



# First Presbyterian

## CHURCH OF EASTON



A Service for the Worship of God  
May 15, 2022  
The Fifth Sunday of Easter

### WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

GATHERING MUSIC

TOWER BELLS

PRELUDE

What Wondrous Love Is This (Hymn 85)

arr. Larson  
The Handbell Choir

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD

CALL TO WORSHIP

Jesus reminded the disciples,

**Love one another as I have loved you.**

Jesus taught and witnessed to God's love:

**Love one another as I have loved you.**

Jesus encourages us to love each other with tenderness, compassion, and hope.

**Let us love one another as Christ loved us. Amen.**

\*HYMN 335, V. 1-3

Though I May Speak

Though I may speak with bravest fire,  
And have the gift to all inspire,  
And have not love, my words are vain;  
And sounding brass, and hopeless gain.

Though I may give all I possess,  
And striving so my love profess,  
But not be given by love within,  
The profit soon turns strangely thin.

Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control,  
Our spirits long to be made whole.  
Let inward love guide every deed;  
By this we worship and are freed.

SCRIPTURE READING

Revelation 21:1-6

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Loving God, Jesus commanded us to love one another so the world would know we follow him. Yet we confess we do not always love one another, not the way Jesus loves us. The world has seen our squabbling, our history of hypocrisy, and our lack of compassion for those who don't measure up. Loving God, forgive us. Lord Jesus, continue to love us. Holy Spirit, fill us with love, so that the world will witness your love in our words and actions.**

*Silent prayer*

**Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Jesus taught us that no one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. Christ has laid down his life for us and invites us to love one another as he loved us. Let us rejoice in his forgiving love and share it with each other day by day.

\*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

Gloria Patri

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen. Amen.**

**WE HEAR GOD'S WORD**

SCRIPTURE READING

John 13:31-35

SERMON

Rev. Stefanie Muntzel

\*HYMN 386, V.1-5

O For a World

O for a world where everyone  
Respects each other's ways,  
Where love is lived and all is done  
With justice and with praise.

O for a world where goods are shared  
And misery relieved,  
Where truth is spoken, children spared,  
Equality achieved.

We welcome one world family  
And struggle with each choice  
That opens us to unity  
And gives our vision voice.

The poor are rich, the weak are strong,  
The foolish ones are wise.  
Tell all who mourn; outcasts belong,  
Who perishes will rise.

O for a world preparing for  
God's glorious reign of peace,  
Where time and tears will be no more,  
And all but love will cease.

### **WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

#### INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

The season of Easter is unfolding while the gifts of spring also remind us of God's generosity in Christ and in creation. May the gifts we offer show our gratitude for God's goodness to us, and the hope for new life we have in Christ Jesus.

#### PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Generous God, we bless you for your gift of life renewed through Christ's love, and through springtime growth in fields and gardens. Bless the gifts we bring and make them signs of hope and renewal in the world we serve in the name of Jesus Christ, our Risen Lord. Amen.

#### \*RESPONSE

Doxology

**Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, ye heav'nly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

#### PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

##### 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.**

## WE GO IN GOD'S NAME

\*HYMN 434, V.1-4

Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples

Today we all are called to be  
Disciples of the Lord,  
To help to set the captive free,  
Make plowshare out of sword.  
To feed the hungry, quench their thirst,  
Make love and peace our fast,  
To serve the poor and homeless first,  
Our ease and comfort last.

God made the world and at its birth  
Ordained our human race  
To live as stewards of the earth,  
Responding to God's grace.  
But we are vain and sadly proud,  
We sow not peace but strife,  
Our discord spreads a deadly cloud  
That threatens all of life.

Pray justice may come rolling down  
As in a mighty stream,  
With righteousness in field and town  
To cleanse us and redeem.  
For God is longing to restore  
And earth where conflicts cease,  
A world that was created for  
A harmony of peace.

May we in service to our God  
Act out the living Word,  
And walk the road the saints have trod  
Till all have seen and heard.  
As stewards of the earth may we  
Give thanks in one accord  
To God who calls us all to be  
Disciples of the Lord.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

For the Beauty of the Earth (Hymn 473)

Callahan

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Worship Leaders

Rev. Stefanie Muntzel

Gloria Snyder, Organist

Elizabeth Campbell, Chancel Choir Director

Shirley Keller, Liturgist

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## **Revelation 21:1-6**

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them and be their God; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away." And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life."

## **John 13:31-35**

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."