

† Hymn of Dedication

"Praise the Lord"

Blue Hymnal #72

Prayers of the People/Lord's Prayer

Offering of our Tithes and Gifts

Offertory

† Doxology

† Prayer of Thanksgiving

This morning we give thanks for the generosity that has made "Feeding the Spirit" such a blessing for the community. We pray for individuals, and families that will receive a meal today. May they truly feel your spirit and love and mercy! We lift up those seeking a new life, and the people that are walking with them today.

Hymn of Service

Screen- Let the River Flow

Benediction

† Blessing and Charge

Due to computer switch out – Pastor Mike will make special announcements that weren't included in bulletin.

First Presbyterian Church of Carroll

"Serving God by Serving Others"

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Michael Fitzsimmons

Pastor Emeritus: John Rozendaal

April 25, 2010

We welcome you to **First Presbyterian Church of Carroll!** We are blessed to have you worshipping with us today. If you would like to learn more about First Presbyterian or about joining please contact Pastor Mike Fitzsimmons on his cell @ 712-830-0625 or email [HYPERLINK](mailto:HYPERLINKmailto:firstpccarroll@msn.com) ["mailto:firstpccarroll@msn.com"](mailto:firstpccarroll@msn.com)firstpccarroll@msn.com

✠ *Congregation standing if able*

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Words of Meditation

The first day of Easter must have been a day of conflicting emotion. First, the women had reported an empty tomb. Then the body appeared—a corpse no more, but alive and well. Jesus coming back from the dead found them believing and unbelieving, startled and joyful and afraid all at once (Luke 24:34, 36,41). Emotionally, they were thoroughly confused. Jesus comes to them and says, “Peace be with you.” Jesus appeared in a miraculous manner, assuring the disciples of his peace, though they had so lately forsaken him, and promising spiritual peace with every blessing. All the troublesome thoughts which rise in our hearts at any time, are known to the Lord Jesus, and are displeasing to him. He spoke with them on their unreasonable unbelief. Nothing had passed but what was foretold by the prophets, and necessary for the salvation of sinners. And now all should be taught the nature and necessity of repentance, in order to receive the forgiveness of their sins. And these blessings are to be sought for, by faith in the name of Jesus. Christ by his Spirit works on our minds, and while there are doubts, Jesus puts all of our doubts to rest

Prelude

Welcome

✠ **Call to Worship** (from Psalm 119: 162-168)

L: I rejoice in your promise like one who finds great spoil.

P: I hate and abhor falsehood but I love your law.

L: Seven times a day I praise you for your righteous laws.

P: Great peace for those who have your law and nothing can make them stumble.

L: I wait for your salvation, O Lord, and I follow your commands. I obey your statutes, for I love them greatly. I obey your precepts and your statutes, for all my ways are known to you.

All: Let us worship God with praise and thanksgiving!

✠ **Hymn of Praise** *“Christ the Lord is Risen Today”* **Blue Hymnal #113**

✠ **Call to Confession**

✠ **Prayer of Confession**

O God, we want to believe, but we often doubt. As we walk along the side of family or friends suffering from illness or personal tragedy, we are not always confident of your presence. The shadow of gloom and despair obscures our sight. Forgive us of our shortcomings. Open the eyes of our hearts so we might see you. Kindle in our hearts a desire to know you better and renew our spirits. Help us to grow in our faith and build our lives on the sure foundation of the risen Christ. Let our minds and our hearts truly take in the

