



First Presbyterian Church

Sunday, May 15, 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.

John 13:31-35

³¹ When he had gone out, Jesus said, ¹ "Now is the Son of Man glorified, and ² God is glorified in him. ³² If God is glorified in him, ² God will also glorify him in himself, and ³ glorify him at once. ³³ Little

"Love one another.
As I have loved you"

cannot come. ³⁴ A new commandment ⁴ I give to you, ⁴ that you love one another: ⁵ just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. ³⁵ By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

Order of Worship

Prayer in Preparation

Surprising God, in the resurrection of Jesus Christ you make all things new. Long ago you called your church to a love beyond all social and cultural differences and gave them the gift of your Holy Spirit to open their hearts to enact such love. Give us that same spirit of openness, that we too might discern new directions in our day for your dream to reconcile and heal all creation. In Jesus' name we pray. 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

For the Beauty of the Earth

James Koerts

**Please stand as you are able*

247 *Now the Breen Blade Rises (v. 1, 3-4)*
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1 Now the green blade riseth, from the buried grain,
Wheat that in dark earth many days has lain;
Love lives again, that with the dead has been:
Love is come again like wheat arising green.

3 Forth He came at Easter, like the risen grain,
He that for three days in the grave had lain;
Raised from the dead, my living Lord is seen:
Love is come again like wheat arising green.

4 When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain,
your touch can call us back to life again,
Fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been:
Love is come again like wheat arising green.

#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 24:1-6 (OT P 502)

The earth is the LORD's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it; for he has founded it on the seas, and established it on the rivers. Who shall ascend the hill of the LORD? And who shall stand in his holy place? Those who have clean hands and pure hearts, who do not lift up their souls to what is false, and do not swear deceitfully. They will receive blessing from the LORD, and vindication from the God of their salvation. Such is the company of those who seek him, who seek the face of the God of Jacob.
Selah

John 13:31-35 (NT p. 108)

When he had gone out, Jesus said, 'Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, "Where I am going, you cannot come." I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.'

#498 Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken (v. 3-4)

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3 Loaves are broken, words are spoken, as in faith we gather here.
Jesus speaks across the ages: "I am with you; do not fear!"
By your body broken for us, by your wine of life outpoured, Jesus,
feel again your people. Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.

4 By the loaves you break and give us, send us in your name to share
bread for which the millions hunger, words that tell your love and care.
By your body broken for us, by your wine of life outpoured, Jesus,
feel again your people. Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.

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.

#687 Our God, Our help in Ages Past (v. 1-4)

1 Our God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home:

2 Beneath the shadow of thy throne thy saints have dwelt secure;
sufficient is thine arm alone, and our defense is sure.

3 Before the hills in order stood, or earth received its frame,
from everlasting thou art God, to endless years the same.

4 A thousand ages in thy sight are like an evening gone,
short as the watch that ends the night before the rising sun.

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 #247**

Now the Green Blade Rises

vv. 1,3-4

Call to Confession

Leader: Trusting in the love of God to make all things new,
let us confess our sin to God and our neighbor.

Prayer of Confession

Leader: Let us pray...

**All: God of mercy, your command to love one another
across all differences opens us up to new horizons,
yet we often respond with fear and judgment
that hinders your goal for humanity.**

**Forgive us our sins, we pray,
and give us a true repentance that leads to life for all creation.
We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.**

Assurance of Forgiveness

Leader: God's promises are trustworthy and true; your sins are forgiven. Be at peace to
serve the Lord, and may you always be known by your love.

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: Got a Whole Lotta Love?

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reader: O God of promise, your word made flesh in Jesus
Christ is trustworthy and true. By the power of your Holy Spirit, may it rise up in us like
this day like a gift from the spring of the water of life to refresh our thirsty souls. **Amen.**

Old Testament Lesson

Psalm 24:1-6 (OT p. 502)

Ministry of Music

New Testament Lesson

John 13:31-35 (NT p. 108)

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Proclamation of the Word

You Have Just One Job (or Two)

***Hymn #498**

Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken

vv. 3-4

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation

Minister: Friends, this is the joyful feast... ..to share the feast he has prepared.



Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Minister: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

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

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

Minister: It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise...

By your own power you raised Christ Jesus... ..we lift our hearts in joyful praise:

All: 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.

