

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

Sunday, May 12, 2024
9:30 AM
Seventh Sunday of Easter
Mother's Day

GATHERING TOGETHER TO WORSHIP THE LORD

REFLECTION

"God of love, help us to remember that Christ has no body now on earth but ours, no hands but ours, no feet but ours. Ours are the eyes to see the needs of the world. Ours are the hands with which to bless everyone now. Ours are the feet with which he is to go about doing good."

Attributed to Teresa of Avila

PRELUDE

Prelude on "Diademata"

Michael Burkhardt

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP (A Litany for Ascension of the Lord)

Clap your hands, all you peoples; shout to God with songs of joy. Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

God has gone up with a shout, the Lord with the sound of a trumpet. Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

God is ruler over all the earth; the Lord reigns on a holy throne. Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

God put this power to work in Christ, raising him from the dead. Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

God has highly exalted him, giving him the name above all names. Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Jesus Christ is Lord! Glory to God in the highest. Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, you have raised Jesus from death to life, and crowned him Lord of all. We confess that we have not bowed before him, or acknowledged his rule in our lives. We have gone along with the ways of the world, and failed to give him glory. Forgive us, and raise us from sin, that we may be your faithful people, obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ, who rules the world and is head of the church, his body.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

The God of all grace, who calls us to eternal glory in Jesus Christ, will restore, support, and strengthen us. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

Thanks be to God!

*RESPONSE AFTER ASSURANCE

“He’s Got the Whole World in His Hands”

Loonis McGlohan

*WELCOMING ONE ANOTHER

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another. The grace and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

HEARING AND RESPONDING TO THE WORD

CHILDREN’S SERMON

CHILDREN’S PRAYER RESPONSE

“Amen”

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Acts 1:1-11

Page 110, NT

SPECIAL MUSIC

“If Ye Love Me”

Thomas Tallis

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 24:44-53

Page 85, NT

SERMON

*“So, What Now? Lessons of the Early Church:
Making room for the Spirit”*

Rev. Chris Houtz

*HYMN NO. 366

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

HYFRYDOL

All are invited to light a candle in honor or memory of a mother, or mother figure in your life.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Each petition will end by saying, “May we be Christ's body, **who fills all in all.**”

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.

THANKSGIVING

INVITATION TO OFFERING AND OFFERING

RESPONSE TO OFFERING

*DOXOLOGY

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

OLD HUNDREDTH

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.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Holy One, we clap our hands and shout for joy! We give you praise and these offerings, for, with Christ ascended by your side, you are God, awesome and Most High! Amen.

SENDING US INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN NO. 268

“Crown Him With Many Crowns”

DIADEMATA

*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

*“Jubilate Coeli”
(Heavens Sing With Gladness)*

Taize

POSTLUDE

“Christ ist erstanden”

J.S. Bach

** Please rise in body or in spirit*



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

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Rev. Chris Houtz, Pastor, Head of Staff
Valerie Shondel, Director of Music
FPC Chancel Choir
Ray Liptak, AV Engineer
Dennis Velez, Assistant AV Engineer
Matthew Califf & Michael Sperrazza, AV Team

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

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