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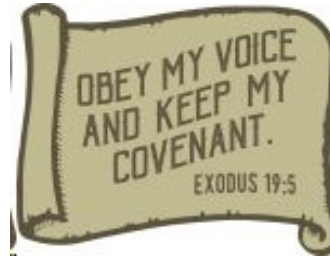
Clarksburg, West Virginia

Rev. James A Harris

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April 28, 2024



Ten Forty-Five

5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Organ Prelude “Jesus Shall Reign” Arr. by Price Kay Devono

Welcome

The Peace : The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

Announcements

Visitors, please fill out a visitor card and put in collection plate.

Call to Worship

Psalm 95:1-2, 6-7

O come, let us sing to the Lord;

let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;

let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

O come, let us worship and bow down,

let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!

Opening Prayer (in unison)

Thank you, Lord, for gathering us here in your presence. We have so much to be thankful for. Help us, therefore, to worship you with glad and generous hearts. For to you belong all honor, praise, and glory. In Jesus’ name. Amen.

Hymn history

* Hymn #302

“I Danced in the Morning”

*Call to Confession

Appears in: Baby Talk

Let us in humility and contrition acknowledge and confess our sins toward God and one another.

Confession

Righteous God, we confess with sorrow that we often forget who has given us light, who has made our garden grow with waters of love. We forget your living word and move off your paths to serve our own worldly desires. We leave your cultivated field to venture out into the wilderness on our own. We quarrel with one another trying to decide “who is the greatest.” We make our own faces the benchmark for all faces. Help us to remember Jesus, reconciling the whole variegated world in himself.

Assurance of Pardon

Thank you for calling us back, for never giving up on us when we turn aside, for always loving us, even when we forget who we are and who you are. We know you as the greatest Gardener of all, who has promised always to replant us in flourishing fields.

*Congregational Response - “Gloria Patri” #579 in Hymnal
PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Hymn “Jesus Loves the Little Children” (verse 1)
Children of the Church

Prayer for Illumination(in unison) Appears in: Swords and Crosses

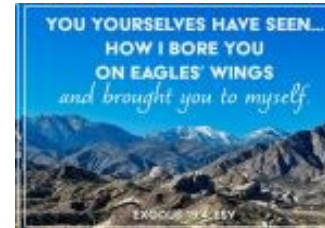
Holy Spirit, prepare us to hear from the Scriptures. Sometimes it can be easy to dismiss a passage that seems familiar. We’ve heard it before and so we disengage. Yet we know that your word is powerful and that it is calling us to live like Jesus. Do not let us turn off our ears so quickly. Help us to listen well and respond with obedience. Let us see what it is you are doing through the Scriptures we hear today. You are working and we want to join you. Amen.

First Scripture Lesson Exodus 19:1-6
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Second Scripture Lesson John 15: 1-8
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

I am a child of God. I believe in Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior. I believe he has the power to change my life and your life.

Sermon “My Branch Connection” Rev. James A Harris
Piano Interlude - *Silent prayer and reflection*



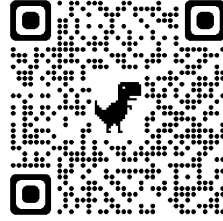
RESPONDING TO THE WORD

* The Creed Appears in:
No Sun, No Moon, No Night

We believe in one God, Lord of heaven and Earth. We believe that the gift of our salvation is eternal life with Jesus Christ our Lord. We believe that God created heaven, that he lives and reigns there, and that we will live with him when he one day calls us home. We live by faith, believing that what is unseen will one day be revealed, to the glory of our one God, Lord of heaven and Earth.

*Hymn #403 "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"
Gathering of Tithes and Offerings

Gathering - electronic gifts may be made
through our website www.clarksburgfpc.org



Offertory

- * The Doxology
- * Prayer of Dedication

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BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

Hymn # (Back page) "I Come to the Garden Alone"

- * Benediction Appears in: Reversible Errors
- * Congregational Response "First Song of Isaiah" (chorus only) 2x

**Surely it is God who saves me;
I will trust in him and not be afraid.
For the Lord is my strong-hold and my sure defense,
and he will be my Savior.**

* Organ Postlude "All Creatures of Our God and King" Arr. by Harris Kay Devono

Please join us in Westminster Hall for refreshments and fellowship. Sandi Nuzum is the host today.

Liturgists.....The Congregation of First Presbyterian Church
 Officiant and Preacher.....Rev. James A Harris
 Worship Leader.....Terra Burnett
 Minister of Music.....Jeanne Harris
 Organist.....Dr. Mary Kay Devono
 Children MomentTerra Burnett
 Greeter.....Connie Leuliette
 Ushers David Allman, Denver Atkinson, Lance Kuhns

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Monday- Prayer Group 10:00 am Zoom or in Person
 Wednesday -Bible Study 3:00 pm Zoom or in Person
 Thursday - Laundry 4:30 pm Jeanne, Kierra, James
 Friday - AA meeting at noon
 Scottish Heritage is next Sunday! Ask a friend to come and enjoy the service and food.



29th - James Jarrett
 30th - Parker Lawrence
 May 2nd - Denver Atkinson





Special Care Facilities: Amy Garrett, Peggy Clark, Mark Freeman, Gary Mitchell, Doris Holt, Janice Hardman.

Prayer List: Sean

Keener, Sally Gray's brother-in-law John and her sister Beverly, her grandson Micah, Dianne Keller, and her mother Dianne Parker, Mark Ferree and his mother, Sandi Nuzum's brother Greg, Doris Longwell, Janette Elliott, Janice Hardman and family, Karen Tyson's niece Allison and her parents and their disabled son, Abby McCloud and family, Jerry and Jeanne Lynch, Mark Sprouse, Jackie Scott, Tyler Turner, Brooklyn's family, Gayle Byers, Lisa Bartlett, Sandi Nuzum's sister-in-law, Stephanie Shields and family, Renee, Jeanne's niece Maureen, Bodhi Moccia and family.



Churches: Clear Creek Presbyterian Church, First Presbyterian Church, Logan



Graduates - We would like to put your names, a picture, a little bit about each graduate, and their future plans in the May newsletter. I need the information as soon as possible.

398 I Come to the Garden Alone

Mary Magdalene came and told the disciples that she had seen the Lord. John 20:18

GARDEN Irreg. Ref.
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1. I come to the gar - den a - lone, While the dew is still on the
 2. He speaks, and the sound of His voice Is so sweet the birds hush their
 3. I'd stay in the gar - den with Him Though the night a - round me be
 ros - es; And the voice I hear, fall - ing on my ear, The
 sing - ing, And the mel - o - dy that He gave to me With -
 fall - ing, But He bids me go; through the voice of woe, His
 Refrain
 Son of God dis - clos - es.
 in my heart is ring - ing. And He walks with me, and He
 voice to me is call - ing.
 talks with me, And He tells me I am His own, And the
 joy we share as we tar - ry there, None oth - er has ev - er known.

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