

May 22, 2022
Sixth Sunday of Easter

PRELUDE "Impromptu in G-flat Major" Schubert
"Elegy" Babajanian

MINUTE FOR DEACONS Steve VanDyke

OPENING SENTENCES from UWorship, a UKirk resource
God call us . . .
into a life that finds purpose in God's grace.
We know what that grace is because of Jesus Christ . . .
**who brought life out of death, creation out of nothingness,
hope from despair.**
We gather here to witness to Jesus . . .
**to remind each other and everyone we meet
that Jesus brings good news.**
Let us worship God!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

+HYMN #669 "God of Grace and God of Glory" CWM RHONDDA

CALL TO CONFESSION Rev. 22:17

PRAYER OF CONFESSION from UWorship, a UKirk resource
Searcher of hearts, you have known us from the beginning.
You see in us more good and beauty than we have dared to believe.
Forever you call us by name.
But we have filled our lives with the sounds of the world.
**We have not loved and sought you
with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength.**
Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy and forgive us.

Gracious God, searcher of hearts,
help us to know and to live in your forgiving light.
**Empower and embolden us to live in such a way
that every person we encounter would experience
the joy and passion of your love through what we say and do.**
**We ask in the name that is above all names,
Jesus our Lord and Savior. Amen.**

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON Rev. 22:21
... we are forgiven!
Thanks be to God! Amen.

HYMN #304 "Come Down, O Love Divine!" DOWN AMPNEY

BIBLE PRESENTATIONS Lori Filka

TEACHER APPRECIATION Lori Filka

Children and youth are dismissed to Sunday School

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

... God of our salvation,
answer us with grace.

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PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

THE LORD'S PRAYER (in pew racks)

INVITATION TO OFFERING Ps. 23:5

OFFERTORY "Theme from Impromptu in B-flat Major" Schubert

+RESPONSE #255 "Good Christians All, Rejoice" GELOBT SEI GOTT
(refrain)

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

+AFFIRMATION OF FAITH from *The Heidelberg Catechism*
Question: What does the sixth petition in the Lord's Prayer mean?
Answer: "**And do not bring us to the time of trial, but rescue us from
the evil one**" means: **By ourselves we are too weak to hold our own
even for a moment. And our sworn enemies—the devil, the world,
and our own flesh—never stop attacking us. And so, Lord, uphold
us and make us strong with the strength of your Holy Spirit, so that
we may not go down to defeat in this spiritual struggle, but may
firmly resist our enemies until we finally win the complete victory.**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Acts 16:9-15

PSALM Psalm 139:7-10

Where can I go then from your Spirit?
Where can I flee from your presence?
**If I climb up to heaven, you are there;
if I make the grave my bed, you are there also.**
If I take the wings of the morning
and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,
**even there your hand will lead me
and your right hand hold me fast.**

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Hebrews 12:1-2

GOSPEL LESSON John 14:23-29

RESPONSE Luke 24:46, 48

We are witnesses to these things:
the Messiah is risen from the dead.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON "Surrounded" Neil Myer

+HYMN #745 "Jesus Shall Reign" DUKE STREET

+BLESSING AND CHARGE

POSTLUDE "Trust and Obey Medley" Towner,
arr. Bagrazyan

Join us for fellowship after worship.

SERVING US TODAY

Guest Preacher: Neil Myer, UKirk student campus ministry leader

Greeters: Barb and Steve VanDyke

Sound: Marty Subject

Livestream: Tami Chapman

Today's flowers are given by

Camille and Marty Subject

in memory of

loved ones.

A PRAYER FOR TEACHERS IN THE CHURCH

Almighty God,
you have given your law to guide us in a life of love,
and you have appointed teachers to interpret your will.
Create in those who instruct your people
a mind to study your word,
and good understanding,
so that we may all learn your truth
and do it gladly;
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Master. Amen.

A PRAYERS FOR STUDENTS

Eternal God,
your wisdom is greater than our minds can attain,
and your truth confounds our learning.
To those who study, give curiosity, imagination,
and patience enough to wait and work for insight.
Help them to doubt with courage,
but to hold all their doubts
in the larger faith of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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WORSHIP

10:00 am on Sundays

DAILY PRAYER

search for “Daily Prayer (Presbyterian Book of Common Worship)”
in your podcast app, or go to www.buzzsprout.com/1466482

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Wednesday	Prayer Fellowship	12:00 pm
	Bell Choir Rehearsal	6:15 pm
	Choir Rehearsal	7:00 pm
Thursday	Personnel Committee	5:30 pm
Friday	Church Office closed / Pastor’s Sabbath	

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Jo Hammond	May 24
Mary Schrock	May 26
Sam Pinches	May 27
Diane Devoe	May 28
Kelly Trout	May 28

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The Baptism of Lydia
by Marie Ellenrieder, 1861

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Numbers 6:24-26