

receiving his body and drinking from his cup, are made one with him. By your Holy Spirit, help us to use this gift worthily, to confess and forsake our sins, to confidently believe that we are forgiven through Christ, and to grow in faith and love day by day until we come at last to that kingdom where we will join our voices with angels and archangels, and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:

738 *Holy, Holy, Holy Lord (all sing)*

BLESSING, SERVING, AND RECEIVING THE BREAD AND CUP AT THE OPEN TABLE

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION DR. SPENCER HARTMAN

\* PRAYER AFTER ALL HAVE COMMUNED (*unison*)

**O Lord Jesus, you have richly fed and refreshed our souls. Help us to love you with all our heart, mind, and soul, so that we might truly believe in you, and live according to your will. Finally, grant us a blessed and joyful end to this earthly life as we come into the presence of your saints and remain with you forever. Amen**

**SENDING FORTH TO BE GOD'S PEOPLE**

- \* HYMN OF COMMITMENT 289 (*vs. 1-3*)  
*Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven*
- \* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION
- \* CHORAL BENEDICTION 289 (*vs 4*)  
*Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven*

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN PRAYS FOR:**

**PRAYERS FOR OUR MEMBERS:** Tom Cople Family. John Lipe. Garry Grau. Peggy Burger, Brenda Long.

**PRAYERS FOR FAMILY & FRIENDS :** Jonnathan Roberson's sister, Chrissy. Alyssa Lawson, friend of Renee Clements. FPC Choral Scholar Zihan Liu. Paul Vega, a friend of Yolanda Garcia's son. Laura Nurse, daughter of Mary Massingill. Stephanie, a friend of Karen Cople.

**PRAYERS FOR THOSE GRIEVING:** Lonna McKay on the death of her mother, Joan Burnett. John Lipe on the death of his mother.

Prayers for this church in transition.

*Many thanks to the congregational care team for their ministries of care, including updating prayer concerns.*

**Calendar of Events**

<b><u>Monday, 4/8</u></b> 1:00 pm Canasta Card group	<b><u>Wednesday, 4/10</u></b> 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal 8:15 pm Handbell rehearsal	<b><u>Wednesday, 4/17</u></b> 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal 8:15 pm Handbell rehearsal	<b><u>Thursday, 4/18</u></b> 6:30 pm Session
<b><u>Sunday, 4/14</u></b> 8:30 am United Methodist Worship Service 9:30 am Morning Bible Study <i>The Path to the Cross—</i> 10:30 am Worship	<b><u>Sunday, 4/21</u></b> 8:30 am United Methodist Worship Service 9:30 am Morning Bible Study <i>The Path to the Cross—</i> 10:30 am Worship		



**WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY:**

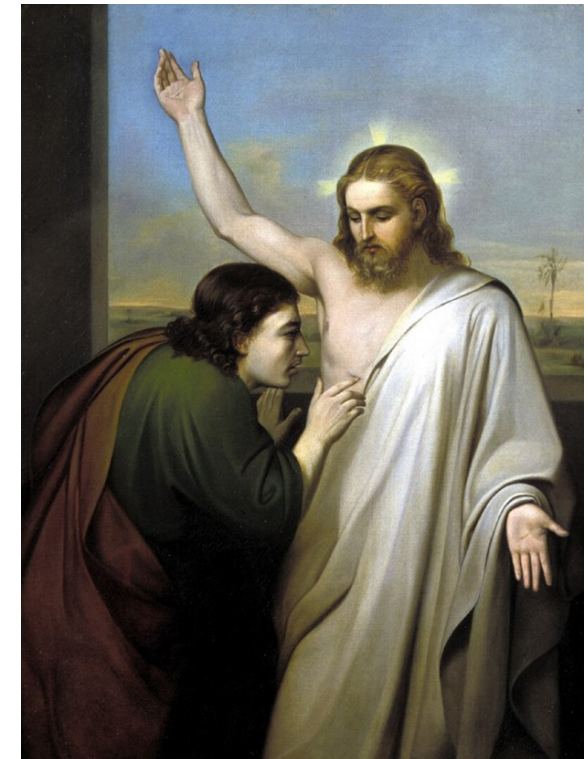
*Pastor:* Rev. Dr. Robert P. Reno, MDiv, Ph.D.  
*Liturgist:* Tom Steinmeier      *Director of Music:* Alexa Brown  
*Pianist:* Dr. Spencer Hartman      *Violinist:* Dr. Isaias Ferreira



