



152nd Meeting of Palo Duro Presbytery, April 29th, 2022 5:30 PM

Order of Worship

“That Easter Day with Joy was Bright”

(Have your elements ready)

Poem to help us gather: “A New Serenity Prayer” by James Martin, 2012

Prelude: Pianist Mauricio Starosta and Violinist Francisco Villarreal with FPC Lubbock (“That Easter Day with Joy was Bright” adapted by Michael Praetorius, 15th C., and arranged by Cathy Stamegna)

Call to Worship from Psalm 46:

One: God is our refuge and our strength, our ever-present aid, and therefore, though the earth be moved, we will not be afraid; Though hills amid the seas be cast, though foaming waters roar, yea, though the mighty billows shake the mountains on the shore. Where God abides a river flows; that city will rejoice. But nations fear and kingdoms shake before God's thundering voice. Since God is in the midst of it, the city walls shall stand, secure and safe with God's sure help, when trouble is at hand.

All: The blameless spend their days under the Lord's care, and their inheritance will endure forever. In times of disaster, they will not wither; in days of famine, they will enjoy plenty. Let us worship God.

Prayer of Confession: Creator God, We have let you down. We have looked the other way. We have done selfish things. We have not looked honestly in the mirror. Forgive us.

Teach us to trust you—the God revealed in Scripture. Help us lean on You when life is too much. Lord, You are good, and You are pursuing us with mercy. Give us comfort when we are lonely. Send us out to be like Jesus to the vulnerable and to make disciples in this fragile world you entrusted to us.

Declaration of Forgiveness: Hear the good news! Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us. Anyone who is in Christ is a new

creation; the old life has gone; a new life has begun. Know that you are forgiven in Christ, by Christ, for Christ. Amen.

Glory Be to the Father: 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.

Sharing of Joys, Hopes, and Concerns in the Pastoral Prayers of the People with Prayer.

Word Proclaimed: II Kings 6:17, “O Lord, please open his eyes that he may see.’ So, the Lord opened the eyes of the servant” with Pastor Joe Gambill, First Presbyterian in Seymour, Texas

Offering and Doxology: Plate offering tonight goes to The Parrish relief efforts in response to devastating tornado. Please prayerfully consider an online donation via the PayPal donation button at padoduropresbytery.org or a check to PDP, P.O. Box 16267, Lubbock, TX 79490

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow: 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.

Communion Service: Open to all followed by **The Lord’s Prayer.**
Benediction.



Photo: Devastation but not despair. Tornado Recovery the March 21, 2022, F3 tornado in Jacksboro, Texas has led to an outpouring of love, hard work, and financial support alongside the congregation, The Jacksboro Parish. These are critical incidents where God is calling our name.

A New Serenity Prayer

God, grant me the serenity
to accept the people I cannot change,
which is pretty much everyone,
since I’m clearly not you, God.
At least not the last time I checked.
And while you’re at it, God,
please give me the courage
to change what I need to change about myself,
which is frankly a lot, since, once again,
I’m not you, which means I’m not perfect.
It’s better for me to focus on changing myself
than to worry about changing other people,
who, as you’ll no doubt remember me saying,
I can’t change anyway.
Finally, give me the wisdom to just shut up
whenever I think that I’m clearly smarter
than everyone else in the room,
that no one knows what they’re talking about except me,
or that I alone have all the answers.
Basically, God,
grant me the wisdom
to remember that I’m
not you. Amen.