

Service for the Lord’s Day

The Season of Easter

Sixth Sunday

May 5, 2024

10:00 A.M.

*YOU MAY RISE IN BODY OR IN SPIRIT

LITURGICAL COLOR: WHITE

— The People of God Gather —

Please use the time before worship for quiet reflection and meditation, giving thanks to God for all things.

COLLECT — “O God, You have prepared for those who love You such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards You, that we, loving You in all things and above all things, may obtain Your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.”

WELCOME

Betty Millar, liturgist

TOLLING of the BELL

PRELUDE

‘Solitude’

- comp., F. Peeters

Bruce Thomson, organist

CALL to WORSHIP

Liturgist: Let us sing praises to the LORD and lift up His name! Let us sing songs to our God who has done marvelous things.

People: God has chosen us to be both His servants and His friends!

Liturgist: From the ends of the earth, from its farthest corners and from every nation, God calls us to worship Him.

People: Our joy is complete in the Lord! Praise His name!

OLD TESTAMENT LESSONS - 2 Chronicles 20; Isaiah 41

2 CHRONICLES 20:5-8

⁵ Jehoshaphat stood in the assembly of Judah and Jerusalem, in the house of the LORD, before the new court, ⁶ and said, “O LORD, God of our ancestors, are you not God in heaven? Do you not rule over all the kingdoms of the nations? In your hand are power and might, so that no one is able to withstand you. ⁷ Did you not, O our God, drive out the inhabitants of this land before your people Israel and give it forever to the descendants of your friend Abraham? ⁸ They have lived in it and in it have built you a sanctuary for your name.”

ISAIAH 41:8-10

⁸ But you, Israel, my servant, Jacob, whom I have chosen, the offspring of Abraham, my friend;

⁹ you whom I took from the ends of the earth and called from its farthest corners, saying to you, “You are my servant; I have chosen you and not cast you off”; ¹⁰ do not fear, for I am with you; do not be afraid, for I am your God; I will strengthen you; I will help you; I will uphold you with my victorious right hand.

*HYMN ‘Lord, We Have Come at Your Own Invitation’ No. 516

PRAYER of CONFESSION (and silent confession)

Praying together in one accord, and humbling ourselves before the Lord, let us confess our need for God, and God’s unconditional and unending love.

Unison: Dear God, we are sinful and unloving in too much of what we say and do. Forgive us and do not cast us off. But help us to be more faithful and true to You, so that You will delight to call us Your friends! Grant that we may know You deeply and sincerely, wherein we trust You, and we more fully share our lives with You, as with our closest friend. O LORD, remember Your steadfast love to us. Give us victory in this life and the life to come, in the blessed name of Jesus. Amen.

ASSURANCE of PARDON

Pastor: Be not afraid, for God is with us! He strengthens us and helps us. By His power and might, He upholds us and saves us.

People: We will bear fruit that lasts; we will abide in the love of God our Father, who call us His friends.

*PASSING the PEACE

Greet one another in Christ. Share God’s peace through smiles, handshakes, hugs—high-fives or fist pumps!—saying, ‘The Peace of Christ be with you.’

*GLORIA PATRI

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, amen.

OFFERING of TITHES and GIFTS

Offertory ‘Thy Great Bounty, Lord’ - comp., L. Hoffmeister

Ann Royer, soloist

Rob Huff, piano

*Doxology, *Prayer of Dedication

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise him all creatures here below; Praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

PRAYERS of the PEOPLE of GOD

CHORAL CALL to PRAYER: ‘Spirit of the Living God’

PARISH CONCERNS & PRAISES

PASTORAL PRAYER and LORD’S PRAYER

~ The Word of God Proclaimed ~

ANTIPHONAL READING of the PSALTER - Psalm 98:1-4

¹ O sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things. His right hand and his holy arm have gotten him victory.

² **The LORD has made known his victory; he has revealed his vindication in the sight of the nations.**

³ He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel. All the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

⁴ **Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises.**

ANTHEM ‘When We Gather at the Table’ - CHANCEL CHOIR

- comp., J. Martin / J. Rainey

GOSPEL LESSON - John 15:9-17

⁹ As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. ¹⁰ If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹ I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete.

¹² This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³ No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. ¹⁴ You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵ I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing, but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. ¹⁶ You did not choose me, but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. ¹⁷ I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

SERMON ~ On Friendship with Jesus ~ - Pastor Lonnie +

AFFIRMATION of FAITH - The Apostles’ Creed (3rd c., A.D.)

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.

