

Welcome All to Sunday Worship Service



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ORDER OF WORSHIP

First Presbyterian Church
May, 29 2022
Seventh Sunday of Easter

Prelude: When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

- Lowell—Mason, 1824, arr. Gilber M Martin, 1970

Welcome and Announcements

Passing of the Peace

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: **And also with you!**

Introit: Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain

- John of Damascus, 675-749,
Arthur Seymore Sullivan, 1842-1900

Call to Worship

One: The Spirit and the bride say, "Come."

All: **Let everyone who is thirsty come.**

One: Let everyone who hears say, "Come."

All: **Let everyone who is thirsty come.**

One: Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift.

All: **Let everyone who is thirsty come.**

One: Come to the tree of life, the Alpha and the Omega.

All: **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

Prayer of the Day (*unison*)

O God, who opens our prison doors and releases us from our faults,
keep us near to you in the hours of each day
that by the power of the prayer Jesus prays for us
and the light of your Word
we might drink of your living water, know true joy,
and serve you to the end of time. Amen.

***Opening Hymn:** "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

No. 142

**Please stand in body or spirit.*

***Invitation to Confession**

God is present to guide our journey
and eager to forgive us when we go astray;
therefore, in humility and faith,
let us confess our sins against God and neighbor.

***Prayer of Confession** (*unison*)

**Almighty God,
you love us, but we have not loved you.
You call, but we have not listened.
We walk away from neighbors in need,
wrapped in our own concerns.
We condone evil, prejudice, warfare, and greed.
God of grace,
help us to admit our sin,
so that as you come to us in mercy,
we may repent, turn to you, and receive forgiveness;
through Jesus Christ our redeemer. Amen.**

***Kyrie Eleison**

**Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.**

***Assurance of Pardon**

The saying is sure
and worthy of full acceptance,
that Jesus Christ came into the world
to save sinners.
He himself bore our sins
in his body on the cross,
that we might be dead to sin,
and alive to all that is good.
Believe in God, Friends!
Believe the good news: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

***Gloria Patri**

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.**

Prayer of Illumination

Holy God,
whose voice is heard in the thunder and in the silence,
speak to us now,
by the power of your Spirit,
that we may hear your word for us today.
In Jesus' name we ask it. **Amen.**

First Scripture Reading: Psalm 97

P. 551 in the New Testament

The LORD is king! Let the earth rejoice;
let the many coastlands be glad!
Clouds and thick darkness are all around him;
righteousness and justice are the foundation of
his throne.
Fire goes before him
and consumes his adversaries on every side.
His lightnings light up the world;
the earth sees and trembles.
The mountains melt like wax before the LORD,
before the Lord of all the earth.
The heavens proclaim his righteousness,
and all the peoples behold his glory.
All servants of images are put to shame,

those who make their boast in worthless idols;
all gods bow down before him.
Zion hears and is glad, and the towns of Judah
rejoice because of your judgments, O God.
For you, O LORD, are most high over all the earth;
you are exalted far above all gods.
You who love the LORD, hate evil;
he guards the lives of his faithful;
he rescues them from the hand of the wicked.
Light dawns for the righteous
and joy for the upright in heart.
Rejoice in the LORD, O you righteous,
and give thanks to his holy name!

Choir Anthem: For Love Shall Be Our Song

-*Douglas A. Wagner, 1987*

Second Scripture Reading: John 17:20-26

P.P. 111-112 in the New Testament

“I ask not only on behalf of these but also on behalf of those who believe in me through their word, that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

“Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you, and these know that you have sent me. I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them and I in them.”

Sermon: Unity in Love

Rev. Jim DeMent

John 17:22-23: “The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me..”

