

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
Sixth Sunday of Easter
May 17, 2020

Gathering

THE CHIMES CALL US TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE "Fantasy on 'Holy Manna'" Arr. John Carter
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THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

* OPENING HYMN "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" Tune: CORONATION

**All hail the power of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all!
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all!**

**Let every kindred, every tribe on this terrestrial ball
To him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all!
To him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all!**

**O that with yonder sacred throng we at his feet may fall!
We'll join the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all!
We'll join the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all!**

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*CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 66

Come and hear, all you who fear God,
and I will tell what the Lord has done for me.

**Truly God has listened
and given heed to the words of my prayer.**

You are blessed, O God, because you have not rejected my prayer, or removed your
steadfast love from me.

**I will come into your house and pay you my vows, those that my lips
uttered and my mouth promised when I was in trouble.**

Let us worship God!

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, we confess that we have loved our own way more than we love you. The Spirit of truth does not abide in us, for our actions deny the words of praise we say in worship. We neglect the spiritual disciplines that would draw us closer to you. We have not witnessed our faith as we should. O God, it is hard to follow Jesus! Forgive us, teach us, help us!

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

*ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

* HYMN OF GRATITUDE "We Are Forgiven"

**We are forgiven. We are forgiven.
Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.
We are forgiven. We are forgiven.
Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.**

Listening to the Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

NEW TESTAMENT

1 Peter 3:13-22 (NRSV)

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? ¹⁴ But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, ¹⁵ but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; ¹⁶ yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. ¹⁷ For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. ¹⁸ For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, ¹⁹ in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, ²⁰ who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. ²¹ And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²² who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

HYMN

“Nothing Can Trouble”
Soloist will sing. All repeat two times.

Tune: NADA TE TURBE

**Nothing can trouble; nothing can frighten.
Those who seek God shall never go wanting.
Nothing can trouble; nothing can frighten. God alone fills us.**

Attr. Teresa of Avila, 16th century; para. Taize Community
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GOSPEL

John 14:8-21 (NRSV)

Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” ⁹ 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’? ¹⁰ 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. ¹¹ 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. ¹² 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. ¹³ I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴ If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it. ¹⁵ “If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. ¹⁷ This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. ¹⁸ “I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. ¹⁹ In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. ²⁰ On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. ²¹ They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“The Dance!”

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

"I Danced in the Morning" Tune: LORD OF THE DANCE

Note that the refrain is sung only after the 1st and last verses.

**I danced in the morning when the world was begun,
and I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun,
and I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth.
At Bethlehem I had my birth.**

Refrain: **Dance, then, wherever you may be;
I am Lord of the dance, said he,
and I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,
and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.**

**I danced for the scribe and the Pharisee,
but they would not dance and they would not follow me.
I danced for the fishermen, for James and John.
They came with me and the dance went on.**

**I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black.
It's hard to dance with the devil on your back.
They buried my body and they thought I'd gone,
but I am the dance and I still go on.**

**They cut me down and I leapt up high.
I am the life that will never, never die.
I'll live in you if you'll live in me
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he. (*Refrain*)**

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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

“Go with Us, Lord”

Tune: TALLIS' CANON

**Go With us, Lord, and guide the way
through this and every coming day,
that in your Spirit strong and true
our lives may be our gift to you.**

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*WORDS OF DISMISSAL

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of God's Son, Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, remain with you 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 17: Read Psalm 66:8-20 Psalm 66 reminds us that God is with us through hard times. The psalmist praises God when times are bad and when they go well. Think of times when you have struggled through bad times, then think how you know God was with you. Give a prayer thanking God for God's steadfast love.

Prayer List

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

Prayers for Concerns – Our friends and neighbors and their families

Hilda Alsop's cousin,	Brad Harkins	Sarah Shaver
Bonnie Leslie	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	Linda Taylor
Dick Clark	Cheryl Laws	Bill Wagner
Jo Clark	Cheryl Morgan	Ella Grace Washington
Sue DeWald	Jackie Pauley	Jo Wilson
Lee Ann Goff	Ruth Pritchard	
Mary Graham	Joy Ratcliff	

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 –Community Presbyterian Church, Arthurdale; Milton Presbyterian Church; Point Pleasant Presbyterian Church; Kiagonde Church (Kigh-GOH'day); Kagumo Parish (Kah-GOOM'OH)

