

May 14, 2023
Sixth Sunday of Easter

PRELUDE "Sonata No. 2, mov. III" Chopin

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING SENTENCES

The Lord is risen! Alleluia! Luke 24:34

Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!

God calls us to proclaim the good news. Acts 16:10, 14

Let us open our hearts to hear God's word.

Blessed is God, who hears our prayers, Ps. 66:20

whose steadfast love endures forever.

Let us worship God!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

+**HYMN:** GTG #233 "The Day of Resurrection!" LANCASHIRE

CALL TO CONFESSION Rev. 22:17

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 Rev. 22:21

... In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!
Thanks be to God! Amen.

HYMN: GTG #282 "Come Down, O Love Divine" DOWN AMPNEY

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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

+ Those who are able may stand. 1

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

THE LORD'S PRAYER

MESSAGE FOR THE CHILDREN Mary Garland Jackson

BIBLE PRESENTATION Lori Filka

Jill Castle and Tyler Harkness

Children and youth are dismissed to Sunday School

INVITATION TO OFFERING Ps. 23:5

OFFERTORY "Gavotte in g" 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 the Holy Spirit

everywhere the giver and renewer of life.

The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith,

sets us free to accept ourselves

and to love God and neighbor,

and binds us together with all believers

in the one body of Christ, the Church.

The same Spirit

who inspired the prophets and apostles

rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture,

engages us through the Word proclaimed,

claims us in the waters of baptism,

feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation,

and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church.

In a broken and fearful world

the Spirit gives us courage

to pray without ceasing,

to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,

to unmask idolatries in Church and culture,

to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,

and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,

we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks

and to live holy and joyful lives,

even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth,

praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Acts 17:22-31 N.T. page 105

PSALM Psalm 66:8-20 O.T. page 407

GTG = Glory to God (purple) 2

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON 1 Peter 3:13-22 N.T. page 184

GOSPEL LESSON John 14:15-21 N.T. page 83

RESPONSE TO SCRIPTURE Luke 24:46, 48

We are witnesses to these things:

the Messiah is risen from the dead.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM "You Are Mine" Haas / arr. Hayes

SERMON "So That They Would Search for God..." Rev. Bill Pinches

+**HYMN:** GTG #240 "Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks!" ALLELUIA NO. 1

+**BLESSING** Rev. 22:13

The blessing of the eternal, triune God—

Alpha and Omega,

first and last,

beginning and end—

be with you all.

Alleluia!

+**CHARGE** Rev. 22:20

Come, Lord Jesus!

Thanks be to God!

CHORAL BENEDICTION "My Peace" Routledge

POSTLUDE "Prelude in A" Chopin

*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.*

SERVING US TODAY

Liturgist: Lucinda Davenport

Greeters: Dan and Melissa Baker

Sound: Marty Subject

Livestream: Tami Chapman

Security: Tim Hammond

Today's flowers are given by

Sandy and John Diehl

in memory of Marian Alborell and David Diehl

TWC = The Worshiping Church (red) 3

CHURCH HISTORY IN MINIATURE

#35. First Missionary Journey:

Barnabas and Saul (now called Paul) spread the Gospel and establish churches in Cyprus and Galatia (Asia Minor).

(Acts 13:4—14:28) (c. AD 47-48)

THE STUDY CATECHISM

Question 70. What is the main difference between baptism and the Lord's Supper?

While I receive baptism only once, I receive the Lord's Supper again and again. Being unrepeatable, baptism indicates not only that Christ died for our sins once and for all, but that by grace we are also united with him once and for all through faith. Being repeatable, the Lord's Supper indicates that as we turn unfilled to him again and again, our Lord continually meets us in the power of the Holy Spirit to renew and deepen our faith.

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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	Jesus in Me adult study	1:00 pm
Wednesday	Lunch Packing for Advent House	10:30 am
	Prayer Fellowship	12:00 pm
	Bell Choir Rehearsal	6:00 pm
	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	7:00 pm
	Ascension Day	
Thursday	Session	7:00 pm
	Church Office closed / Pastor's Sabbath	
Friday	Church Office closed / Pastor's Sabbath	
Saturday	Yarners	10:00 am

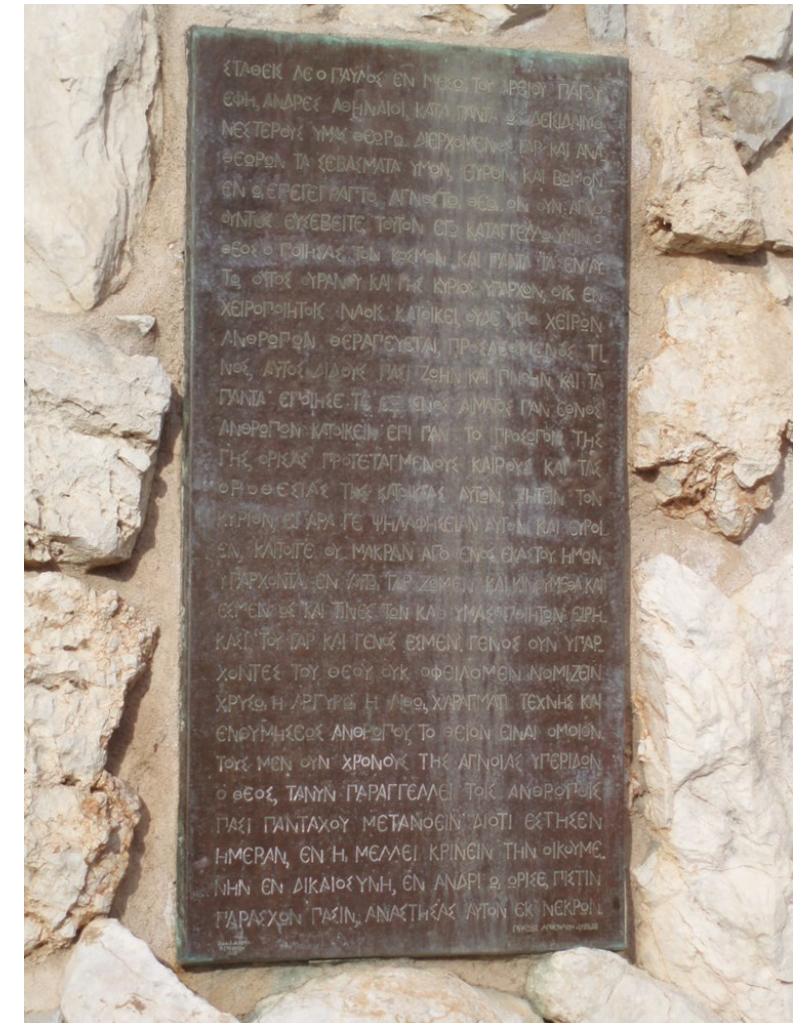
BIRTHDAYS

Lori Filka May 17

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Engraved plaque containing Apostle Paul's sermon, at the Areopagus, Athens, Greece

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