



First Presbyterian Church Sunday, May 22, 2022



Seeking the Faith – Sharing the Spirit Serving God’s People

You are invited to join us on our journey of faith! We seek to serve God, to minister to our community, and to love one another. Help us in our quest to become an ever more inclusive church that welcomes all people from all backgrounds, abilities, and identities. Come along and experience the love of God, the grace of Christ, and the communion of the Holy Spirit.



Order of Worship

Prayer in Preparation

Holy God of every time and place, you gather us to hear of Jesus. Help us see your infinite life in our own community and in all creation, we pray in your holy name. Amen.

Greeting and Welcome

Ministry of the Church

Leader: We thank God for these opportunities for fellowship and service.

All: Thanks be to God!

Joys and Concerns

Leader: We give thanks to God for these blessings.

All: Thanks be to God!

Leader: For all these people and all who are in need

All: Please hold your people near, O God!

Prelude

O, Lord My God! When I in Awesome Wonder

arr. Carl Boberg

**Please stand as you are able*

Gathering for Worship

Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made.

All: Let us rejoice and be glad it in! Let us worship God.

*Hymn #260

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

vv. 1-2

Call to Confession

Leader: Let us come before God with contrite hearts, acknowledging our sin and trusting in forgiveness.

Prayer of Confession

Leader: Let us pray...

**All: Merciful God,
day by day we have failed to believe
in your presence and your promised forgiveness.
We have not trusted in your power
to give the riches we cannot see.
We have not honored our sisters and brothers
as heirs of your desired peace.
Give us the wisdom and the faith to be your body on earth
that we may rejoice in the presence of your saving bounty,
to the glory of your ascended Son. Amen.**

Assurance of Forgiveness

Leader: By the power of the Holy Spirit, as a witness to the death and resurrection of Christ Jesus and the assurance of pardon in Jesus' name, I proclaim to you the forgiveness of sins, that with renewed life you may serve this creation and the people of God in peace and strength. God is with you.

All: Thanks be to God.

Giving of the Peace

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you all!

All: And also with you!

*Response #582 *Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me*

Children's Sermon: It's a Miracle!



Wow!

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reader: By the power of the Holy Spirit open our minds to the Word, your Son, who comes to us as one of us and ascends to the heavens to remain with us. **Amen.**

Old Testament Lesson

Psalm 47 (OT p. 518)

Ministry of Music

New Testament Lesson

Acts 1:1-11 (NT p. 118)

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Proclamation of the Word

Going Up!

***Affirmation of Faith:** Nicene Creed

(Hymnal, p. 34)

***Hymn #260**

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

vv. 3-4

Minute for Mission: Pentecost Offering

Ann Warner

Invitation to the Offering

Leader: For the gifts of Jesus' life, death, resurrection, and ascension, and for the privilege of offering the fruits of our hands, let us give thanks to God with what we have this day.

Offertory:

Go, Carry the Burden to Jesus

arr. Jini

***#606 Doxology**

***Prayer of Dedication**

Leader: Gracious and giving God, you are the one who has given to us all we need for life. Guide us to use what we now gather for the well-being of your church, for those in need of shelter and food, for all who suffer for want of your Word, and for nurturing faith in your people. In the name of Christ Jesus, our Lord. **Amen.**

Pastoral Prayer and Congregational Prayer

Minister: God inspires us to pray, hears our prayers, and answers our prayers.

All: Alleluia! Amen!

Minister: Let us pray...

Silent Prayer

Minister: Let us pray together...

Unison: Our Father in heaven...

(Hymnal, p. 11)

***Hymn: #263**

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!

***Blessing**

Postlude

God Is Our Refuge

arr. Stephen Han

Moment for Reflection: "For while we await our own ascension, our prayers ascend even now with the exalted Christ to the very heart of God." - Ronald Cole-Turner

Worship Assistants

Beth Malmquist- Greeter
John Baker- Worship Assistant
Chanmi Jeong- Accompanist
Lisa Hollabaugh- Videographer

Bill Martens- Head Usher
John Baker- Scripture Reader
Bob Luebbers- Sound
Jane Swanson- Zoom Host

SUNDAY, MAY 22, 2022

9:30 am Worship in Sanctuary and via Zoom
11:00 am Faith Dialogues via Zoom

WEDNESDAY, MAY 25, 2022

11:00 am Celebration of Life Susan Corker
3:30 pm Bible Study via Zoom

MAY 29, 2022

9:30 am Worship in Sanctuary and via Zoom

Pastor Kerry's Office Hours This Week
Monday - Thursday 10:00 am- 2:00 pm

If you would like a visit—or if you know
someone who needs a visit—
please let Pastor Kerry
or one of the Deacons know.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today's rosebud is in honor of **Robert Norman Davis**, great-grandson of Dede Ittner, born May 17, 2002.