**FIRST  
PRESBYTERIAN  
LUBBOCK**

**ORDER OF WORSHIP  
SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER  
APRIL 7, 2024 10:30 AM**

*As a church family, we strive to connect people to God and to one another as we follow Christ.*



Doubting St. Thomas, by Silvestro Lega (1850)  
Oil on canvas, Modigliana, Italy

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# GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS JULIE BESSEMER

PRELUDE ARR. K. L. PHILLIPS

*Christ the Lord is Risen Today*

\* CALL TO WORSHIP (*responsively*)

Let us gather for worship in the house of the Lord.

**We may feel weak of body and faint of heart;**

but we will meet together to worship the Lord.

**Weary from the trials of life**

**with aching backs and feet full sore;**

we will meet here to sing

forth the praises of our Lord.

**New life he gives us, with**

**healing rushing fast upon us,**

for the Lord is good and showers

his blessings upon us.

**Let us worship God in joy and thanksgiving!**

\* HYMN OF PRAISE 304

*Shout for Joy, Loud and Long*

CALL TO CONFESSION

My friends, the longer we remain on the path of sin, the closer we come to the land of the dead. But when we leave our trespasses behind, our wounds are healed and we are made whole. Let us pray honestly and openly to our heavenly Father, full of mercy and forgiveness.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

**Eternal God, our judge and redeemer, we confess that we have tried to hide from you, for we have done wrong. We have lived for ourselves, and apart from you. Turning from our neighbors, we have refused to bear the burdens of others. We have ignored the pain of the world, and passed by the hungry, the sick, and the wounded. In your great mercy, forgive our sins and free us from selfishness, that we may choose your will and obey your commandments; through Jesus Christ our Savior, to whom we continue to pray in silence.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear the good news! This saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, that we might be dead to sin, and alive to all that is good. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

**Thanks be to God!**

The peace of God be with you all.

**And also with you!**

Let us offer signs of peace and reconciliation.

\* PASS THE PEACE

\* GLORIA 732 *Glory to God, Glory in the Highest*  
(*sung responsively*)

## PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (*unison*)

**Holy and gracious God, as we hear the reading of your word, may your Holy Spirit give us wisdom and understanding. Open our hearts so that we may know the hope to which Christ has called us, the riches of his glorious inheritance among us, and the greatness of his power for those who believe. Amen.**

FIRST LESSON ACTS 4: 32-35

SECOND LESSON JOHN 20:19-31

SERMON "The Wounds of Life" REV. ROBERT RENO

CHORAL MEDITATION KYLE PEDERSON  
*Prayer for Shalom*

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH GOD'S MISSION  
**The good news of the Gospel is that the triune God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – creates, redeems, sustains, rules, and transforms all things and all people. This one living God, the Scriptures say, liberated the people of Israel from oppression and covenanted to be their God. By the power of the Spirit, this one living God is incarnate in Jesus Christ, who came to live in the world, die for the**

**world, and be raised again to new life. The Gospel of Jesus Christ announces the nearness of God's kingdom, bringing good news to all who are impoverished, sight to all who are blind, freedom to all who are oppressed, and proclaiming God's favor upon all creation. Human beings have no higher goal in life than to glorify and enjoy God now and forever, living in covenant fellowship with God and participating in God's mission.**

(*Book of Order F-1.01*)

\* CALL TO PRAYER *Without Seeing You* (*all sing-insert*)

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

CHORAL RESPONSE 736 *Celtic Alleluia* (*all sing*)

## GIVING THANKS TO GOD

*Come to the table as an offering of yourself, a re-commitment to faith. You may also bring your tithes and other offerings. Take a piece of bread, dip it in the juice and consume both at once. Gluten free option available. All are welcome.*

\* CALL TO COMMUNION

Jesus said,

Come unto me, all you that are weary

and are carrying heavy burdens,

and I will give you rest.

Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me;

for I am gentle and humble in heart,

and you will find rest for your souls.

I am the bread of life.

Whoever comes to me will never be hungry,

and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (*be seated*)

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Lord God Almighty, we praise and thank you for sending your Son Jesus to live among us. Telling us of your love for us, he healed the sick, fed the hungry, and brought hope to those in despair. On the night of his arrest, he established this supper in which we, by