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# Order of Service

## Fourth Sunday of Easter

May 11, 2025

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*Welcome to worship service at the First Presbyterian Church in Palestine, IL. Whether you are here in person, or watching us online, we are honored that you have chosen to worship with us!*

**\*\*INDICATES TO PLEASE STAND IF ABLE TO DO SO.**

### Gathering

### Gathering Music

### Welcome And Announcements

### Prelude

As our prelude is played, let us quiet our soul with meditation and prayer.

### Call To Worship (based on Psalm 30)

He was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the punishment that made us whole, and by his bruises we are healed.

**All we like sheep have gone astray; we have all turned to our own way, and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.**

### **\*\*Opening Hymn      *All Creatures of Our God and King*      Red Hymnal #59 Verses1-3**

All creatures of our God and King, Lift up your voice and with us sing Alleluia, alleluia! Thou burning sun with golden beam, Thou silver moon with softer gleam, O praise him, O praise him, Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Thou rushing winds that art so strong, Ye clouds that sail in Heav'n along, O praise him, alleluia! Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice, Ye lights of evening, find a voice. O praise him, O praise him, Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

And all ye saints of tender heart, Forgiving others, take your part, O sing ye, alleluia! Ye who long pain and sorrow bear, Praise God and on him cast your care: O praise him, O praise him, Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

### Children's Moment

### Special Music

**Elias Evans – Violin – “Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star”**

**Mindy Evans – Cello – “French Folk Song”**

### Call to Confession

### Prayer of Confession

**Merciful God, we have followed the desires of our own hearts and neglected the needs of our neighbors. Forgive our hard and selfish ways. Turn us to Christ and Christ's righteous path. Guide our steps in mission and ministry. Amen.**

## Declaration of Forgiveness

We are an Easter people, forgiven and freed, ready to sing God's glory and testify to God's grace.  
**Thanks be to God!**

## Prayer for Illumination

### **\*\*Gloria Patri**

*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.*

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## **THE WORD**

### Scripture

This is the Word of God for the People of God. **Thanks be to God.**

Message **MaryAnn Kidwell**

## **RESPONSE TO THE WORD**

### Call for the Offering



#### **May – Pentecost Special Offerings**

How to Give: you can go directly to our website and use our online giving platform to set up a one-time or recurring gift; you can mail your offering directly to the church (POB 132, Palestine, IL 62451), or you can drop your tithes and offerings at the church office, Mon – Thurs, 10 am – 2 pm.

### Presentation of Offerings and Song of Dedication

#### **\*\*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow (Doxology) (#606)**

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

### Prayer of Dedication

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

On this fourth Sunday of Easter, with the scent of lilies from the flowering cross not yet a distant memory, hold your resurrection glory before us as our guide and hope, O God. May this season plant seeds of new life and yield growth and maturity in Christ. May the gift of your Spirit be our steady leader and faithful friend.

We praise you, Savior God. **Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! (Revelation 7:12)**

For mothers around the world today, we give you thanks, O God. We give thanks for the countless ways mothers and mother-figures nurture, educate and inspire. Bless the women who hold and heal, who shelter and protect, who liberate themselves and others from that which discourages and curbs potential. Within our varied roles and with our differing gifts, help us recognize the Divine's image in all her people.

We praise you, Savior God. **Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! (Revelation 7:12)**

Righteous God, in a world torn by war, keep us from hate that hardens and scorekeeping with human lives. When our world is troubled and violence the chosen path, draw near to judge and save. Guide our leaders with your wisdom. Help us walk with humility as our constant companion. Move our hearts with compassion, justice and love.

We praise you, Savior God. **Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! (Revelation 7:12)**

As the Body of Christ, hear us now as we pray as Christ taught us, "**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.**

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## SENDING

### \*\*Hymn of Sending

### *I Come to the Garden Alone*

### Red Hymnal #398 All Verses

*I come to the garden alone, While the dew is still on the roses; And the voice I hear, falling on my ear The Son of God discloses.*

#### **(Refrain)**

*And He walks with me, and He talks with me, And He tells me I am His own, And the joy we share as we tarry there, None other has ever known.*

*He speaks, and the sound of His voice Is so sweet the birds hush their singing, And the melody that He gave to me Within my heart is ringing. (Refrain)*

*I'd stay in the garden with Him Though the night around me be falling, But He bids me go; through the voice of woe, His voice to me is calling. (Refrain).*

## Benediction Postlude

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# PRAYER REQUEST

## Newly Added or Updated

**Luke Hayes – Brain Cancer**

## Our Continuing Care Concerns

**Zach McNair**

**Shawn Bennett-Samantha Knoblett's Brother-Had Surgery and in Hospice**

**Brody Keesling – Head Injury**

**Walter and Sandy Tarran-In long-term care**

**Kathy Lutes**

**Margo Riker - Leukemia**

**Larry Quick – General Health Concerns**

**Auggie Martin – Pulmonary Edema**

**Mike Staffey – Second- and Third-degree burns**

**Aaron Earle -Pray for Guidance**

**Chad Coleman – Colon Surgery, Undergoing Chemo**

**Bill Klein – Prostate Cancer**

**Mike Emmerich & Family –Son Deployed to Kuwait**

**Doris & Bill Powell – Doris battling lung cancer**

**Knoblett Family**

**Jocelyne Ramsey & Family – Brain Stem Swelling**

**Dave Holubek – Car Accident/Broken Back & Neck**

**Jamie Schell (Sandy Ellis's cousin) –Breast cancer**

**Rita Garrard – Breast Cancer**

**People of Israel**

**Pastor Akers**

**Victims of Weather Disasters**

**People of Ukraine**

**Please keep the PNC in your prayers for discernment and patience.**

## Remember those in our church family who are in assisted living or care homes

**BridgePointe Health Campus**

**Sisters of Providence**

**Cheryl Mefford**

**Guileen Manual**

**1900 College Ave, Vincennes, IN 47591**

**1 Providence Pl, St Mary-Of-The-Woods, IN 47876**

**Arbor Rose of Robinson**

**Carle Richland Memorial Hospital**

**Marilyn Henderson and Sharon Biggs**

**Mary Laughead**

**500 S Reed Street, Robinson, IL 62454**

**800 E Locust Street, Suite 304, Olney, IL 62450**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### MISSION GIVING - MAY

Pentecost

### MISSION GIVING - JUNE

Palestine Food Pantry

### MEETING DATES

- May 20, 6:00 p.m. - Session Meeting

### IMPORTANT DATES & EVENTS

- Wednesdays, 6:45 p.m. –Choir Practice
- Mother’s Day Breakfast May 11<sup>th</sup> at 9:15 a.m.

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

- Food pantry needs volunteers! Monday 1-3 and Wednesday 5-6. They could use any able-bodied workers!

### LOCATED AT THE BACK OF THE SANCTUARY

- 2024 Annual Report
- The Upper Room – May and June
- Pentecost Special Offering Information and Envelopes

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**Ellie Kidwell is having a 1<sup>st</sup> birthday party May 18<sup>th</sup> at 2 p.m. at the Flat Rock Community Center. Join us for cake and a celebration!!**



