



Celebrating Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 29, 2022, 11am

Park Hill Presbyterian Church (PCUSA)

3520 JFK Blvd. North Little Rock AR

501-753-9533; Parkhillpres@gmail.com

Visit our website at parkhillpres.org

Liturgy inspired by and written by Rev. Teri Peterson for Bibleworm

**Please rise as you are able.*

Children are welcome in worship; please use a colorful welcome bag from the rack or join our caregiver at the white craft table in the front right. Our nursery is also open.

PRELUDE “Will You Let Me Be Your Servant” Soloist
vs. 3, 4 & 6 Congregation

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS Pastor Marie

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We come together in Christ, one Body, encouraged and comforted by the Spirit.

All: We come together in Christ,

One: one Body, loved and challenged to a new way of life.

All: We come together in Christ,

One: one Body, re-orienting ourselves to align with God’s mission.

All: We come together in Christ,

One: One Body, to seek his mind and live his abundant life. Let us worship God.

HYMN OF PRAISE – Here I Am to Worship

Light of the world You stepped down into darkness Opened my eyes let me see Beauty
that made This heart adore You Hope of a life spent with You.

So here I am to worship Here I am to bow down Here I am to say that You're my God
And You're altogether lovely Altogether worthy Altogether wonderful to me

King of all days Oh so highly exalted Glorious in heaven above Humbly You came
To the earth You created All for love's sake became poor

And I'll never know how much it cost To see my sin upon that cross
And I'll never know how much it cost To see my sin upon that cross

CALL TO CONFESSION AND CONFESSION

Beloved, if we say we have no sin we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. Let us
confess to God and to each other, saying Lord of Love, **humble our hearts.**

You, Lord, reveal your mind to us: in your word, in your world, and in the life of Jesus
among us on earth. You invite us to look through your eyes, to move in the same direc-
tion you’re going, to share your vision and act on it. Lord of Love, **humble our hearts.**

We confess that we have seen only a narrow view and decided it was the whole. Forgive
us for restricting your salvation. Lord of Love, **humble our hearts.**

We confess that we hear of being “united in Christ” and we assume that work belongs to
others, that we should not be the first to act in humility to request forgiveness. Lord of
Love, **humble our hearts.**

We confess that we have turned your blessings into privileges for ourselves and caused harm to others. Forgive us for willfully misunderstanding “of one mind” so we can insist on conformity to our own preferences. Lord of Love, **humble our hearts.**

We confess that we seek to contain you in a static once-and-for-all story that can be contained between the covers of a book, forgetting that you are living and active, present even now, calling us to new life in this world that you are still creating. Forgive us for these ways we have fallen short, and are in need your help. Lord of Love, **humble our hearts.**

HYMN OF FORGIVENESS “There Is A Redeemer,” vs. 1 #443
There is a Redeemer, Jesus, God's own Son; precious Lamb of God,
Messiah, Holy One. Thank you, O my Father, for giving us your Son,
and leaving your Spirit till the work on earth is done.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, join with me in this prayer from founder of the Iona Community, George MacLeod:

Christ, you are within each one of us. Nearer are you than breathing, closer than hands and feet. Ours are the eyes with which you, in the mystery, look out with compassion on the world. Take us outside, O Christ, outside holiness, out to where soldiers curse and nations clash at the crossroads of the world.

This we can do through Christ, by and through whom we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES Being more like Jesus

READING Philippians 2:1-16(NIV)

Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, 2 then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind. 3 Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, 4 not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.

5 In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:

6 Who, being in very nature God,
did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage;
7 rather, he made himself nothing
by taking the very nature of a servant, made in human likeness.
8 And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself
by becoming obedient to death— even death on a cross!

9 Therefore God exalted him to the highest place
and gave him the name that is above every name,
10 that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
11 and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

12 Therefore, my dear friends, as you have always obeyed—not only in my presence, but now much more in my absence—continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling, 13 for it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfill his good purpose.

14 Do everything without grumbling or arguing, 15 so that you may become blameless and pure, “children of God without fault in a warped and crooked generation.” Then you will shine among them like stars in the sky 16 as you hold firmly to the word of life. And then I will be able to boast on the day of Christ that I did not run or labor in vain.

SERMON

Rev. Marie Mainard O'Connell

ANTHEM

“I Shall Not Want”

presented by Annabel & Choir

Verse 1

From the love of my own comfort From the fear of having nothing
From a life of worldly passions Deliver me O God

Verse 2

From the need to be understood And from a need to be accepted
From the fear of being lonely Deliver me O God Deliver me O God

Chorus 1

And I shall not want No I shall not want
When I taste Your goodness I shall not want
When I taste Your goodness I shall not want

Verse 3

From the fear of serving others Oh and from the fear of death or trial
And from the fear of humility Deliver me O God Yes deliver me O God

Chorus 2

And I shall not want No I shall not want
When I taste Your goodness I shall not want
No I shall not want No I shall not want
When I taste Your goodness I shall not want
When I taste Your goodness I shall not want

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Your hands are open, O God, offering yourself to us and holding us gently,
inviting us to loosen our grasp so that we can receive your goodness.

We pray this day that you would take from us the fear that tightens our fists,
and show us again how to live beyond maintenance mode, beyond the status quo, in
the wonder of your future of hope. Lord of Love, **humble our hearts.**

We have tried so hard to hold on to pleasure and to protect ourselves from pain,
but we see in your life among us another way, and this world is desperate for another
way. So we pray this day for those caught up in their own egos, for those who seek
power for themselves rather than to serve.

May they experience the power of vulnerability and community instead. Lord of Love,
humble our hearts.

We pray this day for those suffering at the hands of others, those whose bodies are dis-
carded when they are no longer profitable, those whose homes and families and peace
are treated as disposable, those who cannot wait another year for us to change our
ways. May they experience your presence, your courage, and the compassionate action
of neighbors near and far. Lord of Love, **humble our hearts.**

Take us outside our narrow view of holiness, and plant us in the neighborhood
with people whose lives and bodies and experiences and worldly positions are differ-
ent, that together we may truly share one vision, one attitude, one mind: yours. Lord
of Love, **humble our hearts.**

It is in obedience to your will, that we pray these and all things in the name of Christ,
who taught us to pray together:

**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 for-
give 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.**

GIVING OF OUR OFFERINGS AND TITHES

Today we offer ourselves and our gifts to God in gratitude for God's faithfulness to us.
You can give by leaving a gift in the plate as we exit the sanctuary, or mailing a gift to
the church address or giving online through our webpage. Your offerings make it pos-
sible to reach out to those in need—physical, mental, spiritual or financial—please tell
our elder for Congregational Care Mary Henry, or Rev. Marie if you or those you love
are in need of help.

*Doxology "Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow" #609

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise God, all creations high and low.

Alleluia, alleluia! Praise God, in Jesus fully known:

Creator, Word, and Spirit one. Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

*PASSING THE PEACE "May the Peace of Christ be with you." **"And also with you."**

*HYMN OF SENDING "'O For A World," vs. 1, 2, 3 & 5 #372

O for a world where everyone respects each other's ways,
where love is lived and all is done with justice and with praise.

O for a world where goods are shared and misery relieved,
where truth is spoken, children spared, equality achieved.

We welcome one world family and struggle with each choice
that opens us to unity and gives our vision voice.

O for a world preparing for God's glorious reign of peace,
where time and tears will be no more, and all but love will cease.

*CHARGE and BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE