



**Erwin Presbyterian Church**

Fifth Sunday of Easter \* April 28, 2024 \* 11:00 a.m.  
105 N. Elm Ave., Erwin, TN 37650 \* 423-743-3431\*  
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**Prelude**  
Ethan Thomas, organist

*I Love to Tell the Story*

arr. Dorothy Wells

**Welcome and Announcements**

The Rev. Dr. Ramy Marcos

**Introit**

*Glory to His Name*

Green Hymnbook #493

**\* Call to Worship**

Gail Hood

Leader: We gather this day in joy and Christian fellowship,

**All: for we are the church of Jesus Christ!**

Leader: We pray for the Holy Spirit to be among us,

**All: opening our hearts and minds to the worship of God!**

**\*Hymn**

*Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

Red Hymnbook, #21

**Call to Confession**

Gail Hood

Leader: When we come before God, we remember and proclaim who God is: merciful, just, holy, and loving. We must also remember who we are, and we are a people who have not always been the people God has called us to be. We have not always been merciful, just, holy or loving. So let us confess our sin, trusting in God's goodness to forgive us and create us anew for our lives ahead.

**Prayer of Confession**

Gail Hood

**All:** Gracious God, our hearts are restless until they find their home in you. Forgive our pursuit of things that separate us from you. We pursue success, realizing it will never be enough. We desire more possessions, knowing they are empty. We turn toward the world and hope we will find peace, knowing the world cannot provide it. Forgive us, we pray, and may our wandering hearts find their rest in you alone.

*(Please take a moment of silent confession)*

**Assurance of Pardon**

Gail Hood

Leader: Hear the good news! In Christ, we are new creations. The old life is gone, thank God! A new life has begun. Know you are forgiven, and be at peace. Amen.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**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.**

**\*The Peace**

The Rev. Dr. Ramy Marcos

Pastor: Jesus said, “My peace I give to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not let them be afraid.” May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

**All: And also with you.**

Pastor: Please take a moment to greet one another and share the peace of Christ.

**First Scripture Reading-1John 4:7-12**

Gail Hood

<sup>7</sup> Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God.<sup>8</sup> Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love.<sup>9</sup> This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. <sup>10</sup> This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. <sup>11</sup> Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. <sup>12</sup> No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God**

**Anthem**

*Lord, Lead Us Day by Day*

**Prayer for Illumination**

The Rev. Dr. Ramy Marcos

**Second Scripture Reading- John 21:1-14**

<sup>1</sup> Afterward Jesus appeared again to his disciples, by the Sea of Galilee. It happened this way: <sup>2</sup> Simon Peter, Thomas (also known as Didymus), Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two other disciples were together. <sup>3</sup> “I’m going out to fish,” Simon Peter told them, and they said, “We’ll go with you.” So they went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

<sup>4</sup> Early in the morning, Jesus stood on the shore, but the disciples did not realize that it was Jesus.

<sup>5</sup> He called out to them, “Friends, haven’t you any fish?”

“No,” they answered.

<sup>6</sup>He said, “Throw your net on the right side of the boat and you will find some.” When they did, they were unable to haul the net in because of the large number of fish.

<sup>7</sup>Then the disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, “It is the Lord!” As soon as Simon Peter heard him say, “It is the Lord,” he wrapped his outer garment around him (for he had taken it off) and jumped into the water.<sup>8</sup>The other disciples followed in the boat, towing the net full of fish, for they were not far from shore, about a hundred yards. <sup>9</sup>When they landed, they saw a fire of burning coals there with fish on it, and some bread.

<sup>10</sup>Jesus said to them, “Bring some of the fish you have just caught.” <sup>11</sup>So Simon Peter climbed back into the boat and dragged the net ashore. It was full of large fish, 153, but even with so many the net was not torn.<sup>12</sup>Jesus said to them, “Come and have breakfast.” None of the disciples dared ask him, “Who are you?” They knew it was the Lord. <sup>13</sup>Jesus came, took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish.<sup>14</sup>This was now the third time Jesus appeared to his disciples after he was raised from the dead.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God**

**Sermon**

**Transformed by the Resurrection**

The Rev. Dr. Ramy Marcos

IV. Building Mission Community: The Disciples

## **Introduction**

### **First, Take a Break**

### **Second, Don't be Discouraged**

## **Third, Have a Fellowship**

### **Conclusion**

#### **\*Declaration of Faith (The Nicene Creed)**

Gail Hood

Leader: Let's declare our faith.

**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, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. 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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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.**

**Prayer of the People**

The Rev. Dr. Ramy Marcos

*Ends with The Lord's Prayer*

**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 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.**

**Offering**

*Invitation to the Offering*

Gail Hood

Leader: Having heard the good news and being assured of God's love and grace, our only response is one of gratitude. Let us give thanks with what we have and who we are. Let us give our offering.

*(may the ushers move forward and collect the offering)*

*Offertory Music*

*In the Garden*

**\*Doxology**      *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*      Red Hymnbook, #544

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;  
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

Gail Hood

Leader: Gracious God, please accept these gifts and use them for the coming of your kingdom in this time and place. In gratitude for all we have and for your love for us, we pray with thanksgiving.

**All: Amen.**

**\*Hymn**

*I Need Thee Every Hour*

Red Hymnbook #324

**\*Benediction**

The Rev. Dr. Ramy Marcos

**\*Benediction Response**

*Shalom*

**Shalom to you now, Shalom my friends.  
May God's full mercies bless you, my friends.  
In all your living and through your loving,  
Christ be your Shalom. Christ be your Shalom.**

**Postlude**

Festive March

arr. G. F. Handel

Ethan Thomas, organist

**Notes:**

*\*Responses with an asterisk indicate standing. Please stand as you are able.*

**Sources for Worship Liturgy:** The liturgy is based on *The Presbyterian Outlook*.

**Welcome Visitors:** Welcome! If you are visiting, please fill out one of the green visitor's cards from the pew and put it in the offering plate. We are glad you are here! Hope to see you again soon!

## **Announcements:**

**Mothers' Day Celebration** – Please join us on Sunday, May 5 immediately following service for a congregational potluck! We will be celebrating our mothers with a fiesta! If you would like to bring a dish, the sign-up form may be found in the narthex. If you have any questions, please contact Ellen Sewell.

**Mission Trip** – Team Meeting on May 5 at 6:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Team members and legal guardians should attend. Please bring health insurance information. Itinerary, packing list and other information will be provided.

**2024 Graduates** – If you or someone you know is graduating from high school or college and are associated with our congregation, please email or call the church office to advise us. We would like to recognize their accomplishment!

**Lucille Bogart Scholarship** – Submission of applications for the Spring Semester is now open. The deadline to submit your application is Friday, May 24, 2024. Please contact Byron Beard with any questions.

**National Day of Prayer** – Thursday, May 2 is the 73rd Annual National Day of Prayer. You may gather to pray with others at these locations and times: 12 p.m. you may join in prayer at the Unicoi County Courthouse or the Town of Unicoi Welcome Center Pavilion. 6:30 p.m. you may join in prayer at The Gathering Place, downtown Erwin.

**Please Follow Us** – Do you know that we are on Facebook, Instagram, and YouTube? Please like, follow, and share! It is a great way to learn about and to share our church activities. Simply look us up at: Erwin Presbyterian Church.

**Food Collection** – The food pantry item for April is instant potatoes.

**Elder of the Month** – Green Faircloth

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