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***LIVING AS
EASTER PEOPLE
WITH LOVE***

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
SUNDAY, MAY 2, 2010 at 11:00 A.M.

THE CHURCH GATHERS . .

PRELUDE *With the first notes of the organ please silently prepare yourself for worship.*

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND SHARING OF COMMUNITY LIFE

INTROIT

“Our Christ Arose”

Words and Music by Lawrence R. Nelson

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Christ is Risen!

Unison: He is Risen Indeed, Hallelujah!

Leader: Come let us sing praise to the Risen Christ,

Unison: who is the Lord of love.

Leader: Let us come at our Lord’s invitation to his table,

Unison: and let us accept his invitation to remember him here,

Leader: and to celebrate all that in love he has done for us

Unison: in his life, his death, and in his glorious resurrection.

Leader: Come let us hear again his commandment to love one another as he has loved us,

Unison: as we celebrate together all of his love for us.

*** HYMN OF PRAISE TO THE LORD OF LOVE No. 151**

Diademata

“Crown Him with Many Crowns”

CALL TO CONFESSION

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

You have shown us, O God, your way of love in Jesus Christ, the Lord of love. As we remember his invitation to love one another as he has loved us, we have to confess how much we have failed. Your amazing love shown in his life, his suffering, his death and his resurrection, put us to shame as we remember our own feeble efforts to love other people. In the assurance of the love divine, all loves excelling, that you have shown for us in him, we pray that you will forgive us, and strengthen us to become more loving.

PERSONAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION IN SILENCE

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON *based on Romans 6:3-4 and II Corinthians 5:17*

Leader: During this Easter Season, let us remember our baptisms!

Unison: and let celebrate all that God in love has done for us in Jesus Christ.

Leader: We have been baptized with Christ into his death.

Unison: We have been buried with him by baptism into his death.

Leader: But, as God raised Jesus from the dead,

Unison: so God has raised us to newness of life in him.

Leader: Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation.

Unison: The old life has gone, a new life has begun.

Leader: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel,

Unison: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

***THE SUNG RESPONSE OF PRAISE No. 579**

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.**

TO HEAR AND REFLECT ON GOD'S WORD . . .

A TIME FOR OUR CHILDREN

Suzanne Owens

(Children age 5 and under are excused to go downstairs after our Children's Time)

JESUS GIVES HIS NEW COMMANDMENT

John 13:31-35

The Response: Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM:

"This Is My Commandment"

Words based on John 15:12-13. Music by Haydn Morgan

SERMON

"Living As Easter People With Love"

Dr. Christopher

TO RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD . . .

***PRAYER HYMN FOR THE LOVE OF JESUS IN OUR LIVES No. 367**

"Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love"

Chereponi

THE PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

THE OFFERTORY

*** THE OFFERTORY RESPONSE FOR EASTER**

Lasst uns erfreuen

**Praise God from whom all blessings come,
Praise Jesus Christ, the Risen One, Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God the source of all our gifts;
Praise Jesus Christ, here with us now;
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit, Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

TO CELEBRATE THE LORD'S SUPPER . . .

*** INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE**

*** THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Leader: It is indeed right and our duty and delight to give you thanks for in Jesus Christ your Son you have revealed yourself most clearly to this world, and you have shown us your glory,

People: Therefore, we praise and adore you as we give thanks to him our Risen Lord.

All Sing No. 106 (refrain only)

Alleluia No 1

**Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the Risen Lord
Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to His Name.**

Leader: In his gracious words we have heard your words of love, O God. In his caring deeds we have seen your compassion. In his humility and in his acceptance of the role of a servant we have seen your ways.

People: Therefore, we praise and adore you as we give thanks to him our Risen Lord.

All Sing No. 106 (refrain only)

Alleluia No 1

**Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the Risen Lord
Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to His Name.**

Leader: In his suffering and death we have seen your boundless love for us, and for the whole world. In raising him from the dead you have affirmed that all that he said and all that he did were indeed your words and your actions.

People: Therefore, we praise and adore you as we give thanks to him our Risen Lord.

