

Order of Worship, First Presbyterian Church

Sunday, May 24, 2020

7th Sunday of Easter

Announcements

Rev. Bradley Longfield

Prelude

“Simple Gifts”

arr. L. Smith

For Prayer and Reflection:

John H. Leith

“Christians believe that the most important event in the history of the human race was the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, and that the greatest service which can be rendered to the human race is the explication of what God did for our salvation in Jesus and the application of that message to human life in general.”

Call to Worship

Psalm 95:1, 2

O come, let us sing to the Lord and
shout with joy to the rock of our salvation!

**Let us come into God’s presence with thanksgiving,
singing joyful songs of praise.**

Opening Prayer

****Songs of Praise***

“Come and Behold Our God”

Eby

Shadows flee from the light of Your face,
Babbles cease at Your whispers of grace,
Chaos succumbs to the calm of Your touch,
None else could do so much.
Breathing new life through Your perfect plan,
You sent Your Son to this weary land,
In faithfulness You still reach out Your hand to call us to life in You.

Refrain: Come, follow the Way,
Turn to the One who turns night to day,
Place your foot-steps where Love has trod,
Come and Behold our God!

Open our eyes to Your wondrous deeds,
Tune our ears to a world in need,
Order our lives to Your rhythm of peace,
Call us to faith in You. *(refrain)*

Hymn #492

“Spirit of the Living God”

Iverson

Spirit of the living God,
Fall afresh on me;
Spirit of the living God,
Fall fresh on me.
Melt me, mold me
Fill me, use me.
Spirit of the living God,
Fall fresh on me.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.

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

Declaration of Forgiveness

Gloria Patri #734

“Glory Be to the Father”

Greathorex

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. (May

Prayer for Illumination

First Scripture Reading

Acts 1:1-14

Special Music

“O Church Arise”

Getty/Townend

Second Scripture Reading

John 17:1-11

Sermon

“Thy Kingdom Come”

Hymn of Response #436

“Grace Alone”

Brown/Nelson

Every promise we can make, every prayer and step of faith;

Every difference we will make is only by his grace.

Every mountain we will climb, every ray of hope we shine;

Every blessing left behind is only by his grace.

Refrain: Grace alone which God supplies;

Strength unknown he will provide.

Christ in us, our cornerstone,

We will go forth in grace alone.

Every soul we long to reach, every heart we hope to teach;

Everywhere we share his peace is only by His grace.

Every loving word we say, every tear we wipe away;

Every sorrow turned to praise is only by His grace. (Refrain)

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, for ever. Amen

Sending Hymn #287

“Lift High the Cross”

Crucifier

Refrain: Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
Till all the world adore his sacred name.

Come, Christians, follow where our Savior trod,
Our King victorious, Christ, the Son of God. (Refrain)

All newborn servants of the Crucified
Bear on their brow the seal of Christ who died. (Refrain)

O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
Your death has brought us life eternally. (Refrain)

So shall our song of triumph ever be:
Praise to the Crucified for victory. (Refrain)

Benediction

Postlude

“Duke Street” Variations (Jesus Shall Reign)

arr. Taylor

Leaders in worship:

Liturgist: Hannah Eby

Preacher: Rev. Bradley Longfield

Music Director: Kristen Eby

Vocalist: Jill Klinebriel

Musicians: Alex Eby, Hannah Eby, John Eby, Linda Longfield

“Simple Gifts”

Music: Smith

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