

(i who have died am alive again today,
and this is the sun's birthday; this is the birth
day of life and of love and wings: and of the gay
great happening illimitably earth)

how should tasting touching hearing seeing
breathing any-lifted from the no
of all nothing-human merely being
doubt unimaginable You?

(now the ears of my ears awake
and now the eyes of my eyes are opened)

Prayers of Thanksgiving & Concern

The Lord's Prayer

**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.**

We Go Out In God's Name

*Having gathered together in God's name and been fed by God's Holy Word,
we go out in God's name bearing the peace of Christ to the world.*

◆ **Hymn #23** *God You Spin the Whirling Planets*

◆ **Charge and Benediction**

◆ **Congregational Sung Benediction #370** *This Is My Father's World* (vs. 1)

**This is my Father's world, and to my listening ears,
All nature sings and round me rings the music of the spheres.
This is my Father's world; I rest me in the thought
of rocks and trees, of skies and seas, his hand the wonders wrought.**

◆ **Postlude**

◆ Please stand if able. Remain seated if need be.

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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CHAMPAIGN

April 24, 2022

2nd Sunday of Easter

Earth Day 2022



Welcome to First Presbyterian Church
Bienvenue à La Première Eglise Presbytérienne de Champaign
Bienvenidos a La Primera Iglesia Presbiteriana

삼페인 제일 장로교회에 오신것을 환영합니다.

Si vous souhaitez que le service soit traduit en français,
procurez-vous un récepteur et des écouteurs à l'arrière du sanctuaire.

Welcome to worship!

When you enter the sanctuary, please be mindful of the silent prayers of those around you.

*We invite you to share your contact info in the Friendship Pad when passed, then to stop by our Welcome Center downstairs in Westminster Hall after the service for coffee and fellowship. Mingle with other friends and guests and learn more about this congregation's ministry. **Welcome home!***

We Gather Together In God's Holy Name

God calls us together as "children." Wonderful it is to be so loved! Our natural response is worship.

Prelude & Chiming on the Hour of Tower Bell Act of Friendship & Sharing of Prayer Concerns

Please pass the Friendship Pad and list prayer concerns on the prayer request cards in the pen.

Greeting & Announcements

◆Call to Worship

Bless the Lord, O my soul.

O Lord my God, I stand in awe at your greatness.

Your being is clothed with honor and majesty and robed in light.

You stretch out the heavens like a tent, making the winds your messengers, and fire and flame your servants.

How great are your works, O God!

In your wisdom you created the earth and all that is within it.

In thanksgiving, let us worship and praise the Lord our God.

◆Hymn #14 *For the Beauty of the Earth*

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**Creator God, we confess we have not honored your Creation;
we have not loved it as you have loved us.**

We have thought ourselves separate, not part of your Creation.

Forgive our ignorance and arrogance, our greed and destructiveness.

Bring us again into the oneness of your Creation;

forgive us, heal our fears, transform our desires,

and shepherd us to be good stewards of the gift of life.

Assurance of Pardon

In the waters of baptism, God pours out mercy and blessing. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace as you share that blessing with others and care for this good earth, that all creation may declare God's glory.

Thanks be to God.

Passing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Invitation to the Offering *We are invited to return God's tithes and give our offering.*

Offertory Jean René Balekita

Sung Response #240 *Alleluia, Alleluia!*

Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.

Jesus is Lord of all the earth.

He is the King of creation.

Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.

Prayer of Dedication

We Gather Around God's Holy Name

At the center of Christian life and worship is God's Word incarnate in Christ and God's Word as recorded in scripture. We hear the story of God's love in scripture and sacrament and we say, "Thanks be to God!"

Word with Children

Sam Laufenberg and Samantha Nichols

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture *Genesis 9:8-17* (OT pg. 7)

John 1:1-5 (NT pg. 91)

This is the Word of the Lord./**Thanks be to God!**

Ceci est la Parole du Seigneur./**Gloire à Dieu** (pronounced "glow-ah ah dew")

Sermon *Darkness Shall Not Overcome*

Judi Geistlinger

We Respond to God's Word

As God invites us to be disciples of his Son, we prayerfully respond to God with affirmations of faith and acts of self-giving commitment, and thanksgiving.

Anthem *i thank You God* (text by e.e. cummings)

Lloyd Pfautsch

i thank You God for most this amazing

day: for the leaping greenly spirits of trees

and a blue true dream of sky; and for everything

which is natural which is infinite which is yes

This Week

Sunday, April 24

9:00 AM	Worship/Sanctuary
10:00 AM	Easy English Fellowship/Room 204
10:15 AM	Sunday School/Gather in Westminster Hall
10:15 AM	Adult Sunday School/Sanctuary
10:15 AM	Worship/Windsor of Savoy
11:15 AM	The Gathering/Chapel

Monday, April 25

9 & 10:00 AM	ESL Classes/Zoom
1:00 PM	Knifty Knitters/Parlor & Zoom
1:00 PM	GROW/Family Library
2:00 PM	DREAAM After School Program/CE Building
5:30 PM	AA/Centennial Hall
7:00 PM	ESL Classes/Zoom