Faith Dialogues continues today at 11:00 am with an exploration of Orthodox and Pentecostal traditions teachings about the Holy Spirit. Please rejoin the Zoom meeting using the Sunday Worship link.

In Sure and Certain Hope--Please join family and friends, in the sanctuary at 11:00 am Wednesday, May 25 **for Susan Corker's Memorial Service.**

Please join us Sunday, June 5 for a **ZERO WASTE PICNIC POTLUCK**. We will gather on the Green Space at 12:30 to enjoy some good food, good fellowship, and the beautiful outdoors. Fellowship Ministry will be providing tables, chairs and beverages as well as a couple of long tables for the food. Any food scraps following the picnic will be composted.

For ideas or suggestions on how to plan your zero-waste fare, check the following websites:

<https://www.ecomasteryproject.com/15-zero-waste-picnic-ideas/>

<https://zerowastememoirs.com/zero-waste-picnic/>

The curtain for ***A Case of Moose-taken Identity*** is now re-scheduled to rise on Sunday evening, October 30, 2022! Even though Mission Ministry has foolishly agreed to help produce this production, it will certainly be an all-hands-needed situation. Check the June newsletter for details!

Joys and Concerns

Please let the church office know if someone needs to be added to or removed from the lists below.

Pray for God's grace, mercy & help:

- Ukraine Situation
- Transgender community under attack legislatively
- Our National, State, Regional, and Community Leaders
- Covid19 Pandemic patients and the ongoing vaccination efforts
- Social unrest and political polarization
- Those in the destructive path of natural disasters
- Those who are homeless, hungry, and in harm's way
- For the victims of mass shootings and hate crimes
- For those in shelters on the southern border
- For those who continue to be marginalized and underrepresented
- Service men and women

Each week we pray for one of the Carbondale Interfaith Council faith communities.

This week, please pray for: **Saint Andrew's Episcopal Church**

The Mission/Ministry we are praying for this month: **Nominating**

Household Prayer: Morning

Gracious God, we thank you for bringing us through the night and for making this new day. You send us out rested and uplifted by your presence. Wherever we go, whatever our work today, whomever we meet, help us to greet our tasks and our leisure with joy. We give you thanks, through Jesus our Lord. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

Wondrous Lord, we marvel that this day has ended, filled with marks of your love even in moments of strife. Now give us rest. Comfort those who have no bed this night and keep them safe. We bow our heads in gratitude for food, work, friends, family, challenges, and accomplishments. We pray this in the name of the One who watches over us day and night. Amen.

260 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus (v 1-2)

1 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus; his the scepter, his the throne; Alleluia! his the triumph, his the victory alone! Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion thunder like a mighty flood: "Jesus out of every nation has redeemed us by his blood."

2 Alleluia! Not as orphans are we left in sorrow now;
Alleluia! he is near us; faith believes nor questions how.
Though the cloud from sight received him, when the forty days were o'er,
shall our hearts forget his promise: "I am with you evermore"?

#582 *Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me*
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Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
And to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
And to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen

Psalm 47 (OT P 518)

To the leader. Of the Korahites. A Psalm. Clap your hands, all you peoples; shout to God with loud songs of joy. For the LORD, the Most High, is awesome, a great king over all the earth. He subdued peoples under us, and nations under our feet. He chose our heritage for us, the pride of Jacob whom he loves. *Selah* God has gone up with a shout, the LORD with the sound of a trumpet. Sing praises to God, sing praises; sing praises to our King, sing praises. For God is the king of all the earth; sing praises with a psalm. God is king over the nations; God sits on his holy throne. The princes of the peoples gather as the people of the God of Abraham. For the shields of the earth belong to God; he is highly exalted.

Acts 1:1-11(NT p. 118)

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them over the course of forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. 'This', he said, 'is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.' So when they had come together, they asked him, 'Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.' When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, 'Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.'

Affirmation of Faith – Nicene Creed (Hymnal p 34)

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not

made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated on the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

260 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus (v 3-4)

3 Alleluia! Bread of angels, here on earth our food, our stay;
Alleluia! here the sinful flee to you from day to day. Intercessor, friend of sinners,
earth's redeemer, hear our plea where the songs of all the sinless sweep across the crystal sea.

4 Alleluia! King eternal, Lord omnipotent we own; Alleluia! born of Mary,
earth your footstool, heaven your throne. As within the veil you entered,
robed in flesh, our great high priest; here on earth both priest and victim
in the eucharistic feast.

606 Praise God from Who All Blessings Flow (Doxology)

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.

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 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.

#263 All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!

1 All hail the power of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall;
bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all!
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2 Ye chosen seed of Israel's race, ye ransomed from the fall,
hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all!
Hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all!

3 Let every kindred, every tribe on this terrestrial ball
to him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all!
To him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all!

4 O that with yonder sacred throng we at his feet may fall!
We'll join the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all!
We'll join the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all!