



# First Presbyterian

## CHURCH OF EASTON



A Service for the Worship of God  
May 29, 2022  
The Seventh Sunday of Easter

### WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

GATHERING MUSIC

TOWER BELLS

PRELUDE

Finale (*Sonata No. 6*)

Mendelssohn

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD

CALL TO WORSHIP

Why do you look upward?

**We look to see heaven. Christ ascended. He has left this world.**

Look around you. What do you see?

**There are so many places where the love of God is needed.**

Look around you, again. What do you see?

**There are so many places where the love of God grows.**

Why do you look upward? Open your eyes.

**The Spirit of God is here. The Spirit tends to the hurting and sends us to share God's love.**

Let us worship God!

**Amen.**

\*HYMN 398, V.1-2

There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit

There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place,  
And I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord;  
There are sweet expressions on each face,  
And I know they feel the presence of the Lord.  
Sweet Holy Spirit, sweet heavenly Dove,  
Stay right here with us, filling us with Your love;  
And for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise.  
Without a doubt we'll know that we have been revived  
When we shall leave this place.

There are blessings you cannot receive  
Till you know Him in His fullness and believe;  
You're the one to profit when you say,  
"I am going to walk with Jesus all the way."  
Sweet Holy Spirit, sweet heavenly Dove,  
Stay right here with us, filling us with Your love;  
And for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise.  
Without a doubt we'll know that we have been revived  
When we shall leave this place.

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 2:3-4

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of justice and of grace, sometimes we feel far from bearing your image. Although we can sense that things are not right, we prize the comfort of familiarity over the risk of the unknown. Although we know the numbers and statistics about violence in our communities, they largely remain just that, failing to leave an imprint on our heart and conscience. We hear but we don't listen, see but we don't behold, feel but we don't act. In your steadfast kindness and mercy, forgive us. Hasten us to know ourselves as claimed in spite of our darkness, and free us to be agents of your peace.**

*Silent prayer*

**Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Jesus said, "My peace I give to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid." May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Let his forgiveness set you at peace with God and yourself, and make peace with one another. Amen.

\*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

Luke 24:44-53

SERMON

Left with a Vision

Rev. Stefanie Muntzel

\*HYMN 753, V.1-4 (Glory to God)      Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

Make me a channel of your peace.  
Where there is hatred let me bring your love.  
Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord,  
And where there's doubt, true faith in you.

Make me a channel of your peace.  
Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope.  
Where there is darkness, only light,  
And where there's sadness, ever joy.

O, Master, grant that I may never seek  
So much as to be consoled, as to console,  
To be understood, as to understand,  
To be loved, as to love, with all my soul.

Make me a channel of your peace.  
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,  
In giving of ourselves that we receive,  
And in dying that we're born to eternal life.

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

#### INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

Gifted with the grace of God, and clothed with power from on high, let us now offer ourselves to the building of God's kingdom.

#### OFFERING PRAYER

Bless these gifts, O Lord of all, that we might worship you with great joy and serve your people with great love. In Christ's name, 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 293, V.1-2

This Is My Father's World

This is my Father's world,  
And to my listening ears  
All nature sings and round me rings  
The music of the spheres.  
This is my Father's world:  
I rest me in the thought  
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas;  
His hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father's world:  
O let me ne'er forget  
That though the wrong seems oft so strong,  
God is the Ruler yet.  
This is my Father's world:  
The battle is not done;  
Jesus who died shall be satisfied,  
And earth and heaven be one.

\*CLOSING PRAYER

O Holy God, let us walk with your feet. Let us touch with your hands. Let your voice speak in and through us. Let your wisdom be transformed into right action within us. Let us carry forth your spirit into the world.

May you go in peace and in the light of God's love.

POSTLUDE

For All the Saints (Hymn 526)

Callahan

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Worship Leaders

Rev. Stefanie Muntzel  
Gloria Snyder, Organist  
Elizabeth Campbell, Chancel Choir Director  
Peter Becker, Liturgist

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The Closing Prayer is adapted from a prayer by Bebe Williams, July 10, 1994.

## **Isaiah 2:3-4**

Many peoples shall come and say,  
“Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,  
to the house of the God of Jacob,  
that he may teach us his ways  
and that we may walk in his paths.”  
For out of Zion shall go forth instruction  
and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.  
He shall judge between the nations  
and shall arbitrate for many peoples;  
they shall beat their swords into plowshares  
and their spears into pruning hooks;  
nation shall not lift up sword against nation;  
neither shall they learn war any more.

## **Luke 24:44-53**

Then Jesus said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.” Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised, so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.”

Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, and they were continually in the temple blessing God.