders reads plain text **Congregation reads bold text**

You are invited to stay seated unless indicated by  but if the Spirit moves you, the Spirit moves you. So sit or stand as the Spirit, or your spirit leads!

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE & WELCOME

CENTERING SILENCE & CALL TO WORSHIP

Centering Silence

Into our fears and through our locked doors. **Come, Almighty God.**
When we think 'peace be with you,' means no change or disruption, **Come, Lord Jesus.**
Amidst our lives that confuse religious entertainment with Easter fulfillment, **Come, Holy Spirit.**
For the sake of a community meant to be its best during crisis,
Come Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Let us worship God!

 GATHERING SONG

#240 Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks

REFRAIN: *Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord. Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name*

- ¹ *Jesus is Lord of all the earth.
He is the King of creation.* REFRAIN
- ² *Spread the good news o'er all the earth:
Jesus has died and has risen.* REFRAIN
- ³ *We have been crucified with Christ.
Now we shall live forever.* REFRAIN
- ⁴ *Come let us praise the living God,
joyfully sing to our Savior.* REFRAIN

READING FROM SCRIPTURE

Psalm 133

- ¹ How very good and pleasant it is
when kindred live together in unity!
- ² It is like the precious oil on the head,
running down upon the beard,
on the beard of Aaron,
- running down over the collar of his robes.
- ³ It is like the dew of Hermon,
which falls on the mountains of Zion.
For there the LORD ordained his blessing,
life forevermore.

HONESTY WITH GOD

...Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

O Christ, you rose from the depths of suffering, from death itself,
to breathe peace upon your disciples.

Still, O Lord, we find ourselves unable to trust your promise of peace.

Still, O Lord, we do not follow in the way of your love.

Forgive us when we fail to recognize, receive, or share your grace.

**Forgive us when we cling to the familiar feeling of despair
instead of shaping our lives around your hopeful promise.**

Forgive us when we fail to be people of resurrection.

Time for Silent, Personal Confession

Show us your hands and your feet once more,
and teach us to be your body in the world.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

Hear the good news: I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy.
Your young will see visions. Your elders will dream dreams.

And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved. Acts 2:17, 21

Friends, *trust* in the good news of the Gospel. **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!**

RESPONSE TO PARDON

#817 We Walk By Faith And Not By Sight



1 We walk by faith and not by sight; with
2 We may not touch your hands and side, nor
3 Help then, O Lord, our un - be - lief; and
4 And when our life of faith is done, in



gra-cious words draw near, O Christ, who spoke as
fol - low where you trod; but in your prom - ise
may our faith a - bound to call on you when
realms of clear - er light may we be - hold you



none e'er spoke: "My peace be with you here."
we re - jice and cry, "My Lord and God!"
you are near and seek where you are found.
as you are, with full and end - less sight.

SHARING THE PEACE OF JESUS CHRIST

With caring for ourselves and our neighbor in view, we greet and welcome our fellow pilgrims this morning with a bow of the head, a word of peace, a 'namaste.' Please save close contact for other settings.

May the Peace of Jesus Christ be with you! **And also with you!**

ENCOUNTER WITH THE WORD

Musical Invitation to the Word

READING FROM SCRIPTURE

John 20:19-31

¹⁹ It was still the first day of the week. That evening, while the disciples were behind closed doors because they were afraid of the Jewish authorities, Jesus came and stood among them. He said, "Peace be with you."²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. When the disciples saw the Lord, they were filled with joy.²¹ Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father sent me, so I am sending you."²² Then he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit."²³ If you forgive anyone's sins, they are forgiven; if you don't forgive them, they aren't forgiven."

²⁴ Thomas, the one called Didymus,ⁱ one of the Twelve, wasn't with the disciples when Jesus came.

²⁵ The other disciples told him, "We've seen the Lord!"

But he replied, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands, put my finger in the wounds left by the nails, and put my hand into his side, I won't believe."

²⁶ After eight days his disciples were again in a house and Thomas was with them. Even though the doors were locked, Jesus entered and stood among them. He said, "Peace be with you."²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here. Look at my hands. Put your hand into my side. No more disbelief. Believe!"

²⁸ Thomas responded to Jesus, "My Lord and my God!"

²⁹ Jesus replied, "Do you believe because you see me? Happy are those who don't see and yet believe."

³⁰ Then Jesus did many other miraculous signs in his disciples' presence, signs that aren't recorded in this scroll.³¹ But these things are written so that you will believe that Jesus is the Christ, God's Son, and that believing, you will have life in his name.

Silent Reflection

WORSHIP IN SONG

#752 Dona Nobis Pacem

**1*

Latin Do - na no - bis pa - cem, pa - cem.
Hebrew Sim sha-lom, sim sha-lom, sim sha - lom.
Arabic Rab - bu hab - na sa - la - mann tam - man.

**2*

Do - - na no - bis pa - cem.

**3*

Do - - na no - bis pa - cem.

Do - na no - bis pa - - cem.
 Sim sha - lom a - lei - nu.
 Rab - bu hab - na sa - la - mann.

Do - na no - bis pa - - cem.

Do - na no - bis pa - - cem.

READING FROM SCRIPTURE

³² Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common.* ³³ With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all.*

³⁴ There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold.* ³⁵ They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.*

Silent Reflection

The Gift of the Living Word in the written Word **Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE

Pastor Paul

RESPONDING TO THE WORD**WHAT DO WE GIVE TO GOD?**

...everything they owned was held in common.

With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. Acts 4:32-33

Offertory**SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER****INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE**

In this sacrament, we remember and celebrate what God has done for us in the life, death, and resurrection of God's Son, Jesus Christ. Around the Table of the Lord, God's people are in communion with Christ and with all who belong to him. We are empowered to live as Jesus disciples in our daily lives.

Our Savior invites all those who look to him to share this feast which he has prepared.

For those online, you are invited to join in communion with us virtually. You may use a piece of bread, a bit of juice, or anything that can stand in their place. We will partake together, the elements blessed across the distance, our spirits united together in Christ.

SPECIAL MUSIC

"In Remembrance"
FPCPT Singers



PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & INTERCESSION

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 our thanks and praise...

Healing God, we embrace your vision of *Shalom* for us, for the church, for our communities, for the human family, for all creation. Pour out your Spirit...

...and so with confidence we pray as you have taught us:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,

Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

The Communion of God's People

SENDING OUT INTO THE WORLD**WORSHIP IN SONG**

#610 O for a Thousand Tongues To Sing

¹ *O for a thousand tongues to sing
my dear Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King,
the triumphs of God's grace!*

³ *Christ speaks, and listening to his voice
new life the dead receive;
the mournful waken to rejoice;
the poor in heart believe.*

² *The name of Jesus charms our fears,
and bids our sorrows cease,
sings music in the sinner's ears,
brings life, and health, and peace.*

⁴ *My gracious Master and my God,
assist me to proclaim,
to spread through all the earth abroad
the honors of thy name.*

⁵ *To God all glory, praise, and love be now and ever given
by saints below and saints above, the church in earth and heaven.*

CHARGE, BENEDICTION & POSTLUDE

You are welcome
at this table