



**Bright Sunday Service – Online**  
**Sunday, April 19, 2020**  
**Faith Presbyterian Church**



**Prelude** – *“Every Morning is Easter Morning”* Avery and Marsh

**Introit** – *“The Easter Song”* – The Carters

**Call to Laughter**

One: This is the time to rejoice!

**Two: What better time than now!**

One: This is the day to laugh: What did the cabbage pastor say to the people?

**Two: Lettuce pray!**

One: How many choir directors does it take to change a light bulb?

**Two: No one knows, because no one ever watches the director!**

One: How many Presbyterians does it take to change a light bulb?

**Two: Change? Presbyterians don't believe in change!**

One: What's the greatest joke ever?

**Two: The one God played on death on Easter morning!**

**First Song** *Joy to the World*

Joy to the world! The Lord is come  
Let earth receive her King!  
Let every heart prepare Him room  
And heaven and nature sing  
And heaven and nature sing  
And heaven, and heaven and nature  
sing.

No more let sins and sorrows grow  
Nor thorns infest the ground  
He comes to make  
His blessings flow  
Far as the curse is found  
Far as the curse is found  
Far as, far as the curse is found.

Joy to the world! the Savior reigns  
Let all their songs employ  
While fields and floods  
Rocks, hills and plains  
Repeat the sounding joy  
Repeat the sounding joy  
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

He rules the world with truth and grace  
And makes the nations prove  
The glories of His righteousness  
And wonders of His love  
And wonders of His love  
And wonders and wonders of His love

## **Everybody Prays**

**You smiled and the sun burst  
through the shadows of chaos;  
you chuckled,  
and the fish splashed  
in creation's fountain;  
you laughed,  
and all that is good and beautiful  
was give shape by you,  
Imaginative God.**

**As you fill us with new life,  
may we delight in sharing it with others;  
as you tell us the good news  
which can never be taken from us,  
may we rejoice in offering it  
to the broken, the sad, the lonely;  
as you tickle us with grace,  
may we give it away  
with laughter on our lips  
and joy in our hearts,  
Spirit of Easter. Amen.**

## **Getting a Lift**

One: The Gospels tell us over and over again of the joy which comes to us through Christ. When Jesus was around, lives were changed, the sick were healed, the sorrowful began to laugh with joy. The good news is that this joy is now given to us.

Through the Holy Spirit, we are gifted with laughter. We are sent forth to bring good news to the oppressed, to bring healing to the broken, to anoint everyone with the oil of gladness. Thanks be to God, we are forgiven. Amen.

**Hanging with the Youth** Heather Carter

**Special Music** *"What a Wonderful World"* *The Carters*

**First Word from the Good Book** Genesis 18:1-2, 9-15

The LORD appeared to Abraham<sup>(a)</sup> by the oaks<sup>(b)</sup> of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. <sup>2</sup>He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground.

<sup>9</sup>They said to him, "Where is your wife Sarah?" And he said, "There, in the tent." <sup>10</sup>Then one said, "I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son." And Sarah was listening at the tent entrance behind him. <sup>11</sup>Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in age; it had ceased to be with Sarah after the manner of women. <sup>12</sup>So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, "After I have grown old, and my husband is old, shall I have pleasure?" <sup>13</sup>The LORD said to Abraham, "Why did Sarah laugh, and say, 'Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?'" <sup>14</sup>Is anything too wonderful for the LORD? At the set time I will return to you, in due season, and Sarah shall have a son." <sup>15</sup>But Sarah denied, saying, "I did not laugh"; for she was afraid. He said, "Oh yes, you did laugh."

**Second Word from the Good Book** Proverbs 17:22

<sup>22</sup>A cheerful heart is a good medicine,  
but a downcast spirit dries up the bones.

**A Bit Of Wisdom And Fun** *"Got Humor?"* The Rev. Renée Rico

**We Pray Some More**

God Sightings, Prayers of celebration and sharing of burdens

Silent Prayer

Lords' Prayer

**Praising God Another Time**

**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.**

The Last Song    *“Lean on Me”*    Please sing along.

1. Sometimes in our lives, we all have pain  
we all have sorrow  
but if we are wise, we know that there’s  
always tomorrow.

Chorus: Lean on me, when you’re not strong  
and I’ll be your friend; I’ll help you carry on  
for it won’t be long till I’m gonna need  
somebody to lean on.

2. Please swallow your pride if I have things  
you need to borrow  
for no one can fill those of your needs  
that you don’t let show. (Lean on me...)

3. If there is a load you have to bear  
that you can’t carry  
I’m right up the road; I’ll share your load  
if you just call me. (So just call...)

Bridge: So just call on me brother, when you need a hand  
we all need somebody to lean on  
I just might have a problem that you’d understand  
we all need somebody to lean on. (Lean on me...)

A Big Send Out with Blessing and Action

A Little More Music – *“The Trees of the Field”*

You shall go out with joy  
And be led forth with peace  
The mountains and the hills  
Will break forth before you  
There’ll be shouts of joy  
And all the trees of the field  
Will clap, will clap their hands.

And all the trees of the field  
Will clap their hands  
The trees of the field  
Will clap their hands  
The trees of the field  
Will clap their hands  
While you go out with joy.

**Participants:**

Preacher: The Rev. Renée Rico

Worship Leaders: Patricia, Bianca, Lakshmi Garcia

Musicians: Sharon Keene, Richard and Heather Carter

Tech Support: Paul Hay