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"In Christ, Always Praising, Serving, Growing."

Welcome and Announcements

Choral CTW: 243 Be not afraid. Sing out for joy! Christ is risen! Alleluia! (repeat)

Call-to-Worship: To Your name, O Lord, be the glory because of your love and faithfulness. (Ps 115:1)

*Hymn of Praise: 254 "That Easter Day with Joy was Bright"

*Opening Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

*The Apostle's Creed

Children's Sermon

Bible Reading: Acts 12:1-16

King Herod arrested some who belonged to the church... He had James, the brother of John, put to death with the sword. When he saw that this met with approval among the Jews, he proceeded to seize Peter also. This happened during the Festival of Unleavened Bread. After arresting him, he put him in prison, handing him over to be guarded by four squads of four soldiers each... So Peter was kept in prison, but the church was earnestly praying to God for him.

⁶ The night before Herod was to bring him to trial, Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, bound with two chains, and sentries stood guard at the entrance. Suddenly an angel of the Lord appeared and a light shone in the cell. He woke Peter up and said, "Quick, get up!" And the chains fell off Peter's wrists. Then the angel said to him, "Put on your clothes and sandals. Wrap your cloak around you and follow me." Peter followed the angel out of the prison...

¹⁰ They passed the 1st and 2nd guards and came to the iron gate leading to the city. It opened for them by itself, and they went through it. When they had walked the length of one street, suddenly the angel left. Then Peter said, "Now I know without a doubt that the Lord has sent his angel, rescued me from Herod's clutches and from everything the Jewish people were hoping would happen."

¹² When this had dawned on him, he went to the house of Mary the mother of John Mark, where many people had gathered and were praying. Peter knocked at the outer entrance, and a servant named Rhoda came to answer the door. When she recognized Peter's voice, she was so overjoyed she ran back without opening it and exclaimed, "**Peter is at the door!**" They told her, "**You're out of your mind.**" When she kept insisting that it was so, they said, "It must be his angel." Peter kept on knocking, and when they opened the door and saw him, they were astonished. Peter motioned for them to be quiet and described how the Lord had brought him out of prison."

Hymn: 248

"Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna"

Sermon Reading:

Luke 24:36-49

While they were still talking about this, Jesus stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." They were startled and frightened, thinking they saw a ghost. He said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do doubts rise in your minds? Look at my hands and my feet. It is I myself! Touch me and see; a ghost does not have flesh and bones, as you see I have... '

⁴⁰ When He had said this, He showed them His hands and feet. And while they still did not believe it because of joy and amazement, He asked them, "Do you have anything here to eat?" They gave Him a piece of broiled fish, and He took it and ate it in their presence.

⁴⁴ Jesus told them, "This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms." **Then He opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures.**

Jesus said to them, "This is what is written: The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. **I am going to send you what my Father has promised...** you will be clothed with power from on high."

Sermon:

Meet the Risen Savior

*Hymn: 246

"Christ Is Alive"

*Benediction:

*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.*

**As you are able, please stand.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Welcome to Third Presbyterian Church! If you are visiting with us, please complete the guest card, located in the front of your pew and hand it to the pastor or put in an offering plate.

- Please place your financial gifts in the offering plates up front. Offerings given to the "Four for the Poor" box go to feed the hungry of our community.
- All offerings are counted the second and fourth Sundays of each month.
- The Wednesday Share Life Bible study group meets at 10:30 AM in the library.