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# Sunday Worship

April 21, 2013 – 10:00 AM

Fourth Sunday of Easter

## The Word of God

Welcome & Quiet Time (↑ indicates when to stand)

### Call to Worship

#### ↑Gathering Song #1: Lord, Reign In Me

Over all the earth, You reign on high, ev'ry mountain stream, ev'ry sunset sky. But my one request, Lord, my only aim is that you'd reign in me again.

*(Chorus)* Lord, reign in me, reign in Your pow'r; over all my dreams, in my darkest hour. You are the Lord of all I am, so won't You reign in me again.

Over ev'ry thought, over ev'ry word, may my life reflect the beauty of my Lord; 'cause You mean more to me than any earthly thing. So won't You reign in me again.

Lord, reign in me, reign in Your pow'r; over all my dreams, in my darkest hour. You are the Lord of all I am, so won't You reign in me again. Lord, reign in me, reign in Your pow'r; over all my dreams, in my darkest hour. You are the Lord of all I am, so won't You reign in me again, won't You reign in me again, won't You reign in me again.

#### ↑Gathering Song #2: The Heart Of Worship

When the music fades, all is stripped away, and I simply come. Longing just to bring something that's of worth that will bless your heart. I'll bring you more than a song, for a song in itself is not what you have required. You search much deeper within through the way things appear. You're looking into my heart.

*(Chorus:)* I'm coming back to the heart of worship, and it's all about you, it's all about you Jesus. I'm sorry Lord for the thing I've made it, when it's all about you, it's all about you Jesus.

King of endless worth, no one could express how much you deserve. Though I'm weak and poor, all I have is yours, every single breath. I'll bring you more than a song, for a song in itself is not what you have required. You search much deeper within through the way things appear. You're looking into my heart.

*(Chorus)*

↑*All:* O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

(Please be seated) **A Reading from Acts**

(9:36-43)

Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

**Leader:** The Word of the Lord.

**All:** Thanks be to God.

↑**Song of Praise:** We Fall Down

We fall down, we lay our crowns at the feet of Jesus, the greatness of mercy and love at the feet of Jesus. And we cry, "Holy, holy, holy," and we cry "Holy, holy, holy," and we cry, "Holy, holy, holy is the Lamb."

↑**The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to John**

(10:22-30)

**All:** Glory to you, Lord Christ.

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one."

**Priest:** The Gospel of the Lord.

**All:** Praise to you Lord Christ.

## Message (please be seated)

↑**Leader:** Let us stand and profess our faith using the words of the Nicene Creed.

**All:** We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being

with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

### ↑ Prayers for Ourselves and Others

**Leader:** Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

**All:** That we all may be one.

**Leader:** Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

**All:** That your Name may be glorified by all people.

**Leader:** We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

**All:** That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

**Leader:** We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

**All:** That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

**Leader:** Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

**All:** That our works may find favor in your sight.

**Leader:** Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

**All:** That they may be delivered from their distress.

**Leader:** Give to the departed eternal rest.

**All:** Let light perpetual shine upon them.

**Leader:** We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

**All:** May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

**Leader:** Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Please feel free to add your own petitions either silently or aloud.

**Leader:** Seeking the rightness that comes from you, we pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

**All:** Have mercy on us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Priest:** Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon us, pardon and deliver us from all our sins, confirm and strengthen us in all goodness, and bring us to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## ↑Exchange of Peace

*Priest:* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People:* And also with you.

# The Holy Communion

## Offertory

↑ *Doxology:* 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.

## ↑Eucharistic Prayer A

*Priest:* The Lord be with you.

**All:** And also with you.

*Priest:* Lift up your hearts.

**All:** We lift them to the Lord.

*Priest:* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All:** It is right to give him thanks and praise.

*Priest:* It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**All (Sung):** Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

*Priest:* Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world. On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*People:* Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

**Priest:** We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom. All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**Priest:** And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,

**All:** 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*The priest breaks the consecrated bread and says:*

**Priest:** Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

**People:** Therefore let us keep the feast. **Alleluia.**

**Priest:** The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*[NOTE: All are welcome to receive Communion, whatever your faith tradition. Please receive the bread in the open palm of your hand. Then, either consume the bread and move to a chalice and receive from the chalice by guiding the base of the chalice to your mouth or take the chalice from the chalice minister. Or, you may intinct or dip the bread into the chalice and consume it. The glass chalice contains non-alcoholic wine for those who do not wish to consume alcohol for any reason. If you do not wish to receive communion but would like a blessing, please come forward with your arms crossed over your chest.]*

**Communion Song: It Is Well With My Soul**

When Peace like a river attendeth my way, when sorrows like sea billows roll; Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say, "It is well, it is well with my soul."

*(Chorus)* It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.

Tho' Satan should buffet, tho' trials should come, let this blest assurance control; That Christ hath regarded my helpless estate, and hath shed His own blood for my soul. *(Chorus)*

And, Lord, haste the day when the faith shall be sight, the clouds be rolled back as a scroll; The trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend, "Even so" it is well with my soul. *(Chorus)*

↑**Post-Communion Prayer:** Lord, make us instruments of your peace. Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. Grant that we may not so much seek to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. **Amen.**

## ↑Blessing

### ↑Song of Dismissal: Your Grace Is Enough

Great is Your faithfulness O God. You wrestle with the sinner's heart. You lead us by still waters into mercy. And nothing can keep us apart.