All Sing No. 106 (refrain only)

Alleluia No 1

Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the Risen Lord

Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to His Name.

Leader: As we gather at this table we give you thanks, O God, for this meal by which he invites us to remember him, and all that you have done for us, and for the whole world, in your love so amazing and so divine in him.

People: **As we come his guests to share this meal together, we praise and adore you as we give thanks to him our Risen Lord.**

All Sing No. 106 (refrain only)

Alleluia No 1

Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the Risen Lord

Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to His Name.

Leader: Hear us now, O God, as in the confidence you have given us through your love shown in Jesus Christ your Son we are bold to pray as he taught us

Unison: Our Father, who art in heaven....

(The Lord's Prayer, Presbyterian Hymnal, page 16 traditional, using debts and debtors)

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE *(Please hold the elements until all have been served.)*

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND SUPPLICATION

TO GO OUT AND SERVE . . .

* **HYMN OF GOD'S LOVE SEEN IN JESUS CHRIST No. 376**

Hyfrydol

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

* **THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

* **THE CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE FOR EASTER No. 113**

Llanfair

(stanza two only)

Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!

Fought the fight, the battle won: Alleluia!

Death in vain, forbids him rise; Alleluia!

Christ has opened paradise, Alleluia!

* **POSTLUDE**

* **All who can do so comfortably will stand**

Pastor: Huw Christopher

Elder of the month: John W. Milton

Administrative Assistant: Valerie Marlow

Nursery Assistants: Mary Skipper and Branham Skipper

Director of Music: Lawrence R. Nelson

Organist: Stanley Littleton

Custodian: Ron Jones

To Our Guests – Welcome to First Presbyterian Church of Marianna. We are glad to have you worship with us as we continue to celebrate the Easter Season. We invite you to join us each Sunday, as we worship and study God's word. If you would like more information concerning our church, you may fill out one of the *Welcome* cards in the pews, talk to the ushers or the pastor, or call the church office.

Nursery care is available for children Kindergarten and below during our Worship Service each Sunday morning. Children may be taken to the nursery before the service begins, or after the Time with Our Children. The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper is not served to children in our nursery, so if they wish to receive they should remain in the service with their families this morning.

Everyone who seeks to love and serve our Lord Jesus Christ is invited to share in the **Sacrament of the Lord's Supper** with us. According to the tradition of this congregation we will hold the bread and the cup in order that we might eat and drink together when we are invited to do so. You are encouraged to hold the bread with the napkin provided as you break off your piece.

Our Prayer Calendar: Jack Brown, Billy Sherrel, Ruth Sherrel, Sharon Milton (wife of Michael John Milton), Brad Southerland (father of Cindy Eade), and Maggie Watts Walls (daughter of Jim and Nancy Watts).

The **flowers** gracing the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God by Louise Hoy and Daun and Christine Crews.

A workshop on the **Five Love Languages**, or five different ways in which people feel loved, will be offered this afternoon from 3 until 5 p.m. This workshop will help people to think about how they feel loved and how they can show love in meaningful ways for other people – family members, co-workers, children, youth, etc. This workshop will be helpful to people of all ages, single or married. It is based on the writings of the Rev. Dr. Gary Chapman, copies of which will be available. Please invite friends from the community to join you for this workshop, which will be led by Rachel and Huw Christopher. Childcare will be available for children pre-school and elementary ages.

All ladies are invited to share in one or more of the **Circle Meetings** on Monday:

Circle 1 at 10:30 a.m. in the parlor, followed by luncheon in fellowship hall.

Please bring a salad or dessert for end of year meeting.

Circle 2 at 4 p.m. in the fellowship hall.

Please bring a salad or dessert for end of year meeting.

The Good News Women's Circle will meet at 7 p.m. at the home of Sandra Daffin, 4356 River Forest Road.

The members of the **Confirmation Class**, together with their elder partners, will meet in the fellowship hall at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday for a class session beginning with supper. Elders Bryan Milton, Debbie Moxley and Barry Stafford will also meet with them.

