

# First Presbyterian Church of Ithaca, Michigan



**Holy Humor Sunday**  
**Sunday, April 28, 2019**  
**10:30am**

Service for the Lord's Day  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter  
Holy Humor Sunday

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*\* indicates that the congregation may stand as they are able.  
**Bold text** indicates where the congregation joins in unison.*

**WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME**

**Prelude & Ringing of the Bell**

**Gathering Music**

*Coffee, Coffee, Coffee*

***Coffee, Coffee, Coffee, Praise the strength of coffee.***

***Early in the morn we rise with thoughts of only thee.***

***Served fresh or reheated, Dark by thee defeated,***

***Brewed black by perk or drip or instantly.***

***Coffee, Coffee, Coffee, we have an hour for coffee.***

***If we're late to congregate, we come in time for thee.***

***Coffee our one ritual, Drinking it habitual,***

***Brewed black by perk or drip or instantly.***

***Coffee, Coffee, Coffee, Sing the praise of coffee.***

***Symbol of our sacred ground, our one necessity.***

***Though all else we scoff, we come to church for coffee;***

***Brewed black by perk or drip or instantly.***

**Welcome & Announcements**

### \*Call to Worship (responsive)

Sing a new song!

**A joyful melody of springtime glory and rebirth.**

Sing praise to our Still-Laughing Easter God,

**Who has rolled away the bindings of yesterday.**

Immerse your anxiety and despair in the fountain of new birth.

**We place our visions and hopes on the table of wine and wheat.**

For God has taken ordinary things,

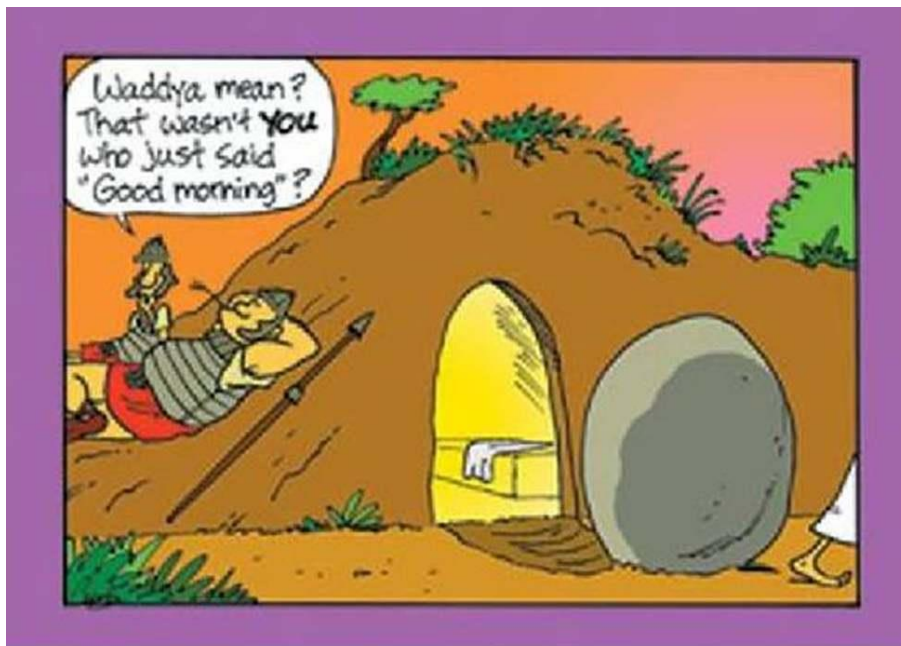
**And made them extraordinary. Sing a new song!**

### \*Opening Prayer

Holy God, as you have taken what we call an absurdity and turned it into possibility, as you have coaxed us to sing springtime alleluias where once there was a gray dawn, as you have called us out of the tombs we inhabit into an undreamed of tomorrow, we praise you for this day! Come, Risen Christ, in newness and hope on this Eastertide day. Amen.

\*Hymn #145 (blue)      *Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!*

### Holy Humor, Part 1



## **Call to Confession**

None of us likes to look foolish, but which is sillier? Chasing after the world and all its gaudy trinkets which flatter our souls, or being a 'fool for Christ', imitating him in service to others, offering ourselves in love and joy to the world? Let us admit to God the foolish choices we make each and every day.

