

Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 21, 2023

10:30 am

Gathering as God's Family

Words of Welcome

Prelude

Come Thou Fount Every Blessing

arr. R. House

Call to Worship

Psalms 150:1-2, 6a

Praise the LORD! Praise God in his sanctuary;

praise him in his mighty firmament!

Praise him for his mighty deeds;

praise him according to his surpassing greatness!

Let everything that breathes praise the LORD!

*Hymn 1

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

NICAEA

Prayer of Confession

Faithful and loving God,

we confess that we have not lived in faith and love.

You show us the measure of justice,

but we tip the scales in our favor.

You teach us the way of service,

but we still pass by neighbors in need.

Forgive us, God of grace.

Help us lead lives that are pleasing to you,

growing in faith and knowledge

and bearing fruit in every good work;

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

(a moment for Silent Reflection and Confession)

We make these confessions asking, "Lord, have mercy."

Congregational Response 551

Lord, Have Mercy

LAND OF REST

Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy upon us.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Hear the Good News of the Gospel!

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

The Sharing of the Peace of Christ

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.

The Peace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, be with you. **And also with you.**

** Those who are able, please stand*

*Congregational Response 587



New Testament Lesson: Luke 10:25-37
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

Pew Bible, NRSV (NT), p. 71

(Ushers will collect prayer request cards following the lesson.)

Anthem

Rondeau
Joyful Bells

Henry Purcell/arr. Young

Time with the Children

*(After the message, children ages four through third grade may leave for Children's Worship Time.
Parents may pick up their children in Room 207, across the bridge following worship.)*

Old Testament Lesson: Obadiah 10-15

Pew Bible, NRSV (OT), p. 858

Sermon

"A Word to Bystanders"

Dr. John M. Willingham

"On the day that you stood aside, on the day that strangers carried off his wealth..."—Obadiah 11a

*Hymn 203

Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

CHERE PONI

*Affirmation of Faith

—from "A Brief Statement of Faith"

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church.

In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying "Come, Lord, Jesus!"

Concerns of the Church

(Persons nearest the center aisle are asked to sign and pass the Act of Friendship pad toward the outside aisle. Please keep the cover open as the pad is returned.)

Prayers of the People

** Those who are able, please stand*

The Lord's Prayer (Traditional)

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.

Offering of Our Gifts and Lives

(To give online or via text message, click the "Give" tab at the top of our website.)

Offertory

Andantino

F. Price

*Congregational Response 609 *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures high and low. Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise God, in Jesus fully known:
Creator, Word, and Spirit one. Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn 307

God of Grace and God of Glory

CWM RHONDDA

*Benediction

*Postlude

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

H. Parry

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Assisting: Pauline Sexton **Lay Leader:** Riley Blore

New Life! The rosebuds on the Communion Table celebrate the births of Matthew Rustin Fisher, born on May 15, to Kristan Haberkern and Matthew Fisher (proud DPC grandparents are Kate and Geoff Fisher); and Naomi Jordan Novak, born on May 17, to Erin and Christopher Novak (proud DPC grandparents are Kathy and David McQuate).

Christian Sympathy. The sympathy of the congregation is extended to Trish Tatar and family on the death of her mother, Joan Barth, on May 14. We hold this family in prayer in their time of loss.

The **flowers** are given today in loving memory of Dr. Julian and Mrs. Edith Prundeanu and Julian Prundeanu, Jr. by Connie Prundeanu; in loving memory of Ashley Shell Tomlinson by Julie, Tyler and Sarah Tomlinson; and in loving memory of Bob Hoffner and Jean Lang by Carole Hoffner, Cheryl Dreyer and David Hoffner.

Today's **Prayer of Confession** is taken from *Call to Worship: Liturgy, Music, Preaching and the Arts*. Vol. 491, p. 210. The **Affirmation of Faith** comes from our denomination's "A Brief Statement Of Faith." This document was developed following the reunion of the Presbyterian Church (USA) in 1983 and seeks to express the Reformed faith in ways that speak to the concerns and challenges of life in the 21st century.

Summer Worship: We begin our summer worship schedule next Sunday, May 28 with just one service at 9:30 am.

SESSION

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