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*Order of Worship, First Presbyterian Church*  
Sunday, May 9, 2021  
*6th Sunday of Easter*

*Announcements*

*Minute for Mission*

“CROP Walk”

*Prelude*

“Holy God, We Praise Thy Name”

*arr. Shackley*

*For Prayer and Reflection:*

*Triune God, as we gather in your name, come to us, remain with us, and enlighten our hearts. Give us light and strength to know your will, to make it our own, and to live it in our lives.*

*Call to Worship*

Break open our hearts this morning to hear your Word, O God.

**Let our fears be vanquished, our spirits restored!**

Come and let us worship with great joy!

**Let us drop the things of the past which weighed us down!**

God is about to do something new in our lives!

**Let God’s will become strong in our lives. Amen.**

*Opening Prayer*

*\*Hymn of Praise #13*

“Sing a New Song to the Lord”

*Onslow Square*

Sing a new song to the Lord,  
He to whom wonders belong;  
Rejoice in his triumph and tell of his power,  
O sing to the Lord a new song!

Now to the ends of the earth  
See his salvation is shown;  
And still he remembers his mercy and truth,  
Unchanging in love to his own.

Sing a new song and rejoice,  
Publish his praises abroad;  
Let voices in chorus, with trumpet and horn,  
Resound for the joy of the Lord!

Join with the hills and the sea  
Thunders of praise to prolong;  
In judgment and justice he comes to the earth,  
O sing to the Lord a new song!

*Call to Confession*

*Prayer of Confession*

God of birth, God of joy, God of life, forgive our faithlessness and see beyond our apathy. We have been so dead to miracles that we have missed the world's rebirth. We have preoccupied ourselves with pleasures and have overlooked the joy you offer us. We have been so concerned with making a living that we have missed the life you set among us. Forgive us, gracious God. Open our eyes and our hearts to receive your gift; open our lips and hands to share it with all humanity in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

*Silent Confession* (Here let each worshiper offer silent, personal prayers of confession)

*Special Music*

"A Mother's Prayer"

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*Declaration of Forgiveness*

*\*Gloria Patri* (#734)

"Glory Be to the Father"

Greatorex

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.

*Prayer for Illumination*

*First Scripture Reading*

Psalm 98

*Second Scripture Reading*

Acts 10:44-48

*Sermon*

"A New Song"

*\*Hymn of Response*

"The Steadfast Love of the Lord"

Davidson

The steadfast Love of the Lord never ceases

His mercies never come to an end.

They are new every morning, new every morning.

Great is Thy faithfulness, O Lord, Great is Thy faithfulness.

*\*Affirmation of Faith*

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ, His only Son our Lord who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

*Joys and Concerns*

*Prayers of the People and the 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.*

*\*Sending Hymn #425*

"Christ Beside Me"

Bunessan

Christ beside me, Christ before me,

Christ behind me King of my heart;

Christ within me, Christ below me,

Christ above me never to part.

Christ on my right hand, Christ on my left hand,  
Christ all around me shield in the strife;  
Christ in my sleeping, Christ in my sitting,  
Christ in my rising light of my life.

Christ be in all hearts thinking about me,  
Christ be on all tongues telling of me;  
Christ be the vision in eyes that see me,  
In ears that hear me Christ ever be.

Christ beside me, Christ before me,  
Christ behind me King of my heart;  
Christ within me, Christ below me,  
Christ above me never to part.

**\*Benediction**

**\*Postlude**

“Go Joyfully”

Williamson

*\*Please be seated while the postlude plays and enjoy the opportunity to reflect on how God is calling you to respond to his word. When the postlude concludes, we invite you to observe social distancing as you exit the sanctuary and to visit with one another outdoors at your leisure.*

***Leaders in worship:***

Preacher: Rev. Stephanie Ells  
Liturgist: Rev. Timothy Slemmons  
Music Director & pianist: Kristen Eby  
Special Music Director: Jill Klinebriel  
Special Music: Alex Eby, Jill Klinebriel, Linda Longfield  
Musicians: Alex Eby, John Eby, Linda Longfield

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