



Fifth Sunday of Easter

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PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Lebbie Graveside
2. Tuesday prayers
3. PW Mission Project

CALL TO WORSHIP

Shout for Joy, sing songs of praise,
For God reigns over all the earth!
God has gone up with a shout!
Sound the trumpets and sing songs of praise!

HYMN OF PRAISE

“Come Christian Join to Sing”

#267

Come, Christians, join to sing: Alleluia! Amen!
Loud praise to Christ our King: Alleluia! Amen!
Let all, with heart and voice, before his throne rejoice;
praise is his gracious choice: Alleluia! Amen!

Come, lift your hearts on high: Alleluia! Amen!
Let praises fill the sky: Alleluia! Amen!
He is our guide and friend; to us he'll condescend;
his love shall never end: Alleluia! Amen!

Praise yet our Christ again: Alleluia! Amen!
Life shall not end the strain: Alleluia! Amen!
On heaven's blissful shore his goodness we'll adore,
singing forevermore: Alleluia! Amen!

CALL TO CONFESSION

Jesus tells us that repentance and forgiveness is to be offered in his name. Therefore, let us confess our sins to God, that we may change our lives, and offer forgiveness to others, saying together, O risen God, **fill us with your power.**

CONFESSION

Living God, we confess that our faith is sometimes weak, our love for others can be faint, and our prayers are often timid. O risen God, **fill us with your power.**

Our gratitude is often unspoken and unrecognized, unnoticed among all that we are dissatisfied with. Help us to examine our lives for the moments you draw near, and give thanks. O risen God, **fill us with your power.**

When we stand looking toward heaven, yet feel far from you, you draw near in mercy to sustain us, forgive us, and fill us with your Holy Spirit. We need you, Lord of Mercy! Help us to feel your presence keenly, especially when we fear your absence. O risen God, **fill us with your power.**

HYMN OF FORGIVENESS “Hallelujah” (Live) Annabel Stavey
Search the hidden places of my heart. That only You can know
I will surrender. Oh the brightness of the day. You led me to the cross
I will remember. The song of those unchained. For the glory of Your name
Jesus piercing through the darkness. Dying just to save us hallelujah
Savior beautiful Redeemer. We will sing forever hallelujah

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Fellow Children –with Christ as our brother, God’s will to pardon us is immeasurable. Therefore, hear this good news and proclaim it in every corner of your lives—through the mercy of Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God. Amen.

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Video

READING

Acts 1:6-11

⁶ So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?” ⁷ He replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” ⁹ When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight.

¹⁰ While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. ¹¹ They said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

SERMON

Rev. Marie Mainard O’Connell

OFFERTORY

“We Believe (Apostles’ Creed)”

sung Annabel Stavey

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD’S PRAYER

Let us never cease to give thanks to God, who has seated the resurrected and ascended Christ at the right hand of the Holy One in power and great glory. Let us pray: O risen God, **fill us with your power.**

We give thanks to you O God, today and every day, for the healing power at work in Christ to fill our world with grace. O risen God, **fill us with your power.**

We pray for our world, for all leaders, nations and people, that we may exercise a spirit of wisdom as we serve the common good. Especially we pray for the nation of India, and the states of Michigan and Minnesota, as they battle the coronavirus, and we pray for Arkansas as well. Comfort those who are ill, and shield those who suffer from

violence; bring them to safety in you. Make us one family gathered in your love and clothed in your peace. O risen God, **fill us with your power.**

Bless your children throughout the world with food, shelter, healthcare and work that we may all thrive, and fill us with a joy for justice that inspires us to work for prosperity for all. We pray for those who long to experience your love, and whose circumstances blunt their ability to see and hope. Open our hearts to sing your praises, and move our hands to show your forgiveness and grace, that all may come to know the ascended Christ. O risen God, **fill us with your power.**

We pray for all in need, that they may know your healing power to bring life in the most difficult of times. We pray for all those who have died, and those who loved them, that you will bring us together again in our glorious inheritance in Christ, where there will be no more tears of anguish or frustration, only joy. O risen God, **fill us with your power.** All this we pray in the name of him who was raised to live and reign in power for us, who taught us to pray, saying

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 forgive 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.

MOMENT FOR MISSION Presbyterian Women Birthday Offering

GIVING OF OUR OFFERINGS AND TITHES

We serve the Lord with freedom and we worship God with joy. In freedom and joy, let us present the offerings of our lives to the Lord. You may choose to give by mailing your offerings to the church, or giving online. Your gifts maintain our ministries, and make help to others possible. If you know of someone in need—physical, financial, emotional or spiritual...especially if it is yourself, please speak with our pastor or the elder for Congregational Care, Mary Henry.

Doxology “Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow”

Video

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!

PRAYER

HYMN OF SENDING "Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah"

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Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah, Pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but Thou art mighty. Hold me with Thy pow'rful hand.
Bread of heaven, Bread of heaven, Feed me till I want no more;
Feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain, Whence the healing stream doth flow;
Let the fire and cloudy pillar Lead me all my journey through.
Strong Deliverer, strong Deliverer, Be Thou still my strength
and shield; Be Thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan, Bid my anxious fears subside.
Death of death, and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side.
Songs and praises, songs and praises, I will ever give to Thee;
I will ever give to Thee.

PASSING THE PEACE

"May the Peace of Christ be with you." "And also with you."

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

"The LORD bless you and keep you; The LORD's face shine upon you, and be
gracious to you; The LORD lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace."

POSTLUDE