



Faith Presbyterian Church



Order of Worship April 27, 2025
10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary

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THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP
April 27, 2025 – 10:00am

**The Congregation is Invited to Stand in Body or Spirit*

Prelude

“The Strife Is O’er”
“Crown Him With Many Crowns”
“The Day of Resurrection”

Gretchen Dempsey

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Greg Emery

Opening Prayer (Responsive)

Lord Jesus Christ, the light of Your love shines on, illuminating the places where You are present.

As the bewildered disciples pondered the stories of Your appearance, You penetrated the darkness of their fear and doubt with Your word of peace.

You showed them the appalling marks of evil pierced on Your hands and feet. You opened their minds to understand why You had to die to defeat such evil and death.

Increase our understanding, we pray, and open our minds and hearts to receive You, Lord.

Speak Your word of peace to us and let Your love shine on any dark areas in our lives.

May this worship which we offer in Your name be a worthy response to Your love and Your sacrifice for us. Amen.

Call to Worship (Psalm 150)

Praise the Lord.

**Praise God in His sanctuary;
praise Him in His mighty heavens.**

Praise Him for His acts of power;
praise Him for His surpassing greatness.

**Praise Him with the sounding of the trumpet,
praise Him with the harp and lyre,
praise Him with timbrel and dancing,
praise Him with the strings and pipe,**

**praise Him with the clash of cymbals,
praise Him with resounding cymbals.**

Let everything that has breath praise the Lord.

Praise the Lord.

Special Music

“Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!”

Priscilla Hoskins
Gretchen Dempsey

Prayer of Confession

Wondrous God, we confess that at times our doubts and fears override our hope and faith. Forgive us when we lose sight of the joy of Your love and instead fall into despair and gloom. Lift up our spirits, Lord, and help us to remember the promise of new life here and now, not just the hope of resurrection for the future. We give thanks for Your Son, Jesus the Christ, who continues to offer us new life, who continues to turn us around and upside down, who continues to break down the walls of death in our own life. Forgive us, restore us, and renew us.

Words of Assurance

The peace of God be with you. Receive God’s forgiveness and the promise of the Spirit, for Jesus is risen from the dead. Seen or unseen, he is present in our midst, and we see the presence of Christ reflected in each other’s faces. Happy are those who have not seen, yet have come to believe.

***Gloria Patri**

#579

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, Amen.**

***Welcome Wave / Passing of The Peace**

Choir Anthem

“Go Now In Peace”

Maria Sinley, choir director
Debra Senelly, choir accompanist

Scripture

John 20:19-31

Pastoral Prayer

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.

Offertory

“I Come to the Garden Alone”

Gretchen Dempsey

***Doxology**

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

#592

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below;

Praise God above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***Prayer of Dedication**

I thank God for Thomas, the one disciple who had the courage to say what everyone else was thinking but didn’t dare say, the courage to ask the awkward questions that drew from Jesus one of the most beautiful and profoundly comforting of all his sayings, “I am the way, and the truth and the life.” We dedicate these gifts, although we may at times doubt, to the certainty of the resurrection and eternal life. Amen.

***Closing Hymn**

“Thine is the Glory”

#122

Thine is the glory,

Risen, conquering Son; endless is the victory

Thou o’er death hast won.

Angels in bright raiment

Rolled the stone away,

Kept the folded grave clothes

Where Thy body lay.

[Refrain]

Thine is the glory,
Risen, conquering Son;
Endless is the victory
Thou o'er death hast won.

Lo! Jesus meets us,
Risen from the tomb;
Lovingly He greets us,
Scatters fear and gloom.
Let the church with gladness
Hymns of triumph sing,
For the Lord now liveth;
Death hath lost its sting. [Refrain]

No more we doubt Thee,
Glorious Prince of life!
Life is nought without Thee;
Aid us in our strife.
Make us more than conquerors
Through Thy deathless love;
Bring us safe through Jordan
To Thy home above. [Refrain]

***Benediction** (Responsive)

Where is this Jesus, the one you call Messiah?

Christ is Risen! Christ is here among us!

I do not see him. I don't believe you.

(louder): Christ is Risen! Christ is here among us!

Let me see his body, his hands and his feet.

We are Christ's body; We are Christ's feet.

You see the suffering in the world? Where is Jesus now?

We are going into the world to be the body of Christ.

Let us go together, let us partner with others.

For we are the body of Christ: let us share the Good News!

***Postlude**

"Because He Lives"

Gretchen Dempsey

Welcome Visitors! Faith Presbyterian Church welcomes you. Everyone is invited to Illingworth Hall for fellowship following the service.

Flower bouquet 1 is given to the glory of God by Sue Ciesielski in memory of her husband Tom.

Flower bouquet 2 is given to the glory of God by Maria Sinley who is sending blessings and a thank you to the choir.

Memorial Service for Walter Riordan will be Saturday, May 10, 2025 at 10:00am - First Baptist Church, 11019 W. Peoria, Sun City.

May Mustard Seed Newsletter! Pick up printed copies at Sanctuary, Illingworth Hall, and the Reception Desk.

Thank you from Bill and Priscilla Hoskins for all of the calls and prayers for Bill. He is receiving physical therapy and looks to be there for about 2 to 3 weeks.

Contact information for: Rev. Anne Emery, Honorably Retired contact information can be found in the church directory.

