



First Presbyterian Church

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Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 05, 2024, 11:00 AM

* Indicates that those who are able may stand

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WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

VOLUNTARY:

Day by Day

Benjamin David Knoedler

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Amy Woods, Liturgist

ONE: The psalmist encourages us to praise God for all the marvelous things God has done.

ALL: We join with all creation in praise, for God's love and faithfulness to us is endless.

ONE: We sing because God chooses us out of God's great love.

ALL: We choose God's love, which bears us in fullness beyond compare.

*OPENING HYMN:

To God Be the Glory

#634

CALL TO & PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ONE: The Spirit of God helps us in our weakness, interceding with sighs too deep for words. Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin, saying...

ALL: O God, whose love knows no bounds, forgive us when we fail to reflect your loving kindness. When we turn away from the goodness of your love, call us back with the tender voice of a caring friend. When we stumble over the gift of your grace, lift us up with the strong arms of a loving parent. When we are certain that we are alone in the chaos of this world, shower us with peace, the gentle breeze of an evening rain. When we cannot feel the flowing of your peace, show us your love with the hands and feet of Christ, your love incarnate. Forgive us, risen Christ, of all the ways we fall short, and teach us to be agents of resurrection in the world. Amen.

SILENT PERSONAL CONFESSION

*RESPONSE HYMN: Lord Have Mercy Upon Us #575

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ONE: Hear the good news of God's promise: I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh. Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

ALL: Thanks be to God.

*GLORIA PATRI #581

**Gloria 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!**

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES *Rev. Katie Ory*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON: Acts 10:44-48 **P.122**

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON: 1 John 5:1-6 **P.227**

ONE: This is the good news which we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

THIRD SCRIPTURE LESSON: John 15:9-17 **P.103**

SERMON *Rev. Michael McLaughlin*

*SERMON HYMN: One Bread, One Body #530

COMMUNAL AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *Confession of 1967, 9.22*

New life in Christ takes shape in a community in which people know that God loves and accepts them in spite of what they are. They therefore accept themselves and love others, knowing that no one has any ground on which to stand, except God's grace. Amen.

*GREETINGS

After an exchange of Peace between the Pastor and the Congregation, we encourage you to greet one another. The Greetings will conclude with the first verse of *Blest Be the Tie That Binds*.

ONE: ...The Peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

ALL: And also with you.

**Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love;
The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.** #306

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

ONE: ... By your grace, O God,

ALL: raise us from death to life.

INVITATION TO GIVING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: Let Us Break Bread Together

John Ness Beck

Let us break bread together on our knees;
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.
Let us drink wine together on our knees;
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.
Let us praise God together on our knees;
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.

OFFERING

*DOXOLOGY

#606

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

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

ONE: The Lord be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

ONE: Lift up your hearts.

ALL: We lift them up to the Lord.

ONE: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

ALL: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

ONE: ...Therefore we praise you, joining the song of the universal church and the heavenly choir:

ALL: Holy, Holy, Holy

#572



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

ONE: ...Remembering your goodness and grace, we offer ourselves to you with gratitude as we share this joyful feast.

ALL: **Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

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.

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*CLOSING HYMN:

I Come with Joy

#515

*BENEDICTION

ONE: ...Alleluia!

ALL: Alleluia!

POSTLUDE:

To God Be the Glory

Edward Broughton