

FIRST



PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

LEBANON



May 2, 2021

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

May 2, 2021

Fifth Sunday of Easter

10:00 A.M.

THE GATHERING

To Glorify God and Enjoy God Forever

PRELUDE *Prelude and Fugue in G Major* J.S. Bach

CHIMING THE HOUR

CHORAL INTROIT

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Michael Schulte

***CALL TO WORSHIP** *from Psalm 22*

Leader: The poor shall eat and be satisfied.
Those who seek him shall praise the Lord.

People: May your hearts live forever!

Leader: All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn
to the Lord.

People: And all the families of the nations shall worship
before him.

Leader: Dominion belongs to the Lord.

People: He rules over all the nations.

***HYMN NO. 113** *Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!* LLANFAIR

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

God of Mercy: Although we are called to be one body, we
confess that we fragment ourselves into a million selfish
pieces. You formed us as children of your love but we insist
on the right to despise our sisters and brothers. While your
Perfect Love was broken for us, we are afraid to give of
ourselves to the world.

Abide in us. Forgive us of our sins so we may live boldly, love
fearlessly, and proclaim unceasingly that Jesus Christ is our
Lord and Savior. Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: In this is love, not that we loved God but that God
loved us and sent his Son to take care of our sins.
Because of God's love in Christ, we are forgiven.
Friends, believe the good news.

People: Thanks be to God!

***GLORIA PATRI** Hymn No. 579

*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.*

* Those who are able are invited to stand.

*THE PEACE

The Peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

ANTHEM

I Am the Vine

Robert Lau

*When Jesus walked the earth among us, long ago and far away,
He brought the people hope of salvation.*

They heard Him teach. They heard Him say:

I am the Vine, you are the branches; believe, you will be free, be free.

You are my sheep, I am your Shepherd, come follow, follow Me.

If we believe He still walks among us day by day and year by year.

Will we know He brings us salvation: Will we see? Will we hear?

I am the Vine, you are the branches; believe, you will be free, be free.

You are my sheep, I am your Shepherd, come follow, follow Me.

Holy, holy, holy Lord. Teach us today, show us the way.

I am the Vine, you are the branches; if you believe, you will be free.

You are my sheep, I am your Shepherd. You will bear fruit, come follow Me.

I am the Vine. Come follow me.

TIME FOR THE CHILDREN

THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

Gracious God, we do not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes from your mouth.

Make us hungry for this heavenly food, that it may nourish us
today in the ways of eternal life; through Jesus Christ, the
bread of heaven. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

John 15:1-8

I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower.

SERMON

Cut It Out

Rev. Sherard Edington

RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by
the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius
Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into
heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church;
the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

*DOXOLOGY

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with You.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

SANCTUS

*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, hosanna in the highest.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

Christ has died;

Christ is risen;

Christ will come again. (repeat)

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SENDING FORTH

*HYMN No. 369

I'M GONNA LIVE

I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

*POSTLUDE

Alleluia

Theodore Dubois

WELCOME

We extend a warm welcome to all who worship with us this morning. If you are seeking a church home, we invite you to become a member of First Presbyterian Church. For more information, please speak to the pastor at the close of the service.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CROSSROADS CLASS will resume meeting in-person on Sunday, May 9, immediately following the worship service. They will meet in the Library.

KRISTY ON LEAVE—Kristy will be on medical leave until May 11 as she recovers from surgery.

YOUTH

YOUTH GROUP (5th -12th grade) – In-person youth group will meet on **1st and 3rd Wednesdays** from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. for fellowship and opportunities to serve the homeless in our community.

THIS WEEK AT FPC

Today

10:00 a.m. Worship

11:10 a.m. Book Club

Monday

Tuesday

9:00 a.m. Preschool

Wednesday

7:00 p.m. Choir Practice

Thursday

9:00 a.m. Preschool

Friday

Saturday

ELDERS

Class of 2021
Suanne Bone
Don Goodwin
Adrienne Johnson
David Howell

Class of 2022
Jessica Fain
Mickey Stueck

Class of 2023
Max Carter
Frank Reeves

DIACONATE

Class of 2021
Becky Harm
Lee Lyle
Sandra Patton
Emily Peyton

Class of 2022
Jack Emmert
Marilyn Peyton
Laura Simmons
Margaret Ann Trail

Class of 2023
Margaret Carroll

CHURCH COMMITTEES

Clerk of Session – Barbara Howell
Treasurer – Robin Orewiler
Budget & Finance – Frank Reeves
Buildings and Grounds – David Howell
Christian Education – Mickey Stueck
Congregational Care – Adrienne Johnson
Outreach – Adrienne Johnson
Personnel – Jessica Fain
Worship – Suanne Bone

STAFF

Ministers – All Members of the Congregation
Pastor – Sherard Edington
Director of Music – Branson Clark
Organist – J. D. Plant
Director of Christian Education – Michael Schulte
Office Administrator – Kristy Vincent
Preschool Director – Angela Hankins
Nursery – Sara Brown
Custodians – Stratus Cleaning Service

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

Children
Nursery
Preschool – 1st Grade
Elementary Class
Middle School Class
High School Class

Adult
Atypical Class
Cross Roads Class
Faith Builders Class
Westminster Class
Women's Class

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