Minister: We praise you most holy God... ..will celebrate victory with him.

Words of Institution

Minister: We thank you that on the night before he died, Jesus took bread, gave thanks, broke the bread, and gave it do his disciples, saying, "Take, eat. This is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." (*The bread is eaten.*)

Minister: In the same way he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood, shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this for the remembrance of me." (*The cup is shared.*)

Conclusion of the Prayer

Minister: Therefore, in remembrance... Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

All: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

One: Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us... ..for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

Splash of Green

Kathy Manfredi

Invitation to the Offering

Leader: "I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved, you, you should also love one another." Let us with gladness offer to God the gifts of our labor, life, and love."

Offertory:

Be Not Dismayed Whate'er Betide

arr. Jini

***#606 Doxology**

***Prayer of Dedication**

Leader: Loving God, we give you thanks for the ministry of reconciliation to which you call us in the name of Jesus Christ and his resurrection. Accept these gifts for your love for us as we share them in love for you; through Jesus Christ we pray. **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: #687**

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

vv. 1-4

***Blessing**

Postlude

We Gather Together

Mark Hayes

Moment for Reflection:



Worship Assistants

Brenda Myers- Greeter

Rosey Gibbs- Worship Assistant

Chanmi Jeong- Accompanist

Pat Manfredi- Videographer

Bill Martens- Head Usher

Rosey Gibbs- Scripture Reader

Jim Calloway- Sound

Wendi Zea- Zoom Host

SUNDAY, MAY 15, 2022

9:30 am Worship in Sanctuary and via Zoom

11:00 am Faith Dialogues via Zoom

MONDAY, MAY 16, 2022

6:00 pm Pizza and Movie

WEDNESDAY, MAY 18, 2022

3:30 pm Bible Study via Zoom

THURSDAY, MAY 19, 2022

5:30 pm Dinner Group

SATURDAY, MAY 21, 2022

9:00 am Snider Hill Workday

1:00 pm Visitation

2:00 Celebration of Life Dee Glover

SUNDAY, MAY 22, 2022

9:30 am Worship in Sanctuary and via Zoom

11:00 am Faith Dialogues 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

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

Choral Event Opportunity --Pepper Choplin, a church music composer, will be visiting Carbondale May 21 and 22. Bob Weiss from FUMC has invited area church singers to participate in a choral event. If anyone from First Presbyterian, would like to participate, please contact Carlyn and plan to rehearse with her Sunday, May 15 after church and Wednesday, May 18 at 6 pm. The concert is Sunday, May 22 at 3 pm and the rehearsal is Saturday, May 21 from approximately 10 to 12.

Pizza and Movie: Monday, May 16, 6:00 pm All are welcome to join us in the lounge for pizza and "go withs" followed by *Mr. Holland's Opus*. If you plan to attend, please let Kitty know phone or text: 618-203-1807; email: trescott@midwest.net

Presbyterian Women will meet Tuesday, May 17 at 12:30 pm in the church multi-generational lounge (bring your lunch and beverage). Jill Hertzog will present the lesson which will be followed by a "short and sweet" meeting.

The Dinner Group will meet at Carbondale's Don Sol Restaurant Thursday, May 19 at 5:30 p.m. If you plan to attend, please contact Sharon Wittke at sharonwittke@gmail.com or (618) 893-1869.

Snider Hill Cemetery Workday--Saturday, May 21, 2022. Bring your tools, gloves, water, and sunscreen; we will gather at 9:00 a.m. and work 'til noon or so. For more information, contact Ro Quick or Beth Malmquist.

In Sure and Certain Hope--Please join family and friends, Saturday, May 21 **for Dee Glover's Memorial Service**. Visitation: 1:00 pm Service (in the Sanctuary) 2:00 pm.

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. 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.

Remember to Pray for:

- 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: **Islamic Center of Carbondale**

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

Household Prayer: Morning

Delivering God, each day we awaken to your goodness and our hearts cry out in praise as you set us tasks for the life of the world. Do not let us hinder your love, but strengthen our will, as we offer thanks in every simple gesture of this day. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

Faithful God, the nightly dance of earth, moon, and stars speaks of your gift: love given, love received. We give thanks this night for the love you have shown to us this day. Let us rest in your peace and awaken in joy. Amen