

THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH AT CALDWELL

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*Our Mission: Shining God's light by ...  
Knowing Christ, Growing in His love, Going where He leads.*

**Sunday, May 14, 2023**

**9:30 am**

**Sixth Sunday of Easter  
Mother's Day**

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REFLECTION

*"I couldn't help but think of so many people in our congregations who experience upheaval and uncertainty. This story gives the wonderful promise of God's provision, which is reassuring to all of us. It also might serve as a guide for when we're in stressful times to let the rhythms of religious observance -- daily prayer and weekly worship, for example -- bring order to the chaos."*

*Rev. Callie Plunket-Brewton*

PRELUDE

*"Jesus, Lead Thou On"*

Paul Manz

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOMING ONE ANOTHER

## CALL TO WORSHIP

While our spiritual ancestors were living in Egypt, they wondered...

**...how long must we endure this oppression?**

When they left Egypt and followed Moses in the desert, they wondered...

**...is this really any better than our old life in Egypt?**

When we feel the urge to make a change in our lives, we wonder...

**...how much longer can I go on like this?**

When we consider the cost of change, we wonder...

**...what is the cost if I stay the same?**

Then the love of the Divine reminds us,

**“You too are my child. You can emerge to renewed life.**

**Again and again.” Amen.**

\*HYMN NO. 65

*“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”*

CVM RHONDDA

1. Guide me, O thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land.

I am weak, but thou art mighty. Hold me with thy powerful hand. Bread of heaven,  
bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more; feed me till I want no more.

2. Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing stream doth flow.

Let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through. Strong deliverer,  
strong deliverer, be thou still my strength and shield; be thou still my strength and shield.

3. When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside.

Death of death, and hell’s destruction, land me safe on Canaan’s side. Songs of praises,  
songs of praises I will ever give to thee; I will ever give to thee.

\*LITANY OF AFFIRMATION

O God who was, is, and evermore shall be; to you belong all praise and glory. Our mouths are opened  
to proclaim your mercies. We lift up our hearts to you, our Judge and Redeemer.

Truly I perceive that God shows no partiality, but in every nation any one who fears the Lord and does  
what is right is acceptable.

**By the grace of God I am what I am.**

God raised Jesus on the third day and made him manifest to those God chose, who ate and drank with  
him after he rose from the dead.

**By the grace of God I am what I am.**

God commanded us to preach to the people, and to testify that Christ is the one ordained by the Lord  
to be judge of the living and the dead.

**By the grace of God I am what I am.**

To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins  
through his name.

**By the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain. Amen.**

RESPONSE

*“Behold, I Make All Things New”*

Iona Community

Behold, behold. I make all things new  
beginning with you and starting from today.

Behold, behold. I make all things new  
My promise is true. For I am Christ the way.

CHILDREN’S SERMON

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Exodus 16:1-3, 9-15

Page 60, OT

SPECIAL MUSIC

*“Leaning on the Everlasting Arms”*

Geordie Roberts

GOSPEL LESSON

John 6:24-35

Page 91, NT

SERMON

*“Emerge Into New Life:  
Letting God and Leaving Behind”*

Rev. William Schram

SPECIAL MUSIC

*“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”*

Lobe den Herren arr. Jason Krug

\*HYMN NO. 494, verses 1,3,5

*“Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts”*

QUEBEC

1. Jesus, thou joy of loving hearts, thou fount of life, thou light of all,  
from the best bliss that earth imparts we turn, unfilled, to heed thy call.
3. We taste thee, O thou living bread, and long to feast upon thee still;  
we drink of thee, the fountain head, and thirst our souls from thee to fill.
5. O Jesus, ever with us stay; make all our moments calm and bright.  
O chase the night of sin away; shed o'er the world thy holy light.

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.**

EXPRESSING OUR GRATITUDE

INVITATION TO GIVING

\*HYMN NO. 546

*“Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing”*

SICILIAN MARINERS

1. Lord, dismiss us with your blessing; fill our hearts with joy and peace;  
let us each, your love possessing, triumph in redeeming grace.  
O refresh us, O refresh us, traveling through this wilderness.
2. Thanks we give and adoration for your gospel's joyful sound;  
may the fruits of your salvation in our hearts and lives abound.  
Ever faithful, ever faithful to your truth may we be found.
3. Savior, when your love shall call us, from our struggling pilgrim way,  
let no fear of death appall us, glad your summons to obey.  
May we ever, may we ever reign with you in endless day.

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*“St. Anthony Chorale”*

Johannes Brahms

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

Please join us for coffee hour where you can share your thanks with Kim and Ann Hickock for their forty-eight years of service to our church and it's littlest members.

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\* Please rise in body or spirit



The flowers this morning are given to the glory of God....  
....in memory of Deborah Wefferling by, Lewis Wefferling

### WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Rev. William Schram  
Valerie Shondel, Interim Director of Music  
Chancel Choir  
Members of Chancel Hand Bell Choir  
Ray Liptak, AV Engineer  
Michael Sperrazza, & Matthew Califf AV Team

✠ We are glad you have chosen to worship here today! Please come again!

✠ For more information about our church, please visit our website:

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