

Sixth Sunday of Easter
May 17, 2020

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR MEDITATION

Acts 17:22-31

Psalm 66:8-20

1 Peter 3:13-22

John 14:15-21

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

"Gods made with hands are not gods."

Acts 19:26

The Church Gathers To...

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Mark Galbraith

Preparation for Worship

Worshippers are invited to meditate silently during the following prelude.

Prelude

Chant de May

Joseph Jongen

Praise Almighty God

Call to Worship

We enter a virtual gathering space once again.

We worship together in spirit and in truth, though not in person.

We pray, sing, and listen to God's word despite the fear that pervades our community.

We trust that Christ's peace is given freely, despite our doubts and fears.

We know the Holy Spirit is among us, blowing with a hopeful wind of change.

We feel the presence of Christ, the one who died and rose again, and brings us eternal life.

We submit to God's leading in this time of transformation.

We celebrate all God has in store for us. Let us worship God!



1. Christ is ris-en! Shout Ho-san-na! Cel-e-brate this day of days! Christ is ris-en!
2. Christ is ris-en! Raise your spir-its from the cav-erns of de-spair. Walk with glad-ness
3. Christ is ris-en! Earth and heav-en nev-er-more shall be the same. Break the bread of



Hush in won-der: all cre-a-tion is a-mazed. In the des-ert all-sur-round-ing,
in the morn-ing. See what love can do and dare. Drink the wine of res-ur-rec-tion,
new cre-a-tion where the world is still in pain. Tell its grim, de-mon-ic cho-rus



see, a spread-ing tree has grown. Heal-ing leaves of
not a ser-vant, but a friend. Je-sus is our
"Christ is ris-en! Get you gone!" God the First and



grace a-bound-ing bring a taste of love un-known.
strong com-pan-ion. Joy and peace shall nev-er end.
Last is with us. Sing Ho-san-na ev-ery-one!

Children's Message

Sarah Greim

Confess to a Forgiving Creator

Call to Confession - Sing "Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying" one time.



Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing. Lord, send your Spir-it in this place.



Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing. Send us love; send us power; send us grace.

Prayer of Confession and Forgiveness

C: Merciful God, there are days when we remember that our love for you is more important than our love of money. And other days we let an attitude of scarcity overtake us. We allow what we have to define us, control us, and restrict us. Our fears prevent us from gratitude, graciousness, and sharing. We worship systems made by human hands, instead of you. Forgive us, God. Remind us of your abundance. Encourage us to hold tight to what is real, and fix what is broken in our community. Amen.

Following the Prayer of Confession, please sing “Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying” one time.

Assurance of Pardon

L: We live in an abundant world, and God has created enough for all of us. Praise be to the God of abundant love and grace, for our sins are forgiven!

C: Thanks be to God!

L: God's peace be with you all.

C: And also with you.

Anthem

Be Thou My Vision

arr. Robert Frost

James Frohlich, Rachel Frohlich, Paula Hatrmann, Ella Scales, violin; Amy Saskowski and Emma Saskowski, cello

Listen for God's Word

Scripture Reading

Psalm 25

The Old Testament page 502

(with video from <https://www.theworkofthepeople.com/a-prayer-for-guidance-and-deliverance>)

Acts 19:23-32

The New Testament page 140

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Gods, Idols, and God

Rev. Katie Styr

Respond to God's Word

Hymn

The Risen Christ

WOODLANDS



1. The ris - en Christ, who walks on wound-ed feet from gar - den
2. The ris - en Christ, who stands with wound-ed side, breathes out his
3. May we, Christ's bod - y, walk and serve and stand with the op -



tomb through dark-ened cit - y street, un - locks the door of
Spir - it on them to a - bide whose faith still wa - vers,
pressed in this and ev - ery land, till all are blessed and



grief, de-spair, and fear, and speaks a word of peace to all who hear.
who dare not be - lieve; new grace, new strength, new pur-pose they re - ceive.
can a bless-ing be, re - stored in Christ to true hu - man - i - ty.

Affirmation of Faith

Selected from the Barmen Declaration

L: God has made us God's people through baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope we confess our faith.

