

Seventh Sunday of Easter
May 24, 2020
Ascension Sunday

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR MEDITATION

Acts 1:6-14

Psalms 68:1-10, 32-35

1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

John 17:1-11

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While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them.
They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven?"
Acts 1:10-11a

The Church Gathers To...

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Mark Galbraith,
Rev. Katie Styr

Preparation for Worship

Worshipers are invited to meditate silently during the following prelude.

Prelude

Transports de Joie from *L'Ascension*

Olivier Messiaen

Praise Almighty God

Call to Worship (adapted from Psalm 23):

In the darkest valley,

at the banquet table;

in the hard work of life,

at our moments of ease;

in our day-to-day reality,

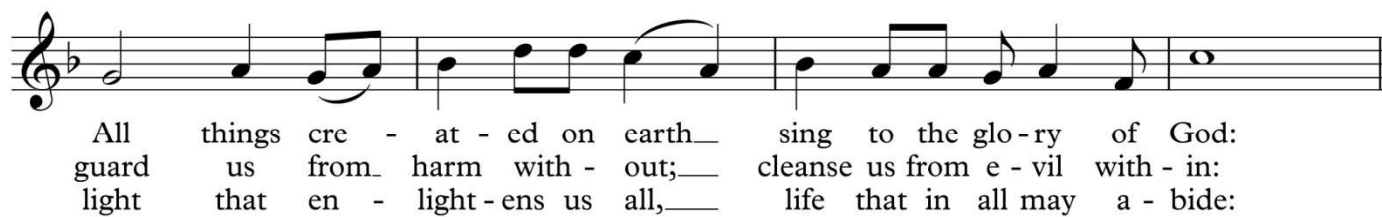
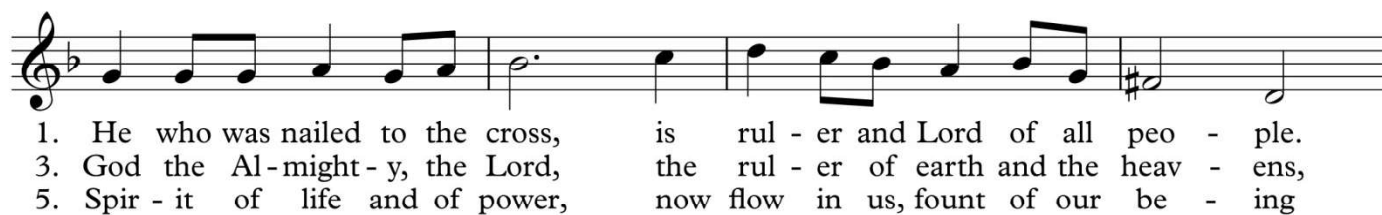
at times set aside—

Even in this time we have set aside now—

time for worship, for listening, for paying attention;

with every step we take:

goodness and mercy follow us, and our cups overflow.



Confess to a Forgiving Creator

Call to Confession - Sing "Spirit of the Living God" one time.

The musical score is written for a single voice part in 4/4 time, using a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are: "Spir - it of the liv - ing God, Fall a-fresh on me; Spir - it of the liv - ing God, Fall a-fresh on me. Melt me, mold me, Fill me, use me. Spir - it of the liv - ing God, Fall a-fresh on me." The score consists of four staves. The first two staves each contain two lines of music with lyrics. The third staff contains two lines of music with lyrics. The fourth staff contains two lines of music with lyrics. The music is written in a clear, legible font.

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, Fall a-fresh on me;

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, Fall a-fresh on me.

Melt me, mold me, Fill me, use me.

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, Fall a-fresh on me.

Prayer of Confession and Forgiveness

C: Living Lord, we know that you have triumphed over death and rule over us all. But it is hard to feel the joy of resurrection. Instead we feel fear, doubt, and distrust. We feel empty. Forgive the fear that paralyzes us at the brink of new life. Forgive our doubt of your love. Forgive our distrust of your surprising, joyous plan. Fill our emptiness with your glorious light, and raise us to abundant new life for the glory of your name. Amen.

Following the Prayer of Confession, please sing "Spirit of the Living God" one time.

Assurance of Pardon

L: Children of God, Christ has forgiven our sins. Christ calls us to new life, and will lead us into righteousness.

C: Thanks be to God!

L: God's peace be with you all.

C: And also with you.

Anthem

Romanze, from *Sonata in G*
Ethan Peterson, piano

Ludwig van Beethoven

Listen for God's Word

Scripture Reading

1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11
Acts 1:6-14

The New Testament page 235

The New Testament page 118

This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Paused

Rev. Katie Styr

Respond to God's Word

Hymn

Morning Has Broken

BUNESSAN

1. Morn-ing has bro - ken Like the first morn - ing,
2. Sweet the rain's new fall Sun - lit from heav - en,
3. Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing

Black-bird has spo - ken Like the first bird. _____
Like the first dew - fall On the first grass. _____
Born of the one light E - den saw play! _____

Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the morn - ing!
Praise for the sweet - ness Of the wet gar - den,
Praise with e - la - tion, Praise ev - ery morn - ing,

Praise for them, spring - ing Fresh from the Word!
Sprung in com - plete - ness Where God's feet pass.
God's re - cre - a - tion Of the new day!

Affirmation of Faith

Apostles' Creed

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

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

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.

When the Saints the Saints Go Marching In
Organ and Trumpet – Alex Gilson; Bass – Claudia Gilson

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: Generous God, you have shown us what it means to love, and you call us to follow your example, loving our neighbors as we love ourselves. Continue to write your law of love on our hearts. Give us unwavering compassion, and bless all that we give to care for others and for our church community. Amen.

Go To Serve With God’s Blessing

Charge and Blessing

Postlude

Carillon de Westminster

Louis Vierne

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*); Glen Roebuck and family (*death of his mother, Charlotte Roebuck*); families and victims of abuse, addiction, violence, loss, suicide, COVID-19, and all recent natural disasters.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

A Letter from Pastor Mark and Pastor Katie

On motion, during the Session meeting Monday, May 18, Session approved that all on campus worship services and events will remain curtailed until further notice, with two weeks notice given, per reopening plan. A Pandemic Response Team is currently working on procedures to help us safely resume on-campus activities.

Please check all announcements via e-news, website, and Facebook page for further developments and updates, as well as all of our online services and ministry offerings

Also, it was reported by the finance team that offerings have decreased in the month of April.

We cannot stress enough how incumbent it is upon all of us to keep up on all of our pledges and offerings, so that First Presbyterian Church can continue to offer its ministry at the level we are called to and expect, and to position our congregation into the strongest place possible upon resumption of all on campus worship services and events.

Please continue to be faithful and generous in your financial support of First Presbyterian Church during these challenging but opportune times.

Thank you for all you do, and keep the faith, stay the course, and keep your prayers and support coming.

God's peace be with us during these times!

In partnership,
Pastors Mark and Katie

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 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 26 about Kingdoms in Conflict. 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.

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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

Time: 9:30 AM - May 26, 2020, June 2, 2020, June 9, 2020

Please download and import the following iCalendar (.ics) files to your calendar system.

Weekly:

https://us02web.zoom.us/join/tJYldOirrDwj4FuU4_kDyihmkblon2WA/ics?icsToken=98tyKuCqpjgrGdaSuV39a6otOYX_bN_2iHsajLZoyCDuJzIHawv7PeBrPbwtJ_mB

Join Zoom Meeting

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Time: 7:00 PM - May 26, 2020, June 2, 2020, June 9, 2020

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Broadway Musical: Guys and Dolls - *POSTPONED*

The FPC-PAS production of the Broadway musical *Guys and Dolls* has been postponed to next spring due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This decision was made with the health of our congregation, cast, crew, and community at heart.

For those of you who have purchased tickets, either individually or as part of PAS season ticket packages, your tickets will be transferable to the postponed dates with no need to reissue. We anticipate announcing a new date in the coming weeks. At that time, if you are unable to attend the new performance dates, you will have the option of requesting a full refund on the ticket price by emailing bishop@fpcdavenport.org. Alternatively, you may donate your tickets to the Performing Arts Series, and this donation will be counted as tax-deductible. We appreciate your patience during this unprecedented moment in our history, one that has affected every arts organization in the world.

Agape Ringers Concert - Monday, June 15 - *CANCELED*

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

Cyber Seniors Offers Free Training During Pandemic



Need tech help? Seniors can call 1-844-217-3057, where trained volunteers are standing by to answer their tech questions and to help them sign up for online training sessions.

Tech savvy seniors can also:

- register online for a group session or one-on-one tech-support by visiting our website at www.cyberseniors.org.
- access the over 1200 training tutorials and the Cyber-Seniors discussion forum by calling us at 1-844-217-3057 to register.

SAVE THE DATE: Virtual Vacation Bible Camp – Monday, June 22 – Friday, June 26

More to come! Check the Summer 2020 Broadcaster for more information!