The Lord's Supper

THE INVITATION
WORDS OF INSTITUTION
GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Leader: The LORD be with you.
People: And also with you.
Leader: Remember the steadfast love and faithfulness of the LORD!
People: We do remember and rejoice! Blessed be the LORD, our God!

And all of
God's people
say together
the chorus ...

Holy, holy, holy, LORD God of power and might!
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest!
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD.
Hosanna in the highest!

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING CONT'D

And all of
God's people
say together
the refrain ...

Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.

RECEIVING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

It is the LORD's Table, who welcomes all His baptized faithful.
As you are served, please retain the Bread and Wine,
and we will partake together of each element.
(The Bread that is offered you is gluten-free.)

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

~ God's People Go Forth to Serve ~

*HYMN 'Jesus, Jesus, Fill Us with Your Love' No. 367

*CHARGE and BENEDICTION

*SONG of RESPONSE

'Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me.
Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.
With God as our Father, brothers all are we.
Let me walk with my brother In perfect harmony.
Let peace begin with me; let this be the moment now.
With ev'ry step I take, let this be my solemn vow.
To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally.
Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.'

POSTLUDE 'Postlude in D Minor'

- comp., F. Peeters
Bruce Thomson, organ



We are delighted that you are worshipping with us today! We pray that you will know, feel, and welcome God's love and presence among us. If you have yet to find a church home, we invite you to prayerfully consider making PEACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH your local church family.

Serving as Uskers
Donna Berger, Carol Faust, Pat Keene, Sandra Nelson, Jean Slough, Barbara Thompson

Communion Servers
Donna Berger / Peter Hauth
Ernie Kabath / Bill Fitchett
Tom and Jane Logan

What's Happening

Today, May 5
9:45 – 11:00 – Nursery
9:50 – Announcements
10:00 am – Morning Worship
Holy Communion & Congregational Meet Up!
11:00 am - Coffee Fellowship
11:30 am – Session Mini-Retreat

Monday, May 6
2:00 pm – Member Support Com.
7:00 pm - AA Meeting

Tuesday, May 7
2:00 pm – Care & Nurture Com.

NOT FORSAKING THE ASSEMBLING OF OURSELVES TOGETHER, AS IS THE MANNER OF SOME, BUT EXHORTING ONE ANOTHER. Hebrews 10:25



I Am a Child of God
Safe, fun, clean childcare is available for children in the staffed educational building.
Sundays, from 9:45 am – 11 am

Sanctuary Flowers
Given in loving memory of Tom, by Myra Slocum.



Lord, hear our prayers for the homebound:

Bob & Jan Dittmar (Stuart, FL), Amber Fake, Eleanor Guernsey (Jensen Beach FL), Joy Heiliger-Lee and her family, Victor and Marilyn Kallitt, Mary Morrow, Lindale Metz (hospice), Jane Quickel, Leora Richter (Stuart, FL), Fred Southern, Dotie Spies, Diane Steiber, Norma Vale (Hobe Sound, FL)

for loved ones and friends near and far:

Bob Balfoort, Janice Barnhart, Shirley Beatty, Ted (Dot Colquhoun's brother), Kevin Connelly, Darla, S. M. D., Sharon Hamilton, Sandy Hicks, Ken Jordan, Krall Family, Rev. Rosalyn Lee and congregation, Marty Mann, Garry and Kat Meyer, Anne Nimmo, Pearson Family, Naida Sanchez, Bob Shapiro, Charlie Sysbesma, Pat Telfer, Mike Ventolo, Dan Weatherly, Carolyn Wyatt

for love of neighbors as ourselves

- local church ministries and partners in the Gospel
- Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) / the Presbytery of Tropical Florida
- Session of PEACE Presbyterian Church
- Christ's Church around the world
- Christian Missionaries in foreign lands
- Leaders of nations, nations at war, peace on earth

† PEACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH †
~ Ministers of the Gospel, Friends and Members of the Congregation ~
Rev. Dr. Lonnie Darnell, Transition Pastor / Melanie Fuller, Office Manager
Rev. Grace I. Scarle, Music Minister / Bruce Thomson, Organist
Robb Huff, Pianist / Jane Logan, Clerk of Session
Vacant, Church Treasurer/ Phil Ratchford, Media Technician
Annetta Rosato, Betty Millar, Co-moderators of PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

COUNCIL OF THE SESSION

Class of 2024 Donna Berger William Fitchett Peter Hauth	Class of 2025 Ernest Kabath Ann Royer William South	Class of 2026 David Heaton Mary Lersch Penn Shade
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Holy Communion

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