## **Prayer of Confession**

**You know better than we do, Amused God, what important people we believe we are. Believing we have to be serious all the time, we miss out on the joy of your creation. Choosing to feast on the pain of the world, we skip the picnic offered in paradise. Clinging to the despair which is our best friend, we ignore Jesus, who can bring us home to your heart. Forgive us, Heart of Joy, and make us open to the startling, and upside-down, ways in which you work. Fill us with Easter's laughter; fill us with your healing joy; fill us with the love poured into us through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.**

## **Silent Confession**

**Sung Response** *Alleluia*

*Alleluia, alleluia, Alleluia, alleluia*

*Alleluia, alleluia, Alleluia, alleluia*

## **Assurance of Pardon**

The Gospels tell us over and over again of the joy which comes to us through Christ. When Jesus was around, lives were changed, the sick were healed, the sorrowful began to laugh with joy. The good news is that this joy is now given to us. Through the Holy Spirit, we are gifted with joy. We are sent forth to bring good news to the oppressed, to bring healing to the broken, to anoint everyone with the oil of gladness. Thanks be to God, we are forgiven. Amen.

**\*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.*

**\*Sharing the Peace of Christ**

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.  
The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

*Exchange words of peace and reconciliation with one another.*

**\*Sung Response**

*Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!*

*Halle, halle, hallelujah! Halle, halle, hallelujah!*

*Halle, halle, hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!*

**WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD**

**Children's Message**

**Responsive Psalm**

Psalm 150

Praise the LORD! Praise God in his sanctuary;  
praise him in his mighty firmament!

**Praise him for his mighty deeds;**

**praise him according to his surpassing greatness!**

Praise him with trumpet sound; praise him with lute and harp!

**Praise him with tambourine and dance;**

**praise him with strings and pipe!**

Praise him with clanging cymbals;

praise him with loud clashing cymbals!

**Let everything that breathes praise the LORD! Praise the LORD!**

## Holy Humor, Part 2

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Thanks to John Nunn & Mikel (See John 20:1-18) 04-07-1999

### Anthem

*All God's Critters*

Staines

Chorus:

***All God's critters got a place in the choir  
Some sing low, some sing higher  
Some sing out loud on the telephone wire  
And some just clap their hands, or paws or anything they got now***

### Scripture Reading

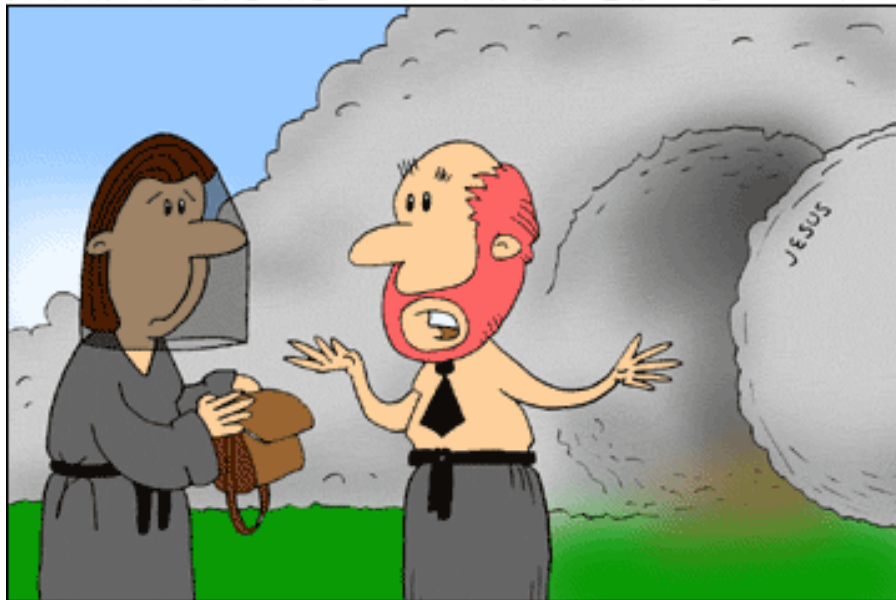
Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

There's a season for everything  
and a time for every matter under the heavens:  
**a time for giving birth and a time for dying,**  
**a time for planting and a time for uprooting what was planted,**  
a time for killing and a time for healing,  
a time for tearing down and a time for building up,  
**a time for crying and a time for laughing,**  
**a time for mourning and a time for dancing,**  
a time for throwing stones and a time for gathering stones,  
a time for embracing and a time for avoiding embraces,

**a time for searching and a time for losing,  
a time for keeping and a time for throwing away,  
a time for tearing and a time for repairing,  
a time for keeping silent and a time for speaking,  
a time for loving and a time for hating,  
a time for war and a time for peace.**