C: Jesus Christ is the one Word of God which we have to trust and obey in life and in death. We reject areas of our life in which we would not belong to Jesus Christ, but to other lords. The Christian Church is the congregation in which Jesus Christ acts presently as the Lord in Word and Sacrament through the Holy Spirit. As the Church of pardoned sinners, it has to testify in the midst of a sinful world, with its faith as with its obedience, in the expectation of his appearance.

Prayers of the People

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise...

The Lord's Prayer - (Traditional) Page 16 in the hymnal.

Offering Our Gifts and Lives to God

In the gift of money, we offer something of our work and selves to God.

All Things Bright and Beautiful
David Bowles Edwards, tenor

Richard Shephard

Presentation of Our Gifts and Lives to God

Please sing the Doxology - Hymn Tune: Old Hundredth, 592 in the hymnal.

To donate, please visit the church website, fpcdavenport.org, and click on “Donate Now,”
use the link: <https://bit.ly/2V8nEgm>, or mail your check in to the church office.

Prayer of Dedication

L: Together, we pray:

C: God, you have given us love, community, and a future. We give you our time, our talents, and our money as a sign of our thanks. Help us to trust our treasures with you, so that our hearts may also be with you. Amen.

Go To Serve With God’s Blessing

Charge and Blessing

Postlude

Fanfare for Nottingham

Naji Hakim

Liturgy from re-worship.blogspot.com and theworkofthepeople.com.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Prayers are Welcome for: Carlen Brinser; Nancy Buening (*mother of Rebecca Buening-Ferris*); Traci Cracraft’s extended family; Luann Field (*death of mother, Ann Snyder*); Leona Hill (*mother of Julie Belman*); Jolene Keeney; Wilton Retirement Community; Betty Nelson (*mother of Tim Nelson*); families and victims of abuse, addiction, violence, loss, suicide, COVID-19, and all recent natural disasters.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

A Prayer from Pastor Pilar

Merciful God, Full of gratitude we come to you, so that you take us in your hands and save us from all evil. We are in your hands of mercy. In this time of pandemic we have many risks: the risk of distancing ourselves, the risk of forgetting your love, the risk of falling into despair. May your Holy Spirit fill us with strength and hope to endure and endure this time of uncertainty. Come Holy Spirit to our sister Churches in Iowa and Illinois and for each and every one of our brothers and sisters in the United States. Our faith and hope is to be close to each other in solidarity and love. Jesus the Risen One fill us with his Grace to know how to walk with wisdom in this time. Amen.

Other Ways to Experience Worship

We know that not everybody is comfortable with sharing worship services digitally. If you would prefer to receive a DVD of Sunday worship, please contact the church office with your information. If you would prefer a written transcript instead, let the church office know. We want everybody to be able to praise God during this strange time!

Worship Watch Party

Our worship services are pre-recorded so that they can have closed captions and higher video quality. However, we miss praying with you all at the same time! If you do too, join us on Facebook every Sunday at 9:30 AM. Go to our church Facebook page and join our worship video watch party - you'll be able to chat with other people and know that we're worshipping together. Be with you then!

Online Harpsichord Recital - Tuesday, May 26 at Noon

Matt Bishop will offer a free online harpsichord recital on Facebook on Tuesday, May 26 at noon. This will be 30-minute recital featuring works by George Frideric Handel, William Croft, and Benedetto Marcello on the church's Lindholm harpsichord. The video will be available on the church's Facebook page. Enjoy some Baroque music with your lunch!

Bible Basics 201 – Art and Scripture

Join us for a six-week series exploring scripture through visual art and music. We'll read popular Bible stories, and examine how they've been portrayed throughout the ages. No expertise needed, but please contact Katie if you need tech support or for more information!

You can join us online:

<https://zoom.us/j/104294135?pwd=Ylo4QVdBZWZHQ3JURUppbVkvQitwQT09>,

or call in:

312-626-6799 and enter the meeting ID (104 294 135)

Contact Katie for the meeting password.

May 20: Jephthah's daughter - Judges 11

May 27: Psalm 23

June 3: The Wedding at Cana - John 2

June 10: The Death of John the Baptist - Mark 6 and Matthew 14

June 17: The Prodigal Son - Luke 15

Monday Funday

Calling all kids! Join us on ZOOM (<https://zoom.us/j/985357599>) at 4:00 PM each Monday for a mini-Kirkwood Club! We'll have time to catch up with each other, pray, and play together. Kids of all ages are invited; contact Pastor Katie if you need tech support or the event password.

Musikgarten and Cherubs Have Gone Virtual!

We launched on Sunday, March 29 and will continue our Zoom classes until we can get back to seeing each other in person. We'll meet for Cherubs at 8:45 AM on Sunday mornings and continue right into Musikgarten from 9:00-9:30 AM. You can stay on for both classes or choose the one you want to attend. If you are reading this and have young children who would like to join us but are not on my email list, reach out to me and I will add you so I can send you the link each week. It's probably going to be noisy, we'll probably have a glitch here and there and it will undoubtedly be a little chaotic but that's ok! We all need to see each other and talk and laugh with each other. For more info, contact Kathy Middleton, kathrynbl5@gmail.com.

Dear Friends in Divine Drama class and the great people of First Presbyterian Church:

"The Divine Drama Part II: Our Narrative" continues with Unit 24 and 25 about Worship and Holy Communion. For those of you who haven't joined us, but still wish to, there is no better time to do so than now!

"The Divine Drama: Our Narrative" is a 14-unit overview of the biblical basis for core Christian teachings we all share together.

Even though on-campus gatherings are postponed until further notice, the ministry of FPC never is "cancelled". Your pastors and staff are ever at work finding ways to bring to you ministry resources, because the ministry of FPC continues forward in confidence and strength.

As a friendly reminder on another important note: As we are navigating our way through this pandemic, please continue to faithfully and kindly support God's and your church with your pledges and offerings. Your pastors, staff and leadership are committed to continuing to provide at maximum productivity the ministry in partnership with you, faithfulness to God's calling on all of us.

The Divine Drama will continue as scheduled in this format until further notice. Please join me for the Divine Drama class via the Zoom links provided below. These are for both the 9:30 AM and 7:30 PM Divine Drama classes.

Please RSVP your intentions to attend so I can know how to plan. I look forward to seeing you on Divine Drama, the Zoom way.

In Partnership with you,

Pastor Mark <https://zoom.us/j/928313279> Tuesday mornings 9:30-11:00 AM
 <https://zoom.us/j/483545060> Tuesday evenings 7-8:30 PM

Broadway Musical: Guys and Dolls

NEW DATES! Saturday, June 27, 7:30 PM, Sunday, June 28, 4:00 PM

\$15 adult/\$10 student

The talented singers, actors, and dancers of First Pres. return us to the Broadway stage with a production of the multiple Tony Award-winning show *Guys and Dolls*. After running for 1,200 performances following its 1950 opening on Broadway, the fast-paced musical comedy is revived frequently and continues to captivate audiences and critics alike. Made famous by a 1955 movie adaption starring Marlon Brando, Jean Simmons, Frank Sinatra, and Vivian Blaine, the show includes such great number as "Luck Be a Lady," "The Oldest Established," and "Sit Down, You're Rockin' the Boat."

All musicals at FPC. are produced with in-house talent and a topnotch creative team from the church that handles set design, props, costuming, choreography, and directing. Come experience the multitude of great talent within our community, from the live band of local musicians to the superb acting talents of many of our congregants.

Stump the Organist!

Join us Friday at noon on Facebook Live for Stump the Organist! FPC Principal Organist Alex Gilson will take your requests for sacred hymns and work his improvisatory magic. Tune in from the comfort of your home to test the knowledge and creative prowess of your organist.

Midweek Prayer

Join us on Facebook live for a brief time of prayer and scripture! Go to the church's Facebook page at noon on Wednesdays for community prayer. Post your prayer requests in chat during our time together, or watch the video devotional anytime. If you don't have a Facebook account, you can still watch these devotional videos at any time by going to <https://www.facebook.com/fpcdavenport/live>.

Information from the Finance Committee

The church applied for and received \$50,000 from the federal government's Paycheck Protection Program on April 16, 2020. The program provides cash in the form of a forgivable loan. The loan will be forgiven (meaning no principal or interest will ever be repaid) if the church payroll is maintained at the same dollar amount during the next 2.5 months as it was in the preceding month or two. It is the church's intention to maintain payroll. Your pledges and offerings continue to be necessary to maintain our programming and staff during the pandemic and throughout the year.

Need a Mask?

Need a mask? The CDC recommends wearing a cloth mask for times when it is difficult to keep a six foot distance, such as grocery shopping. If you need a mask, please contact Pastor Katie