Silence and stillness

***Congregational Hymn:** “Blest Be the Tie That Binds”

No. 438

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory: If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee

-George Neumark, 1657

***Doxology** (*unison*)

***Prayer of Thanksgiving** (*unison*)

Eternal God,
who brings joy out of sorrow,
plenty out of want,
life out of death:
we thank you for the treasures of the earth,
your creation, filled with your blessing,
for it was in company with these earthly things
that your Son came to dwell,
showing us the enormity of your love.
Because of Jesus’ resurrection from the dead,
we, too, are brought to new life,
called to pray and work for the renewal of others.
Accept these offerings for the sake of the one without whom
our poverty would be extreme,
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***Affirmation of Faith** (*unison*)

This is the good news
which we have received,
in which we stand,
and by which we are saved,
if we hold it fast:
that Christ died for our sins
according to the scriptures,
that he was buried,
that he was raised on the third day,
and that he appeared
first to the women,
then to Peter, and to the Twelve,
and then to many faithful witnesses.
We believe that Jesus is the Christ,
the Son of the living God.
Jesus Christ is the first and the last,
the beginning and the end;
he is our Lord and our God. Amen.

From Various Bible Verses

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer

***Closing Hymn:** “In Christ There Is No East or West ”

No. 439

***Charge**

***Benediction**

***Choral Benediction:** O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing

-John Tisserand, D. 1494
15th Century French Tune

Postlude: O God, the Creator

-Joy F. Patterson, 1987



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Verse 1

Verse 3

Verse 2

Verse 4

All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name!

All hail the power of Jesus' name!
Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem,
and crown him Lord of all!

Let every kindred, every tribe,
On His terrestrial ball,
To Him all majesty ascribe,
and crown him Lord of all!

Ye chosen seed of Israel's race,
Ye ransomed from the fall,
Hail Him who saves you by His grace,
And crown him Lord of all!

O that with yonder sacred throng
We at His feet may fall!
We'll join the everlasting song,
And crown him Lord of all!

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

Blest be the tie that binds
Our hearts in Christian love:
The fellowship of kindred minds
Is like to that above.

We share our mutual woes,
Our mutual burdens bear,
And often for each other flows
The sympathizing tear

Before our Maker’s throne
We pour our ardent prayers;
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one,
Our comforts and our cares

From sorrow, toil, and pain,
And sin, we shall be free;
And perfect love and friendship reign
Through all eternity.

In Christ There Is No East or West

In Christ there is no east or west,
In Him no south or north;
But one great fellowship of love
Throughout the whole wide earth.

Join hands, disciples of the faith,
Whate'er your race may be.
All children of the living God
Are surely kin to me.

In Christ shall true hearts everywhere
Their high communion find;
His service is the golden cord
Close binding humankind.

In Christ now meet both east and west,
In Him meet south and north;
All Christly souls are one in Him
Throughout the whole wide earth.



Caregiving Concerns and Prayer Requests

Kathryn Amsler	Gloria Aouelle	Bette Austin	Bette Burris
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FPC Opportunities for Worship & Service

Tuesday May, 31

6:00 PM Gathering with members of our sister
Presbyterian Churches in the South Central Texas
Region; bring your own meal (beverages will be
provided)

Sunday, June 5

10:30 AM Worship Service
Pentecost Sunday
Lord’s Supper

**FPC Victoria Servant Leadership
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Lynn McAuley, Presbyterian Women
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Pastor’s Notes

Your pastor’s interest in art history returns to the late Gothic/early Italian Renaissance with a picture on our Bulletin cover of a detail from the Maestra of Duccio altarpiece displayed in the Metropolitan Opera Museum of Siena, Italy (one of Italy’s oldest private museums). The altarpiece, as is typical of such altar adornments, consists of many individually painted scenes (tempera and gold on wood) portraying different episodes in the life of Christ. The work was commissioned by the city of Siena in 1308 from their native artist Duccio di Buoninsegna (c. 1255-1260 - c. 1318-1319).

The scene on our cover depicts Jesus’ “Farewell Discourse,” as recorded in chapters 14-17 of the Gospel According to John. Jesus’ Farewell Discourse, given after Judas leaves to betray Jesus (count the number of disciples depicted in this scene) and just before Jesus is arrested by the Romans, contains Jesus’ last words to his disciples before he is crucified. Apropos to this this morning’s sermon, the Farewell Discourse concludes with Jesus’ “high priestly prayer” in which he intercedes before God for his disciples and for all who will come after them, including you and me.

Before his death, Jesus prays for belief among his disciples in all that he has witnessed to them as God’s son, he prays for unity among his followers in that belief, and, supremely, he prays for his followers to share among themselves the divine love that God and Jesus share and that Jesus shares with those who believe in him.

Clergy, Music, and Administration

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