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The Seventh Sunday of Easter

10:30 a.m.



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THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

**You may rise in Body or Spirit.*

THE PRELUDE

"Peaceful Blessing ~ Vesper Hymn"

arr. Sandra Eithun

THE INTROIT

"Bonse Aba"

trad. Zambian; arr. Andrew Fischer

Bonse aba mu pokelela balipele maka akuba bana. Kuba bana bakwa lesa. Muya yaya bakwa lesa.

All that sing have the right to be called the children of God.

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP

One Happy are those who do not ridicule and scoff
but who delight in God's teachings and meditate on them day and night.

All They are like trees planted by streams of water.

One They yield fruit in due season, and their leaves do not wither.

All Let us worship God!

***THE OPENING HYMN . . . no. 268**
"Crown Him with Many Crowns"

Diademata; George Job Elvey
Matthew Bridges

**Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne;
hark, how the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own!
Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless King through all eternity.**

**Crown him the Lord of love; behold his hands and side,
rich wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified:
no angel in the sky can fully bear that sight,
but downward bends his burning eye at mysteries so bright.**

**Crown him the Lord of peace, whose power a scepter sways
from pole to pole, that wars may cease, absorbed in prayer and praise.
His reign shall know no end; and round his pierced feet
fair flowers of paradise extend their fragrance ever sweet.**

**Crown him the Lord of years, the potentate of time;
creator of the rolling spheres, ineffably sublime.
All hail, Redeemer, hail! For thou hast died for me;
thy praise shall never, never fail throughout eternity.**

***THE CALL TO CONFESSION**

***THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (*in unison*)

God, though you call us to delight in your teachings, we can become cynical and full of doubt. Do not judge us, we pray, but heal us and restore us to you. Guard us and protect us from evil, and sanctify us in truth; in Jesus' name. Amen.

***THE SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION**

***THE DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

***THE RESPONSE . . . no. 363, verse 1**
"Rejoice, the Lord is King!"

Darwall's 148th; John Darwall
Charles Wesley

**Rejoice, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King adore!
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing, and triumph evermore!
Lift up your heart; lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!**

THE WORDS OF WELCOME

The Greetings Among the People of God

The Announcements

The Recognition of Musicians, Acolytes, and Teachers

WE HEAR THE WORD OF LIFE

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE PSALM

Psalm 1

- One Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked,
nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!
- All Their delight is in the law of the Lord,
and on this law they meditate day and night.**
- One They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season,
with leaves that do not wither; everything they do shall prosper.
- All It is not so with the wicked;
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.**
- One Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes,
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.
- All For the Lord knows the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked is doomed.**

THE ANTHEM

"The Thin Place"

Robert Nicholls

*In the moment between darkness and dawn, when all is still and calm,
heaven and earth are one, held in God's eternal arms.
The saints of old now commune, twixt rising sun and setting moon,
and in that fleeting, nourishing womb all is one.
The dawn grows, and heaven withdraws into the light,
not gone, but consumed into the brightness
hidden behind the flame of God's eternal love,
waiting to be revealed once more.*

- Kevin Scott Fleming

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON

1 John 5:9-13

We accept human testimony, but God's testimony is greater because it is the testimony of God, which he has given about his Son. Whoever believes in the Son of God accepts this testimony. Whoever does not believe God has made him out to be a liar, because they have not believed the testimony God has given about his Son. And this is the testimony: God has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life. I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have eternal life.

- One The Word of the Lord.
All Thanks be to God.

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 17:6-19

"I have revealed you to those whom you gave me out of the world. They were yours; you gave them to me and they have obeyed your word. Now they know that everything you have given me comes from you. For I gave them the words you gave me and they accepted them. They knew with certainty that I came from you, and they believed that you sent me. I pray for them. I am not praying for the world, but for those you have given me, for they are yours. All I have is yours, and all you have is mine. And glory has come to me through them. I will remain in the world no longer, but they are still in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them by the power of your name, the name you gave me, so that they may be one as we are one. While I was with them, I protected them and kept them safe by that name you gave me. None has been lost except the one doomed to destruction so that Scripture would be fulfilled.

