First Presbyterian Church

6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

Sunday, May 9, 2021

\*Those who are able may stand

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



# \*CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

We gather to worship as people of Easter, **people who know Life is stronger than death.** We gather to worship as children of God, **children loved and claimed by the risen Lord.** We gather to worship as the body of Christ, **the church called out for service in the world.** Easter people, Christ is Risen! **Christ is risen indeed!** 

\*GATHERING HYMN #<u>611</u>......"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

# **PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)**

O God, whose love knows no bounds, forgive us when we fail to reflect your loving kindness. When we turn away from the goodness of your love, call us back with the tender voice of a caring friend. When we stumble over the gift of your grace, lift us up with the strong arms of a loving parent. When we are certain that we are alone in the chaos of this world, shower us with peace, the gentle breeze of an evening rain. When we cannot feel the flowing of your peace, show us your love with the hands and feet of Christ, your love incarnate. Forgive us, risen Christ, of all the ways we fall short, and teach us to be agents of resurrection in the world.

# **DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS (Responsive)**

Hear the good news of God's promise; I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh. Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! <u>Thanks be to God.</u> The Peace of Christ be with you!

<u>And also with you.</u> (Please share signs of peace with each other at a distance!)

# \*RESPONSE HYMN #<u>59</u>....."*The Steadfast Love of the Lord*"

## \*PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (Responsive)

Living God, with joy we celebrate the presence of your risen Word. Enliven our hearts by your Holy Spirit so that we may proclaim the good news of eternal and abundant life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.** 

## SCRIPTURE

FIRST READING	Acts 10:44-48
SECOND READING	1 John 5:1-6
Leader: The word of the Lord. People:	Thanks be to God!
GOSPEL READING	John 15:9-17
Leader: The word of the Lord. <b>People:</b>	<u>Praise to You, O Christ</u>

#### SERMON

- Rev. Mike Ozaki

## SILENCE FOR REFLECTION

\*HYMN OF THE DAY #693....."Though I May Speak"

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Leader: Lord in your mercy People: <u>Hear our prayer</u>

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

## \*BLESSING AND CHARGE (Responsive)

Now go forth in Jesus' name, remembering his new commandment to love one another, just as he has loved us. <u>Amen.</u>

\*CLOSING HYMN #<u>475</u>....."Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

# \*DISMISSAL (Responsive)

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

# \*POSTLUDE



Volunteers are still needed to help deliver Home Delivered Meals.

Our week is May 24 – 28.

The sign-up sheet is on the table next to the church office. Please take a moment and see when you'd be able to help out and get signed up to help!

# Please continue to be in prayer for:

Doris Davis Bladen Melsa, Jeri's grandson Wally Hoselton Brett Schultz Brent Blake and the Blake families JoAnn Westburg



# A Warm Welcome to our Guests and Visitors!

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# <u>Calendar for this week:</u>

Sunday, May 9 F 10:30 am Worship



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6 pm

Bell Rehearsal

Thursday, May 13

1 pm

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All thy works with joy surround thee, earth and heaven reflect thy rays; Stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise. Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea, Chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in thee.

Mortals, join the happy chorus which the morning stars began. Love divine is reigning o'er us, joining all in heaven's plan. Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife. Joyful music leads us sunward in the triumph song of life.

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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.

# COME, THOU FOUNT OF EVERY BLESSING

Come, thou Fount of every blessing; tune my heart to sing thy grace; Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise. Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above; Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of God's unchanging love!

Here I raise my Ebenezer; hither by thy help I'm come; And I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home. Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God; He, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be! Let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee. Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love; Here's my heart; O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above.

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