

**THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY**  
**Fifth Sunday of Easter**  
**May 10, 2020**

**Gathering**

THE CHIMES CALL US TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

"It Is Well with My Soul"

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THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

\*OPENING HYMN

"We Praise You, O God"

Tune: KREMSER

**We praise you, O God, our Redeemer, Creator;  
In grateful devotion our tribute we bring.  
We lay it before you; we kneel and adore you;  
We bless your holy name; glad praises we sing.**

**With voices united our praises we offer  
And gladly our songs of thanksgiving we raise.  
With you, Lord, beside us, your strong arm will guide us.  
To you, our great Redeemer, forever be praise!**

Julia C. Cory, 1902. Public Domain

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 31

In you, O Lord, I seek refuge;  
Do not let me ever be put to shame.

**Incline your ear to me, rescue me speedily.**

**Be a rock of refuge for me, a strong fortress to save me.**

You are indeed my rock and my fortress;  
For your name's sake lead me and guide me.

**Into your hand, I commit my spirit;**

**You have redeemed me, O Lord, faithful God.**

Let us worship God!

\*PRAYER OF THE DAY

\*CALL TO CONFESSION

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Creator God, in raising Jesus Christ, you loosed great energy. You created a new people who shared common life, witness, prayer and belongings. Yet we confess that we are afraid to risk our selves and goods in creating your new world. Blow through us with the Spirit of Christ. Give us new energy to build community, peace and justice on earth.**

*(A time for personal confession)*      Let All God's people say: **Amen**

\*ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

\*HYMN OF GRATITUDE      "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing"      Tune: AZMON

**O for a thousand tongues to sing my dear Redeemer's praise,  
the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of God's grace!**

**To God all glory, praise and love be now and ever given  
by saints below and saints above, the church in earth and heaven.**

## ***Listening to the Word***

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

NEW TESTAMENT

Acts 7:55-60 (NRSV)

But filled with the Holy Spirit, Stephen gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. <sup>56</sup> "Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" <sup>57</sup> But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. <sup>58</sup> Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. <sup>59</sup> While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." <sup>60</sup> Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he died.

*This is the Word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

HYMN

"Abide with Me"

Tune: EVENTIDE

**Abide with me: fast falls the eventide.  
The darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide!  
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,  
Help of the helpless, O abide with me.**

**I need thy presence every passing hour;  
What but thy grace can foil the tempter's power?  
Who, like thyself, my guide and stay can be?  
Through cloud and sunshine, Lord, abide with me.**

**I fear no foe, with thee at hand to bless;  
Ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness.  
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?  
In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.**

Henry Francis Lyle, 1847. Public Domain

GOSPEL

John 14:1-14 (NRSV)

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. <sup>2</sup> In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? <sup>3</sup> And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. <sup>4</sup> And you know the way to the place where I am going.” <sup>5</sup> Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” <sup>6</sup> Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. <sup>7</sup> If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

<sup>8</sup> Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” <sup>9</sup> Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? <sup>10</sup> Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. <sup>11</sup> Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. <sup>12</sup> Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. <sup>13</sup> I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. <sup>14</sup> If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

*This is the Word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

“Coming home!”

Jim Musgrave

## ***Responding to God***

### **\*AFFIRMATION**

The Apostle's Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,  
and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,  
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and  
buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he  
ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints;  
the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting.  
Amen.

### **\*HYMN**

“Do Not Let Your Hearts be Troubled”

Tune: BEECH SPRING

**“Do not let your hearts be troubled,” Jesus said to those he loved.  
“There are many dwelling places in my Father’s house above.”  
Jesus, you have gone before us; Jesus, you will guide us there.  
Lord, we trust your hand to lead us to the place that you prepare.**

**We hold on to what you promise: earth and heav’n will be made new,  
Then your home will be among us; we will always dwell with you.  
There will be no sound of weeping; you will wipe away each tear.  
God, we trust your promise to us: now and always, you are here.**

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### **PASTORAL PRAYER/ PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

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.