Every Sunday morning there are **Sunday School Classes** for all age groups between 9:45 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Next Sunday the Adult class in the parlor will be studying, "An Established Community" based on Colossians 2:1-10. The Adult class upstairs in Room 4, will be studying the text to be used in our Worship Service from Acts 16:9-15.

The Session will meet next Sunday at 10:35 a.m. to receive **new members**. If you would like to become a member of the church next Sunday, or on some other occasion, please contact Huw Christopher at fpcmarianna@embarqmail.com or 526-2430.

At our Worship Service next Sunday, the Sacrament of Baptism will be celebrated for Zia Leidinger, and as we celebrate **Mother's Day**, all ladies present will be honored by the children of the congregation.

The sympathy of the Church is extended to **Larry Nelson** in the death of his brother, Thomas Leighton Nelson in Fort Worth, Texas, on April 24, 2010; to **Jake Gunter** in the death of his brother, William A. Gunter, in Troy, Alabama on April 25, 2010; to **Artie Franz** in the death of her brother, Paul A. Mulford, in Green Cove Springs, Florida on April 22, 2010; to **Macky Gortemoller and Meg Garraway Brown** in the death of their cousin, Mary Anne Jones Burke, of Marianna, on April 25, 2010, and to **Fran McNeill** in the death of her uncle, James Mullen, in New Jersey on April 21, 2010.

Congratulations are extended to **Will and Emelie Rountree** on the birth of a daughter, Caroline Campbell, in Atlanta, Georgia on April 27, 2010 and to JoAnn Rountree the proud grandmother; and to **Sally Roos**, on the recent birth of a great-grandson, David Arnold Samek, in Dallas, Texas.

The **new coffee cart** in the fellowship hall has been purchased by Circle 2 using memorial funds for Mildred Martin, who was a faithful member of that circle.

The May program for our **PALS (older adults)** will be a trip for program, tour and luncheon at Westminster Oaks, the Presbyterian Retirement Community in Tallahassee on Tuesday, May 19. The program will begin at 11 a.m. (Eastern Time), so carpools will leave the church at 8:15 a.m. (Central Time). All who would like to make the trip are invited to do so. Transportation will be available for those who do not wish to drive to Tallahassee. In order to help Westminster Oaks to plan for our visit, reservations need to be made to our church by Monday, May 10, by completing one of *Welcome Cards* in the pews and placing it on the offering plate, or by calling the church office at 526-2430 by or e-mail to firstpresmarianna@earthlink.net by 5p.m. on Monday, May 10.

This week in the life of the church . . .

- Today Worship and Music Committee at 12:15 p.m. in the parlor.
Love Language Workshop from 3 until 5 p.m. in the fellowship hall.
- Monday Ladies Exercise Class 9:00 a.m.
Circle 1 at 10:30 a.m. in the parlor followed by a luncheon.
Circle 2 at 4 p.m. in the fellowship hall followed by a supper.
Good News Women's Circle at 7 p.m. at Sandra Daffin's.
- Tuesday Living History Luncheon at 11:30 a.m. in the fellowship hall.
Christian Education Committee meets at 5 p.m. in the fellowship hall.
Evangelism and Fellowship Committee meets at 6:30 p.m.
- Wednesday Food pantry is open from 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. The volunteers are
Jeff and Ruthanne Allen and Mary Ann Gibbs.
M and Ms (Kindergarten-5th Grade) meet from 3 until 5 p.m. at the church
Choir Practice at 5:15 p.m.
JuBELLees practice at 6 p.m.
Confirmation Class at 6:30 p.m.
Senior High Youth Group meets at 7 p.m.
- Friday Ladies Exercise Class 9 a.m.
- Sunday (9th) Mission and Service Committee at 9 a.m. in the church office.
Coffee and Juice in the fellowship hall at 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School for all Ages at 9:45 a.m.
Session meets to receive new members at 10:35 a.m. in the parlor.
A Celebration of Living as Easter People with Hospitality, and the
Sacrament of Baptism at 11 a.m.

Have you remembered the Anniversary Birthday Challenge?