

**THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY**

**Seventh Sunday of Easter/ Ascension Day/ Memorial Day**

**May 24, 2020**

**Gathering**

THE CHIMES CALL US TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" Arr. Stan Pethel  
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THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

\*OPENING HYMN "Alleluia! Sing to Jesus" Tune: HYFRYDOL

**Alleluia! Sing to Jesus; his the scepter, his the throne,  
Alleluia! His the triumph, his the victory alone!  
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion thunder like a mighty flood:  
"Jesus out of every nation has redeemed us by his blood."**

**Alleluia! Not as orphans are we left in sorrow now;  
Alleluia! He is near us; faith believes nor questions how.  
Though the cloud from sight received him, when the forty days were o'er.  
Shall our hearts forget his promise: "I am with you evermore"?**

William Chatterton Dix, 1866. Public Domain

\* CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 68

Let the righteous be joyful; let them exult before God;  
Let them be jubilant with joy.

**We ascribe you all power and majesty, O God,  
And sing you our praises.**

Awesome is God in the sanctuary, the same God of Israel  
Who gives power and strength to the people.

**We ascribe you all power and majesty, O God,  
And sing you our praises.**

Let us worship God!

\*PRAYER OF THE DAY

\*CALL TO CONFESSION

\* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**O God, if we suffer, it is usually not because of our loyalty to Christ Jesus. When we are glad and shout for joy, it is seldom because we want to celebrate your presence with us. We even forget to say thank-you when, by the power and strength you give us, we accomplish some cherished goal. Our lives are not focused on realizing your rule of love on earth, as in heaven. God, receive our confession and help us to discipline ourselves.**  
*(A time for personal confession)*      Let All God's people say: **Amen**

\*ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

\*HYMN OF GRATITUDE

Tune: DUKE STREET

**O risen Christ, ascended Lord, all praise to you let earth accord.  
You are, while endless ages run, with Father and with Spirit, one.**

The Venerable Bede, 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> century. Public Domain

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

NEW TESTAMENT

Acts 1: 3-14 (NRSV)

After his suffering Jesus presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. <sup>4</sup> While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; <sup>5</sup> for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now." <sup>6</sup> So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" <sup>7</sup> He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. <sup>8</sup> But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." <sup>9</sup> When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. <sup>10</sup> While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. <sup>11</sup> They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven." <sup>12</sup> Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. <sup>13</sup> When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of

Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. <sup>14</sup> All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

*This is the Word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

HYMN

“Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise”

Tune: ST. GEORGE’S WINDSOR

**Hail the day that sees him rise, to his throne above the skies,  
Christ, awhile to mortals given, re-ascends his native heaven.  
There the glorious triumph waits. Lift your heads, eternal gates.  
Christ hath conquered death and sin. Take the King of glory in.**

**See! The heaven its Lord receives, yet he loves the earth he leaves.  
Though returning to his throne, still he calls the world his own.  
See! He lifts his hands above; See! He shows the prints of love.  
Hark! His gracious lips bestow blessings on his church below.**

GOSPEL

John 17:1-17, 20-26 (NRSV)

After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, “Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, <sup>2</sup>since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. <sup>3</sup>And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. <sup>4</sup>I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. <sup>5</sup>So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed. <sup>9</sup>I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. <sup>10</sup>All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. <sup>11</sup>And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. <sup>12</sup>While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. <sup>13</sup>But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. <sup>14</sup>I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. <sup>15</sup>I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. <sup>16</sup>They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. <sup>17</sup>Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. <sup>20</sup>”I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, <sup>21</sup>that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. <sup>22</sup>The glory that you have given me

I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, <sup>23</sup>I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. <sup>24</sup>Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world. <sup>25</sup>“Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. <sup>26</sup>I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.”

*This is the Word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

“The real Lord’s Prayer!”

Jim Musgrave

## ***Responding to God***

\* AFFIRMATION

Adapted from a Brief Statement of Faith PCUSA

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. .

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father.

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life.

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth,

praying, Come, Lord Jesus! With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

\*HYMN

“Hear My Prayer for Unity”

Tune: ABERSTYWYTH

**“Hear my prayer for unity,” Jesus prayed for all his own.**

**“May these ones you’ve given me live the love that I have shown.**

**Mine are yours and yours are mine; in them I am glorified!**

**Now I send them as a sign; so may they be unified.”**

**By your Spirit, make us one, so the world will come to know**

**all the love of Christ the Son, all your joys that overflow.**

**Help us put aside our strife; give your church a humble mind!**

**Christ, the Way, the Truth, the Life, strengthen now the ties that bind.**

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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

“In My Life’

Tune: LORD, BE GLORIFIED

**In my life, Lord, be glorified; be glorified.  
In my life, Lord, be glorified today.**

**In our church, Lord, be glorified; be glorified.  
In our church, Lord, be glorified today.**

**In your world, Lord, be glorified; be glorified.  
In your world, Lord, be glorified today.**

\* WORDS OF DISMISSAL

As God’s own, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, and patience, forgiving one another as the Lord has forgiven you, and crown all these things with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. **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. There are several ways that you may donate a gift to the church. By logging onto the church website at [www.rlpc.org](http://www.rlpc.org) you can give through PayPal. Also, there is a mailbox outside the choir room where you can drop your offering 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.

## **2020 PEARL INGHAM APPLICATIONS**



Applications for the 2020 Pearl Inghram Scholarship are now available. To be considered for the scholarship, the applicant must have graduated from high school by spring/summer of 2020 or in a previous year. Applicants must also be enrolled in college, trade school, or other post high school professional training program for the fall of 2020. Completed applications must be in the church office by 1 PM, July 1. Applicants will be notified of the Scholarship Committee's decision by email on or before July 20. A check will be mailed directly to the applicant awarded the scholarship no later than August 21. APPLICATION FORMS can be requested by calling the church office at 304 768-4141 weekday mornings or by emailing [rocklakepreschurch@gmail.com](mailto:rocklakepreschurch@gmail.com)."

## **THE GUEST PREACHERS FOR JUNE ARE:**

June 7        Ed Thompson  
June 14      Rocky Poole

## ***Nurture Time***

**May 24: Read 1 Peter 4:14:12-14, 5:6-11** Here we are told to humble ourselves under God and to cast our anxiety on God who cares for us. What anxieties are you hanging on to? Make a list of the things on which you have been worrying. Pray to God to take care of each item, then tear up the list knowing that God will care for you.

# **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	Joy Ratcliff
Bonnie Leslie	Addilyn Hardin	Sarah Shaver
Merrily Bailey	Tre' Hardin	Mary Anne Smith
Niall Bailey	Juanita Hefner	Mike Spurgeon
Sgt. Major Jeff Bibb	Jim Johnson	Susan Spurgeon
Day Bishop	Mark King	Gregory Stonestreet
Dick Clark	Chuck Lathom	Linda Taylor
Jo Clark	Cheryl Laws	Bill Wagner
Sue DeWald	Cheryl Morgan	Ella Grace Washington
Lee Ann Goff	Jackie Pauley	Jo Wilson
Mary Graham	Ruth Pritchard	

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** –Zion Presbyterian Church, Helvetia; Bates Memorial Presbyterian Church, Huntington; Marua Church (Mah-ROH'ch); Kagumo Parish (Kah-GOOM'OH)