### **Holy Humor, Part 3**

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(See John 20:1-18)

04-16-2001

**I'M SORRY MAAM, THE RESURRECTION OF  
JESUS WAS A MIRACLE, NOT A SERVICE OF  
THIS CEMETERY**

**\*Hymn #470 (blue)**

*O Day of Radiant Gladness*

**WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD**

**Prayers of the People**

## **Lord's Prayer**

**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.**

## **Sung Response**

*Christ, Be Our Light*

***Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine in the darkness.***

***Christ, be our light! Shine on your church, gathered today.***

## **Morning Offering**

### **\*Doxology**

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow;***

***Praise Him, all creatures here below;***

***Praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts;***

***Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

### **\*Prayer of Dedication (unison)**

**God of grace, it is our delight and our devotion to give these gifts to you. All we are and all we have are yours alone. Accept this joyful offering as a token of our abiding love: use it to bring peace, justice and comfort to all the world, Amen.**



# WE GO OUT IN GOD'S NAME

## Holy Humor, Part 4

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(See John 20:1-18)

03-29-2002

I WANT YOU TO FOLD UP MY BURIAL CLOTHES, WAIT FOR MARY, AND REMEMBER THAT THIS IS SERIOUS ... NO HIDING AND YELLING "BOO"

### \*Holy Humor Litany

The Laughing One called us together  
so we could share in the laughter of life.

**The Laughing One sends us out,  
to carry the joy of life and love to the world.**

Go out to laugh, to live, to love. And when you hear a good joke...  
**remember that sharing is a great thing!**

\*Hymn (insert)      *Ev'ry Morning is Easter Morning*

\*Benediction

\*Postlude

**Prayer List:**

*Loving God, we lift the following in prayer to You. Hold these people and situations in Your hands, and in them, may Your will be done. Amen.*

**Concerns:**

Bonnie Smith, who had a fall last week; Shelly Sanders; The family of Ann Gabrion Hull, who died April 7; Sally Nester; Garret Miniard; Jim Elliott; Barb Elliott; Ralph Brillhart; Lois Palmer; Al Bartholomew; Tina Castillo and her mom, Gayle; Jan Felton; The Rev. George Gillette; Mackenzie Brown; Susie Page; Bonnie Smith; Pat MacDonald; Brenda Bollman; Rhonda Handley; Geneva Foster; Soulemayne Galadi, serving in the Congo; Those who make decisions that affect others; Those living with mental illness; Our military and veterans; Our police, fire, and other emergency responders; Our country;

**Thanksgivings:**

Three expected grand-babies in the church family this year; Our church family; The church office volunteers; New jobs and the opportunities that come with them; For birthdays and anniversaries; For those who help others in crisis; For the angels in our church family

**Continuing Prayers:**

Geneva Alasadi & family; John & Nancy Allen; Penny Arnold; Marian Bouchey; Randy Jenison; Christina Latoski & family; Barb Pharr; Karen Rozen; Shelly & Jamie Sanders; Randy Smith, David Thum; Shelley Zamarron & family

*If you would like someone added to the prayer list and announced during the Prayers of the People, please contact the church office or speak to Pastor Christina.*

## **Happening this Week:**

- Food Pantry – Wednesday, 9:30am – Food Pantry
- Craft Day – Saturday, 10:00am – Fireplace Room
- Set-up for Silent Auction – Saturday afternoon

## **Next Week's Volunteers – May 5, 2019:**

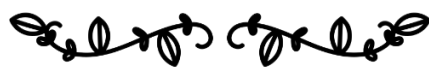
- Joy Heinlein, Liturgist
- Phil & Cheri Booth, Greeters
- Phil & Cheri Booth, Ushers
- Dale Nester & Rick Teal, Counters

## **Craft Day Coming! Saturday, May 4 at 10am**

Join Pastor Christina and the Mission & Fellowship Team for a Craft Day! We will gather on May 4 at 10am in the Fireplace Room. Our goal for the day is to make blankets for the Linus Project (see below, under Mission and Fellowship Opportunities). We will also decide when an on-going craft day might work best. No crafting experience? Come on over anyway - we'll teach you how to tie a fleece blanket! Questions - see Joy Heinlein or Pastor Christina.

## **Mission and Fellowship Silent Auction**

Over the next two Sunday (May 5 & 12), the Mission and Fellowship Team is hosting a silent auction! The proceeds of the silent auction will go toward the Good Samaritan Fund. Bids are secret, and at the end of the auction, we will notify the highest bidders of their purchases. See Joy Heinlein for more details!



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