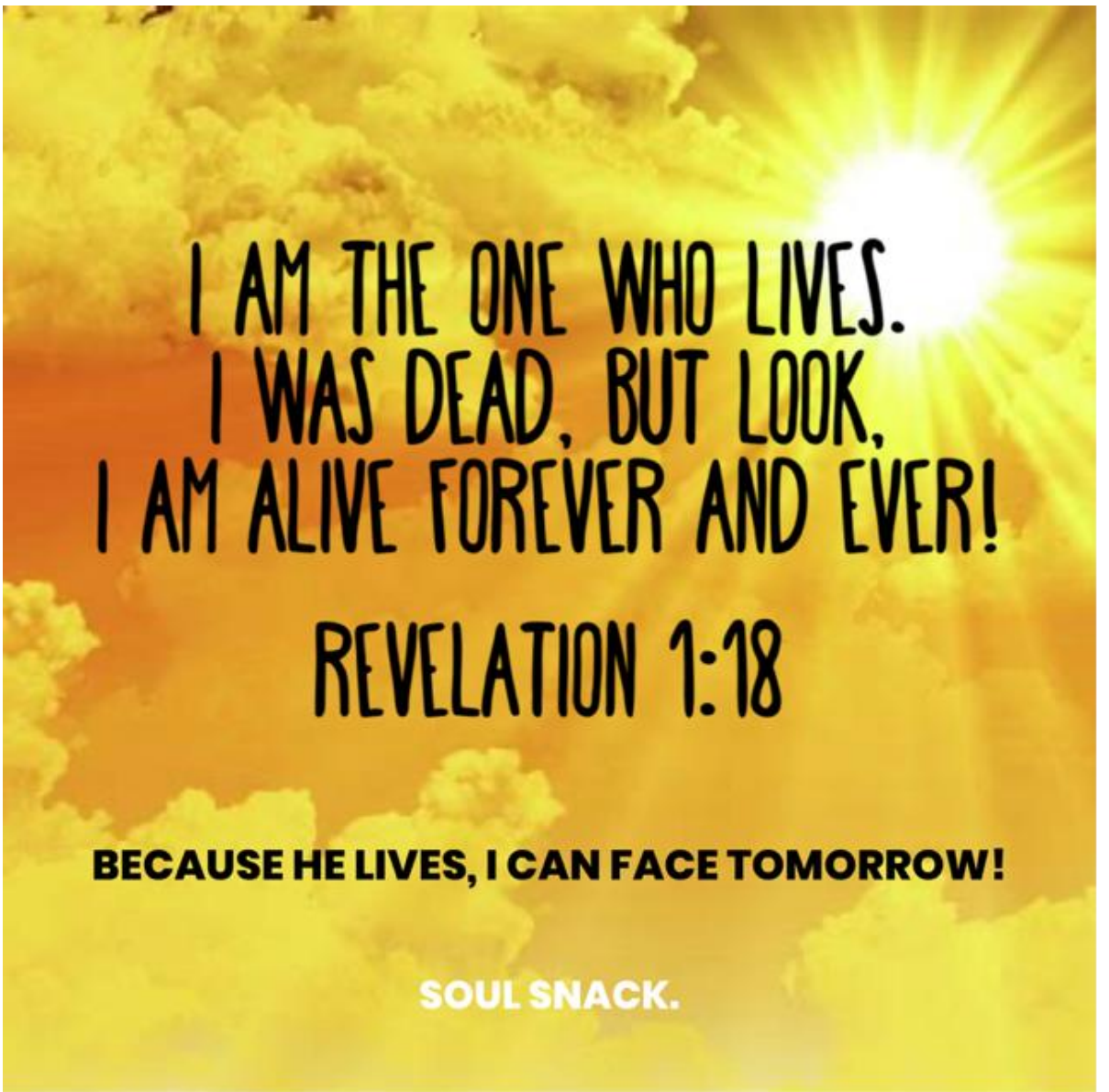
Our thanks to Faith Choir, Maria Sinley, Debra Senelly and Gretchen Dempsey for the beautiful music in worship this morning.

Men's Clothing Drive "Deep Within". The months of April, May and June, Faith Church will be collecting clothing for men to be donated to the local agency in Peoria called "Deep Within". We are collecting men's clothes, T-shirts, dress shirts, toiletries, socks, shoes, underwear; all are needed. A plastic bag with a sign will be in Illingsworth Hall on Sunday. Thank you. Any questions please contact Laurie Cathey contact information can be found in the church directory.

Flowers for service - If you wish to donate a bouquet a large bouquet is \$50 and small bouquet is \$30. Please contact Anne Daughters contact information can be found in the church directory.

Celebration of life for Tom Ciesielski will be after worship service today at Coffee 'n Chat.





I AM THE ONE WHO LIVES.
I WAS DEAD, BUT LOOK,
I AM ALIVE FOREVER AND EVER!

REVELATION 1:18

BECAUSE HE LIVES, I CAN FACE TOMORROW!

SOUL SNACK.

Welcome!

Welcome to those who have no church home, need strength, have doubt, want to follow Christ, or do not believe. Welcome to those who have worshiped in this place for years! Welcome to our first-time guests! Welcome to all generations, single people, couples, believers, and to questioners, and, of course, to questioning believers! We hope you find peace and uplift in our worship today.

We are very glad you are here!

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FAITH CHURCH — MISSION STATEMENT

Faith Presbyterian Church is an inclusive, welcoming, caring community, committed to serving Jesus Christ, who calls us to love God and to love one another. We worship, study and grow in understanding as we work for justice and peace in the world, inspired by the transforming power of the Holy Spirit. If you have faith the size of a mustard seed, great things are possible. (From Matthew 17:20)