So remember Your people. Remember Your children. Remember Your promise O God. Your grace is enough. Your grace is enough. Your grace is enough for me

Great is Your love and justice God. You use the weak to lead the strong. You lead us in the song of Your salvation. And all Your people sing along

So remember Your people. Remember Your children. Remember Your promise O God. Your grace is enough. Your grace is enough. Your grace is enough for me.

Your grace is enough. Heaven reaches out to us. Your grace is enough for me. Your grace is enough. I'm covered in Your love. Your grace is enough for me.

### ↑Announcements, Prayer Requests and Dismissal

*Priest:* Alleluia. Let us bless the Lord.

*All:* Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

### **Remember in your prayers:**

Chuck Haack  
Shirley & Tom Bishop  
Nancy MacNaughton

Neale Dickinson  
Barbara & Jimmy Williams  
Christian Families in Pakistan

Virginia Burke  
Eric Wilcken's family  
Lonnie Johnson

**This past week we were all shocked to hear the news of bombs exploding at the Boston Marathon. It is disturbing because the target seemed to be civilians who were either running or watching the race. One natural response that comes after the shock subsides and we pray for those who are victims is to embrace what we think is right more tightly than we did before. It increases our sense of security and the feeling of confidence that we know how to address and contain catastrophic situations. That response can eventually separate us from those who think differently than we do. A more faith-based response may be to find deeper ways to love our neighbors as we love ourselves. That may be better for most of us than becoming entrenched in our own positions.**

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**Make yourself comfortable!**

Welcome to worship today. We're glad you've come to glorify God with the people of St. Francis Church.

**There is no "one right way" to participate. Join in as much as you want.**

If you wish to sing, all our music is included in the bulletin. We have a lively contemporary band and music is a significant part of our worship experience. However, we recognize that visitors may not know the music. If you and your family are among these, we encourage you to hum along or simply sit back and enjoy the sound.

Filling out a name tag and placing it on your person will permit us all to greet each other by name while visiting here at St. Francis. Likewise, signing our guest roster will permit us to follow-up with you following this Sunday's worship.

If you are a guest today, don't feel obligated to make a financial contribution to the offering.

Rest rooms are located in the entrance Narthex and in the mobile office/classroom building adjacent to the worship hall.

*"We are a welcoming community seeking to share God's unconditional love with all."*

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**Your Vestry Members are:**

<b>Senior Warden:</b>	Jack Martin	<b>Junior Warden:</b>	Bill Weatherford
<b>Other Members:</b>	Peter LeViness Ann James		Larry Kidd Wayne Conners
<b>Register:</b>	Marian Elam	<b>Treasurer:</b>	Susan Kidd

Below is the schedule for greeters, lay readers and chalcers for April, May and early June. If you have a problem with the dates on this schedule, please let Larry Kidd know as soon as possible and he will try to make adjustments. Otherwise you will need to find a substitute if you are unable to be at church on your assigned date.

**Worship Service**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Scripture Reader</u>	<u>Prayer Reader</u>	<u>Chalicer Names</u>	<u>Greeters/ Ushers</u>
21-Apr	MJ Weatherford	Peter LeViness	MJ Weatherford, Peter LeViness	John and Libbie Clark
28-Apr	Kathy Gammon	Bill Weatherford	Kathy Gammon, Bill Weatherford	Paul and Ann James
5-May	Wayne Conners	Missy Rand	Jack Martin, Marian Elam	John and Libbie Clark
12-May	Kathy Gammon	Larry Kidd	Kathy Gammon, Susan Kidd	Bill Weatherford, Larry Kidd
19-May	Peter LeViness	MJ Weatherford	Peter LeViness, MJ Weatherford	Paul and Ann James
26-May	Larry Kidd	Bill Weatherford	Susan Kidd, Bill Weatherford	Bill Weatherford, Larry Kidd
2-Jun	Wayne Conners	Missy Rand	Ann James, Jack Martin	Bill Weatherford, Larry Kidd

## ~Announcements~

### Upcoming Important Dates:

Friday, April 26	Kindred Spirits	St. Francis	7:30 p.m.
Thursday, May 9	Vestry Meeting	St. Francis	6:00 p.m.

**Relay for Life** - Remember, St. Francis will be sponsoring a team for the Relay for Life/Goochland this Spring. The event will be held at the Goochland Elementary School track starting at 6:00 p.m. on June 7<sup>th</sup> continuing until 6:00 a.m. on June 8<sup>th</sup>. If you are interested in being on the team which will be walking or simply wish to donate/sponsor a walker please see Ann James or Libby Clark for more information. We will get one Team t-shirt for every \$100 donated in support of our team.

**Financial Update**—If you have any questions about any of this data, please don't hesitate to ask your treasurer, Susan Kidd.

	<b>Operating Funds</b>		<b>Net Gain</b>
	<u>Deposits</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>or (Loss)</u>
<b>2013</b>			
<b>1st Quarter</b>	<b>\$24,463.00</b>	<b>\$20,486.48</b>	<b>\$3,976.52</b>
April	\$1,234.00	\$1,551.60	<b>(\$317.60)</b>
May	\$0.00	\$0.00	<b>\$0.00</b>
June	\$0.00	\$0.00	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>2nd Quarter</b>	<b>\$1,234.00</b>	<b>\$1,551.60</b>	<b>(\$317.60)</b>
<b>2013 Year-To-Date</b>	<b>\$25,697.00</b>	<b>\$22,038.08</b>	<b>\$3,658.92</b>
<b>Checking Account Balance</b>	<u>Beginning</u>	<u>Ending</u>	
<b>YTD 2013</b>	\$32,627.98	\$36,286.90	<b>\$3,658.92</b>

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