"I am coming to you now, but I say these things while I am still in the world, so that they may have the full measure of my joy within them. I have given them your word and the world has hated them, for they are not of the world any more than I am of the world. My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one. They are not of the world, even as I am not of it. Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth. As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world. For them I sanctify myself, that they too may be truly sanctified.

One The Gospel of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

THE SERMON

Wendy VanderZee

"Testimonial Living"

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

A TIME OF INTENTIONAL SILENCE

*THE HYMN . . . no. 7

Norwich; Carolyn Jennings

"Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth"

Jean Janzen

**Mothering God, you gave me birth in the bright morning of this world.
Creator, source of every breath, you re my rain, my wind, my sun.**

**Mothering Christ, you took my form, offering me your food of light,
grain of life, and grape of love, your very body for my peace.**

**Mothering Spirit, nurturing one, in arms of patience hold me close,
so that in faith I root and grow until I flower, until I know.**

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***THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (*in unison*)

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

- The Nicene Creed

THE MORNING OFFERING

The Invitation to the Offering

The Offertory

You may send a check to the church office, or give online at fpcevv.com/giving

"Fairest Lord Jesus"

Crusaders' Hymn; arr. Charles Maggs

***The Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings . . . no. 606**

Old Hundredth

"Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow"

Thomas Ken

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

***The Prayer of Dedication**

The Choral Response

"We Give Thee But Thine Own"

Schumann

*We give thee but thine own, whatever the gift may be;
all that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.*

- William Walsham How

THE PRAYERS

The Sharing of Joys and Concerns

The Prayers of Intercession

The Silent Prayers

The Lord's Prayer (*in unison*)

**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.**

WE DISPERSE TO SERVE GOD AND NEIGHBOR

*THE CLOSING HYMN . . . no. 267

"Come, Christians, Join to Sing"

Madrid; Spanish folk melody
Christian Henry Bateman

**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!**

*THE SENDING AND BENEDICTION

THE CHORAL RESPONSE

"Amen in D"

Caroline Saltzman

THE POSTLUDE

"Carillon de Longpont"

No. 21 from *24 Pieces in Free Style* (Op. 31)

Louis Vierne

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Leading worship this morning:

Guest Preacher Wendy VanderZee
Liturgist Gary Morris
Director of Music Robert Nicholls
The Choir of First Presbyterian Church
The Handbell Choir of First Presbyterian Church

The flowers today are given by Barbara Witte to the glory of God and in honor of her husband, Ed Witte's, and her cousins birthday.

We welcome and thank former Bridge Co-Pastor Wendy VanderZee for leading our worship today. Pastor Anna von Wincker is on vacation and will return to the office on Tuesday.

Happening at First Presbyterian Church

First Pres will help **feed our neighbors** at United Caring Services this Summer! On the second **Monday of the month**, volunteers are welcome to join Gail Riecken in preparing and serving lunch at UCS. Thank you to all those who brought cookies today for tomorrow's meal. If you're interested in joining Gail sometime this summer in this simple but important offering of time, text her at 812-550-2328.

The congregation is invited to the **wedding** ceremony of Scott Wylie and Larry Schwartz on **Saturday, May 18, at 4:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary.**

A service of Witness to the Resurrection **celebrating the life of Kate Simpson** will be held on **Saturday, May 25 at 11:00 a.m.** in the Sanctuary. The congregation is invited to attend as we remember this First Pres member and Deacon.

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, May 12

7:30 a.m. Band Rehearsal
8:30 a.m. Wide Awake Worship
9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School
Choir Rehearsal
10:30 a.m. Sanctuary Worship
Children's Sunday School
11:30 a.m. Fellowship Time

Wednesday, May 15

11:00 a.m. Generosity Committee
5:00 p.m. Worship Committee
6:00 p.m. Session Meeting

Thursday, May 16

5:00 p.m. PNC
6:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Monday, May 13

6:30 p.m. Personnel Committee

Friday, May 17

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Tuesday, May 14

11:00 a.m. Staff Meeting
6:00 p.m. Finance Committee

Saturday, May 18

4:00 p.m. Wylie/Schwartz Wedding