
First Presbyterian Church

6th Sunday of Easter

Sunday, May 14, 2023

*Those who are able may stand

PREWORSHIP FELLOWSHIP
PRELUDE MUSIC
WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS
MINUTE FOR MISSIONS
SONG OF CONTEMPLATION



***CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)**

We gather together to worship
our loving, nurturing God,
who, like a mother,
knows us intimately,
loves us unconditionally,
teaches us the way we should go,
and comforts us in times of need.
Praise God, the Source and Sustainer of life!

***GATHERING HYMN #2....."Come, Thou Almighty King"**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Loving God, we know your love
because of all those who have shown us your mother heart.
We thank you for the ones who carried us in their wombs,
nourishing, protecting, and bringing us into the world.
We thank you for the ones who did not give birth
to us yet loved us just the same.
With gratitude we remember their words of encouragement
when we have felt unsure or afraid.
We thank you for their kindness
when the world has treated us unkindly;
we thank you for their soft, comforting arms and
the gentle way they wiped away our tears.
We thank you for all who protected us

with the fierceness of a lioness with their cubs.
We thank you for the times they did the hard work of
correcting us rather than pushing us from the wrong paths.

But we confess, we still need that kind of love,
to live so that their investment in us might not be in vain.
To be open to your correction,
even when we still want to fight against it.
To seek you, when life still gets scary and overwhelms.
To remember that we are always your children,
and you are always here to love us like mother.

Amen.

SILENCE FOR CONFESSION AND RESTING IN GOD'S GRACE

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

The good shepherd lays down his life for his sheep, not because of who they are, but because of his great love. May you know that the God of grace is with you always. Whispering into your life, "grace and Peace. Grace and Peace. Grace & Peace".

***RESPONSE HYMN #469....."Lord, Listen to Your Children"**

***SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST (Responsive)**

The Peace of Christ be with you! And Also, with you!
Let us share a sign of God's peace with one another.

***PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (Responsive)**

Holy Spirit, help us hear your voice beyond our inability to hear and understand your word beyond any speaker's ability to explain. Through your word, speak to our hearts even if our heads are not ready to listen.
Amen.

SCRIPTURE

FIRST READING..... Isaiah 66: 12-16

Leader: The word of the Lord. People: Thanks be to God!

GOSPEL READING..... John 14: 15-21

Leader: The word of the Lord. People: Praise to You, O Christ

SILENCE FOR REFLECTION

*HYMN OF THE DAY #515....."I Come with Joy"

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Leader: *Lord in your mercy* People: Hear our prayer

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*forgive us our "sins"*)

The Communion

- *Invitation*
- *Prayer of Thanksgiving*
- *Words of Institution*
- *Communion of the People*
- *Prayer*



*BLESSING AND CHARGE (Responsive)

Beloved children of God receive the gift of the Holy Spirit, the grace of Jesus Christ, and the blessing of the Lord forever.

Alleluia! Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN #366....."Love Divine"

*DISMISSAL (Responsive)

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Thanks be to God. Amen.

*POSTLUDE

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