Tuesday, April 26

8:00 AM	Men's Breakfast Study/Zoom	
9:00 AM	PW Coordinating Team/Parlor & Zoom	
9:30 AM	ESL Classes/Rooms 204, 205, 206, 207, Café	10:00 AM ESL Classes/Zoom
10:30 AM	Staff Meeting/Parlor & Zoom	
12:00 PM	Classic Book Study/Parlor & Zoom	
2:00 PM	DREAAM After School Program/CE Building	
3:00 PM	DREAAM Aspire/Centennial Hall	
4:30 PM	Community Mission Deacons/Parlor & Zoom	
5:30 PM	DREAAM Dance-Cheer Clinic/Gym	

Wednesday, April 27

9 & 10:00 AM	ESL Classes/Zoom
9:00 AM	Cuba Steering Committee/Parlor & Zoom
12:00 PM	Community Foundation/Westminster Hall
2:00 PM	DREAAM After School Program/CE Building
3:00 PM	DREAAM Aspire/Cafe
4:00 PM	ESL/Zoom
4:00 PM	CYF Meeting/Zoom
5:00 PM	Pancake Dinner/Centennial Hall
5:30 PM	DREAAM Dance-Cheer Clinic/Gym
6:00 PM	Bell Choir/Bell Room
7:00 PM	Adult Choir/Choir Room

Thursday, April 28

9:30 AM	ESL Classes/Rooms 204, 205, 206, 207, Café	10:00 AM ESL Classes/Zoom
10:30 AM	Circle of Joy/Parlor & Zoom	
12:30 PM	Bible Study/Windsor of Savoy	
1:00 PM	Circle of Hope/Parlor & Zoom	
2:00 PM	DREAAM After School Program/CE Building	
4:30 PM	DREAAM Brotherhood Dinner/Centennial Hall Kitchen & Dining	
7:00 PM	Circle of Peace/Parlor & Zoom	

Friday, April 29 Church Office closes at noon

8:30 AM	Men's Prayer/Zoom
7:30 PM	Friday Nite Lights Study/Parlor & Zoom

Saturday, April 30

9:00 AM	Music Sunday Rehearsal/Sanctuary
6:00 PM	Francophone Worship/Centennial Hall
6:00 PM	French Prayer/Zoom

Announcements

- **We are glad you're here!** Questions about First Pres, contact **Pastor Matt** or call the church office.
- **Miriam Chenault** is our liturgist this morning. We would love to have you serve as a liturgist! If interested, please contact **Carol Miles**.
- Thank you to **Rick Murphy** for being our guest pianist this morning.
- **Coffee is back on Sunday mornings!** Please consider signing up for coffee cleanup. A sign-up sheet is at the Welcome Center each Sunday morning.
- **Sunday School** meets this morning. Children will gather in Westminster Hall to meet with their teachers and walk over to the CE building. Lessons begin at 10:15 AM. Pick up is at 11:05 AM in the alley by the CE door. Masks must be worn over the nose and mouth at all times while indoors.
- **Dirty Hands with a Purpose:** sustainable farming, fresh produce, hunger assistance, farm to schools, soup kitchen, education, community volunteers—**TODAY'S Adult Education** program—come to the sanctuary after worship to hear **Fiona Monro** share the news about the Sola Gratia Farm, a community treasure!
- **Judi Geistlinger** will preach today's 10:15 AM service at the Windsor of Savoy.
- **If unable to attend church**, catch our 9 AM service live each Sunday morning at [firstpres.live](https://www.firstpres.live). The Sunday **sermon** is available on-line anytime or on WDWS 1400AM the next Sunday at 10:30 AM.
- Join us next Sunday, May 1, as we celebrate **Spring Music and Cuba Sunday** followed with light refreshments.
- Our new kitchen is done and ready to be used. Join us for a **Pancake & Sausage Dinner** on Wednesday, April 27, from 5-7 PM in Centennial Hall. Free will donations accepted to help stock the kitchen. New lift from Westminster to Centennial Hall is available for those unable to do stairs!
- Saturday, May 7, at 7:30 PM our church musician **Brendan Barker** will be presenting his **Doctoral Conducting Recital** in the church Sanctuary. It is a free performance open to the public and will feature works by Hildegard von Bingen, Alice Parker & Robert Shaw, William Byrd and others.
- **Graduates will be honored** with a cake reception between services on Sunday, May 22. Please notify the church office with the names of children or grandchildren who are graduating from high school, a college or university.
- First Pres Champaign presents . . . **Jazz @ Church & State** . . . Come for an evening of Jazz and hors d'oeuvre on Wednesday, May 25, from 5-7 PM. "Simply This," a rockin' quintet of musical doctors, provide the tunes. Your church friends are providing hors d'oeuvres, iced tea, and coffee. We have limited off street parking and are within walking distance to downtown restaurants for those interested in a late dinner. The cost is free, but donations are accepted, with 10% of proceeds going to support efforts to relieve suffering in Ukraine.
- If you or a loved one is **in the hospital or in need of a pastoral visit**, contact the church office.
- The **April newsletter** is available in the kiosks or at [firstpres.church/newsletter](https://www.firstpres.church/newsletter).