## ***Going Forth to Serve***

### **BENEDICTION**

### **\*HYMN**

“Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing”

Tune: SICILIAN MARINERS

**Lord, dismiss us with your blessing; fill our hearts with joy and peace;  
Let us each, your love possessing, triumph in redeeming grace.  
O refresh us, O refresh us, traveling through this wilderness.**

**Thanks we give and adoration for your gospel's joyful sound;  
May the gifts of your salvation in our hearts and lives abound.  
Every faithful, ever faithful to your truth may we be found.**

Attr. John Fawcett, 1773. Public Domain

**\*WORDS OF DISMISSAL**

The blessing of the holy, triune God— who was and is and is to come—  
first and last, beginning and end, Alpha and Omega—be with you now and always.  
**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Amen.**

**POSTLUDE**

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## ***Church Notes***

### **MEMBERS WISHING TO BLESS RLPC'S MINISTRY FINANCIALLY**

With the fact that we are not coming together for worship, many of you who have generously given to the ministry of RLPC may want to continue your gifts to the church. Please drop your gift in the mailbox at the choir room or send it by mail. A prayer of dedication will be included in the Prayers of the People. Thank you for your support of our missions.



### ***Nurture Time***

**May 10: Read John 14:1-14** Jesus says, "If you know me, you will know my Father." What adjectives or descriptive words describe Jesus? Make a list of Jesus' personality traits. Realizing that these show us what God is like, think of how you copy Jesus in how you act and care for all God's people.

"Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me."

John 14:1 NRSV

## **Prayer List**

To add/remove/correct names on the prayer list,  
please call the church office (768-4141) or email [rocklakepreschurch@gmail.com](mailto:rocklakepreschurch@gmail.com)

### **Prayers for Concerns – Our friends and neighbors and their families**

Hilda Alsop's cousin,	Lee Ann Goff	Ruth Pritchard
Bonnie Leslie	Mary Graham	Joy Ratcliff
Kristen, Stephen, and baby	Brad Harkins	Sarah Shaver
Emerson Ash	Addilyn Hardin	Mary Anne Smith
Merrily Bailey	Tre' Hardin	Mike Spurgeon
Niall Bailey	Juanita Hefner	Susan Spurgeon
Sgt. Major Jeff Bibb	Jim Johnson	Gregory Stonestreet
Day Bishop	Mark King	Bill Wagner
Barb Clark	Cheryl Laws	Ella Grace Washington
Dick Clark	Cheryl Morgan	Jo Wilson
Jo Clark	Abby Pauley	
Sue DeWald	Jackie Pauley	

Prayers for our nation and our world through this time of uncertainty due to the Corona virus outbreak. 40,000 deaths a year from gun violence; global climate change; those who are struggling with the aftermath of natural disasters; all those who have lost someone to a drug overdose; all who struggle physically, spiritually, emotionally, financially or in their relationships; freedom and peace throughout the world; refugees and refugee families; all those whose lives are affected by violence wherever it occurs; Friends of Bluestone Camp and conference center's financial challenge.

### **Prayers for our Military**

Brett Baker	Brent Bishop	Evan Chaney
Jeff Barker	Steve Cash	

All who are serving, who have been injured and the families who have lost someone in combat; those who live and serve on the Korean Peninsula and other nations in that region of the world; our troops facing terrorist attacks.

**Prayers for those in Senior Residential Centers** - Cliff Asbury, Kanawha Place; Betty Berry, Edgewood Summit; Barbara Shriver, Sweetbriar

**Prayers for those at home** - Reva Asbury, Jeanette Bates, Anne Copper, Bonnie Cheely, Sam Ford, Anita McCormick, Anita Wehrmann

**Prayer List for Churches** –First Presbyterian Church, Logan; Parsons Presbyterian Church; Githiru Church (Gay-THEE'roh); Kagumo Parish (Kah-GOOM'OH)

