

May 7, 2023
Fifth Sunday of Easter

PRELUDE "Sarabande in d" Handel

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING SENTENCES

The Lord is risen! Alleluia! Luke 24:34

Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!
Beloved, let us love one another. 1 John 4:7, 19

We love because God first loved us.
This is our new commandment in Christ: John 13:34

As Jesus loves us, let us love one another.
Let us worship God!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

+**HYMN:** GTG #246 "Christ Is Alive!" TRURO

CALL TO CONFESSION Rom. 8:26

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God,
in raising Jesus from the grave,
you shattered the power of sin and death.
We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear,
bound by the ways that lead to death.
We overlook the poor and the hungry,
and pass by those who mourn;
we are deaf to the cries of the oppressed,
and indifferent to calls for peace;
we despise the weak,
and abuse the earth you made.

Forgive us, God of mercy.
Help us to trust your power
to change our lives and make us new,
that we may know the joy of life abundant
given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

... In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Acts 2:17, 21
Thanks be to God! Amen.

HYMN: GTG #624 TOULON
"I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art"

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

... Living God,
hear our prayer.

+ Those who are able may stand. 1

Young children are dismissed to Sunday School

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE 1 Cor. 5:7-8; Luke 13:29; 24:30-31

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts!
We lift them to the Lord!
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God!
It is right to give our thanks and praise.
...

THE LORD'S PRAYER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION 1 Cor. 11:23-26

COMMUNION

All are welcome at the table of the Lord.
A gluten-free option is available.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Living Christ, as you open the scriptures to us
you make yourself known in the breaking of the bread.
Let us now go forth from this place,
fed at your table and filled by the Spirit,
to walk with you all the days of our lives,
and proclaim the glory of your resurrection
to all the world. Amen.

Older children and youth are dismissed to Sunday School

INVITATION TO OFFERING 1 John 3:17

OFFERTORY "Minuet in c" Bach

+**RESPONSE:** GTG #606 OLD HUNDREDTH
"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

+**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** from A Brief Statement of Faith
(United States, 1991)

We trust in God,
whom Jesus called Abba, Father.
In sovereign love God created the world good
and makes everyone equally in God's image,
male and female, of every race and people,
to live as one community.
But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator.
Ignoring God's commandments,
we violate the image of God in others and ourselves,
accept lies as truth,
exploit neighbor and nature,
and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care.
We deserve God's condemnation.

GTG = Glory to God (purple) 2

Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation.
In everlasting love,
the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people
to bless all families of the earth.
Hearing their cry,
God delivered the children of Israel
from the house of bondage.
Loving us still,
God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant.
Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child,
like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home,
God is faithful still.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Acts 7:55-60 N.T. page 96

PSALM Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16 O.T. page 391

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON 1 Peter 2:2-10 N.T. page 183

GOSPEL LESSON John 14:1-14 N.T. page 83

RESPONSE TO SCRIPTURE 1 Cor. 15:1-2

This is the good news we have received,
in which we stand, and by which we are saved.
Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM "In My Father's House" Stopford

SERMON "A Cornerstone Chosen and Precious" Rev. Bill Pinches

+**HYMN:** GTG #321 "The Church's One Foundation" AURELIA

+**BLESSING** 1 John 4:13-16
... abide with you forever.
Alleluia!

+**CHARGE** 1 John 3:23
... just as he has loved us.
Thanks be to God!

CHORAL BENEDICTION Williams / Page
"May the Lord Go With You"

POSTLUDE "Waltz" Shostakovich

You are invited to join us
for fellowship and refreshments
after worship in the Memorial Room.
It is not necessary to remain seated during the postlude.

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SERVING US TODAY

Liturgist: Anita or Rick Cote

Communion Servers: Gin Gibson, Linda Peterson,
and Tom and Tonya Seely

Greeters: Nancy MacDonald and Darlene Martin

Sound: Marty Subject

Livestream: Tami Chapman

Security: Will Ozee

Today's flowers are given by Loren and Jay Harkness
in memory of Roger Harkness

CHURCH HISTORY IN MINIATURE

#34. Commissioned:

The church in Antioch commissions Barnabas and Saul to teach far and wide. John Mark, a disciple from Jerusalem, travels with them. (Acts 13:1-3) (c. AD 47)

THE STUDY CATECHISM

Question 69. How do you understand the relationship between the word of promise and the sacramental sign?

Take away the word of promise, and the water is merely water, or the bread and wine, merely bread and wine. But add water, or bread and wine, to the word of promise, and it becomes a visible word. In this form it does what by grace the word always does: it brings the salvation it promises, and conveys to faith the real presence of our Lord Jesus Christ. The sacraments are visible words which uniquely assure and confirm that no matter how greatly I may have sinned, Christ died also for me, and comes to live in me and with me.

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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

Today	Confirmation Class	11:15 am
Tuesday	<i>Jesus in Me</i> adult study	1:00 pm
	26+ Friends!	3:30 pm
	Wednesday	Lunch Packing for Advent House
	Prayer Fellowship	12:00 pm
	Worship and Music Committee	1:00 pm
	Wonderful Wednesday (children/youth)	3:15 pm
	Bell Choir Rehearsal	6:00 pm
	Wednesday Night Dinner	6:15 pm
	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	7:00 pm
Thursday	Spiritual Growth Committee	6:30 pm
Friday	Church Office closed / Pastor's Sabbath	

BIRTHDAYS

Kathleen Miihlbach	May 7
Lyle Brockman	May 9
Judy Caswell	May 11

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Statue of St. Stephen
in the courtyard of St. Stephen's Basilica, Jerusalem
at the traditional site of Stephen's martyrdom

*The fruit of the Spirit
is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity,
faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.
(Galatians 5:22-23)*