

THE COMMUNITY OF FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
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THE ORDER OF SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD
May 2, 2010 11:00 am

THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN EASTER

THE PRELUDE Joanna Bailey

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

+CALL TO WORSHIP *after Psalm 100*

L- *May these walls and the far horizons redound with our happy laughter; for we are glad to be together in this worship of God, to sing praises to God. Out of our experience and in our hopes we have come to believe that God is and is behind everything: our creation, our presence, our future hope!*

P- Even as we claim God, we recognize God's claim on us. God is like a Shepherd for us. We are like God's sheep.

L- *That is why we are here in this spirit of joy and gratitude*

P- That is why we are here to offer thanks to the Lord, our gratitude for all God has done, does, and will do for us.

ALL- "For God is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations."

+MEDLEY OF PRAISE STF 2022 vs. 1, 2023, 2022 vs. 3

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord so much goes unnoticed. Cries around us go unheard. So much of who we are goes unsaid and when we cry out in our despair nobody is listening; neither do we listen to the cries of others—or even know them to be cries. We have made a hollow world out of your amazing creation. We are open only to our own presence and all that is ours: people or things. And the rest of the world-- isn't all that up to you? Lord, open us up to the world around us so that we can see and be seen, hear and be heard. Give us light, dimension, meaning and depth of being beyond ourselves. Most of all, forgive us for our emptiness.

SILENT PERSONAL CONFESSION OF SIN

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

L- Anyone who is in Christ becomes a new person altogether-- the past is finished and gone; everything has become fresh and new. Friends, believe this good news of the gospel.

P- In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

L- Let us now obey the Lord. This is his command: That we love the Lord with all our heart, and soul, and mind and strength and that we love our neighbor as ourselves.

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

All may move about the sanctuary offering and receiving the peace of Jesus Christ from each other.

A FAVORITE HYMN

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Help us to hear and to understand the meaning of this and each day. Help us to emerge from this place full of joy and in our hearts, walking, and leaping, and praising God.

THE LESSON FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT Acts 11:1-18

THE SERMON Out of Control!

Rev. Don Smith

+THE CREED

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.

THE SERVICE OF GIVING

Prayer of Dedication

Offertory

Signing the Friendship Register

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

COMMUNION ANTHEM Come to the Banquet

Harlan

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

OUR INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

AND

M- Eternal God, from before time was measured, you have spoken and brought light to be, and being to light. In Jesus Christ, again you spoke and a saving Word dwelt among us. In Holy Spirit your Word continues to challenge and comfort us while we engage the lifelong journey toward you. Despite our waywardness and the temptation to stray, you stand by us with the love of mother and father offering correction, accepting our repentance and welcoming us again into your embrace.

P- Therefore we praise you, joining our voices to choirs of angels and to the faithful of all times and places who forever sing the glory of your name.

+THE SANCTUS

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts (repeat)
The whole earth is filled with his glory (repeat twice)
Holy is the Lord!

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION OF BREAD AND CUP

THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

UNISON PRAYER

God of unending love and immeasurable mercy, thank you for opening your table to us. Thank you for building these Easter weeks into our being. Help us spread the wonderful and mysterious news of grace such that we, who are sinners, are washed and renewed by our presence before You. Help us do this in word and in deed-- to the end that one day all will know the joy we find in you: in the radical gift of your presence and the incredible gift of your promise.

+HYMN STF 2172 We Are Called vs. 1

+THE CHARGE

+THE BENEDICTION

+THE POSTLUDE

