

# PARK LAKE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

April 18, 2021

Order of Worship  
10:30 am



## GATHERING

Welcome and Announcements  
Minute for Mission

Dan and Elizabeth Turk  
Park Lake Visioning Team

Time of Silence  
Prelude

Prelude and Trumpetings  
Will Benton, organist

Myron J. Roberts

Call to Worship (1 John 3:1a, 2)

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God;  
**and that is what we are.**

Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed.

**What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is.**

Prayer of Praise and Adoration

Hymn No. 238

Thine is the Glory

Scripture Reading

1 John 3:1-7

Pew Bible, N.T., page 225

Call to Confession

The Scripture tells us that everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. We know that Christ was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. Trusting in God to forgive us for our sins, let us now pray our confession.

Unison Prayer of Confession

**Holy God, you have called us to follow in the way of your risen Son, and to care for those who are our companions. Forgive us when we do not see the needs of our community, when we are slow to open our eyes, step up, and move toward those who are suffering instead of away. Forgive us for seeing problems as too big and giving up too easily. Startle us with your presence in our midst so that we may be your faithful witnesses in the world.**

(time of silent prayer)

Song of Confession No. 418

Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling

Assurance of Pardon

Through the Son, God overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life. May we who celebrate our Lord's resurrection, through the renewing power of the Holy Spirit, arise from the death of sin to the life of righteousness. In the name of our Risen Savior, I declare to you, our sins are forgiven.

**Thanks be to God!**

Passing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

## THE WORD

### Welcoming the Children

The children's bulletin is available on the plpc.org and the Park Lake Up2Date weekly email.

### Blessing of Children

tune - Hymn No. 748, Tallis Canon

***Go with them, Lord, and guide their way, through this and every coming day,  
That in Your spirit strong and true, their lives may be a gift to You.***

### Scripture Reading

Luke 24:36b-48

Pew Bible, N.T., page 85

### Sermon

God's Children

Rev. Dr. Linda Wright Simmons

### \*Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed  
(Ecumenical Version)

(page 17 Glory To God hymnal)

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead;  
the third day he rose again from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

### Offertory

Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise

John Purifoy

### Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

### Hymn No. 547

Go, My Children, With My Blessing

### Charge and Benediction

### Postlude

Strong Deliverer!  
Will Benton, organist

Phil Lehenbauer

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Our guest preacher today is the Rev. Dr. Linda Wright Simmons. Linda is parish associate at Park Lake and is working toward licensure as a mental health counselor. Linda is married to David, and they are parents to two adult children, Mary Ella and Eric.

# 238 Thine Is the Glory

1 Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-quer-ing Son; end - less is  
 2 Lo! Je - sus meets us, ris - en from the tomb; lov - ing - ly  
 3 No more we doubt thee, glo - rious Prince of life! Life is naught

the vic-tory thou o'er death hast won. An - gels in bright rai-ment  
 he greets us, scat-ters fear and gloom. Let the church with glad-ness  
 with-out thee; aid us in our strife. Make us more than con-querors

rolled the stone a - way, kept the fold - ed grave - clothes  
 hymns of tri - umph sing, for the Lord now liv - eth;  
 through thy death - less love; bring us safe through Jor - dan

*Refrain*

where thy bod - y lay.  
 death hath lost its sting. Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-quer-ing  
 to thy home a - bove.

This Easter text, first in French and later in English, was written to fit the music, a chorus created for Handel's oratorio *Joshua* and moved to *Judas Maccabeus* in 1751. It grew widely popular following its use at the First Assembly of the World Council of Churches in 1948.

CONFESSION

# 418 Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling

1 Soft - ly and ten - der - ly Je - sus is call - ing, call - ing for  
 2 Why should we tar - ry when Je - sus is plead - ing, plead - ing for  
 3 O for the won - der - ful love he has prom - ised, prom - ised for

you and for me. See, on the por - tals he's wait - ing and watch - ing,  
 you and for me? Why should we lin - ger and heed not his mer - cies,  
 you and for me! Though we have sinned, he has mer - cy and par - don,

*Refrain*  
 watch - ing for you and for me.  
 mer - cies for you and for me? "Come home, come home!"  
 par - don for you and for me. "Come home, come home!"

You who are wea - ry, come home." Ear - nest - ly, ten - der - ly,  
 Je - sus is call - ing, call - ing, "O sin - ner, come home!"

This 19th-century gospel hymn has often been used as a hymn of invitation at evangelistic services. Its imagery is primarily based on Jesus' parable in Luke 15:11-32, commonly called "The Prodigal Son." Each singer thus becomes a wandering child who is urged to return home.

# 547 Go, My Children, with My Blessing

1 "Go, my chil-dren, with my bless-ing, nev-er a-lone.  
 2 "Go, my chil-dren, sins for-giv-en, at peace and pure.  
 3 "Go, my chil-dren, fed and nour-ished, clos-er to me.

Wak-ing, sleep-ing, I am with you, you are my own.  
 Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.  
 Grow in love and love by serv-ing, joy-ful and free.

In my love's bap-tis-mal riv-er I have made you mine for-  
 Here you heard my dear Son's sto-ry; here you touched him, saw his  
 Here my Spir-it's pow-er filled you; here my ten-der com-fort

ev-er. Go, my chil-dren, with my bless-ing, you are my own."  
 glo-ry. Go, my chil-dren, sins for-giv-en, at peace and pure."  
 stilled you. Go, my chil-dren, fed and nour-ished, joy-ful and free."

Because this Welsh melody usually sets evening texts, the author was asked to create one for use in daytime. His recasting of the Aaronic blessing in Numbers 6:22-27 imagines that passage as a benediction that might be spoken by God at the conclusion of a worship service.