

THE SENDING

*HYMN OF SENDING NO. 833

“O Love That Will Not Let Me Go”

Indelible Grace Melody

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Are your hearts burning? Have you met the risen Christ?
If so, go out with great joy to share the good news.

And if not, if your heart is still weary and full of doubt, do not despair:
because Christ might find you at any time.

Go back to the road, and walk; keep your heart open, and God may just surprise you yet.

And as you go, in joy or in doubt, know that the grace of God will uphold you, the peace of Christ will enfold you,
and the Holy Spirit will make you bold,
today, tomorrow and forever.

*POSTLUDE

**Those who are able please stand*

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Serving Today

LITURGISTS:	Youth
MUSIC LEADERS:	Will Lively, piano; Alice Sanders
SOUND:	Olin Babb
TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES:	Russ Pearson
FLOWER DELIVERY:	Jenella Oliver

 THE CHANCEL FLOWERS ARE DEDICATED
 TO THE GLORY OF GOD
 in appreciation of our wonderful Youth Program
 and all of the people involved in their Christian nurturing
 by Debbie Waggoner.

First Presbyterian Church

Kingsport, Tennessee

*Seeking to see the face of Christ...
Striving to be the hands of Christ*



Third Sunday of Easter
Youth Sunday
April 23, 2023
8:45 & 11:00 a.m.

GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

BELLS OF GOD'S PRESENCE

WELCOME AND NEWS OF THE CHURCH AND COMMUNITY

PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

We have been walking, Lord,

**on roads of uncertainty and fear,
on roads of exhaustion and doubt,
on winding roads that have led us here.**

Join us on our journey, Lord.

**By your presence, refresh our spirits,
set our hearts ablaze,
and give us new direction!**

*HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 14 ~ "For the Beauty of the Earth"

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Jesus, Teacher, we confess today our outright foolishness.
We have been foolish to doubt your promises.
Foolish to withhold love from neighbor.
Foolish to chase riches, prestige and power.
Foolish to waste your gifts and spoil your creation.
Foolish to divide your children from each other.
Foolish to think hope is lost.
Wise us up again.
Open our hearts to your presence
in our lives, in our neighbors, in our world.
In your grace, help us grab onto
our millionth second chance,
and forge a new road from here on.
Amen.**

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear the good news! New life is not only possible; it has drawn near to us in Jesus. The promise is for us, and for all the children of God.

By the grace of God, the glory of Christ, and the gift of the Holy Spirit, we are forgiven and we are free! Alleluia! Amen.

*RESPONSE (*Join us on 2nd time. Then repeat.*)

Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good. God's love endures forever

*PEACE OF CHRIST

HEARING GOD'S WORD

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS

*Psalm 8
1 John 3:18-24*

SENIOR SERMONS

Ella Miller
Sam Barbour

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*HYMN OF RESPONSE NO. 475 ~ "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Adapted from the Brief Statement of Faith)

In life and death, we belong to God.

**Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit,
we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel,
whom alone we worship and serve.**

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God.

**Jesus proclaimed the reign of God, was crucified,
and raised from the dead, delivering us from death to life eternal.**

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life.

**The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith,
sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor,
and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the church.**

**In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,
we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks
and to live holy and joyful lives,
even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth,
praying, Come, Lord Jesus!**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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.**

THE OFFERING

PRAYER OF DEDICATION