

Community Presbyterian Church

Sunday, 5/10/20

Fifth Sunday of Easter

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Quote/Prayer for Meditation: “Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God’s sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.” -1 Peter 2:4-5
NRSV

Greeting and Passing of the Peace

Announcements: Rev. Chris Scrivens

Prelude: “I Look to the Shepherd” - Walt Hannah

Gathering Around the Word

Call to Worship:

We behold your glory, O God, in the love shown by your Son,
lifted up on the cross
and exalted on high.

Be glorified anew

in the love we have for one another
as disciples of the risen Lord Jesus,
who lives and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, forever and ever.

Amen.

Opening Hymn: #409, "God Is Here"

God is here! As we your peo - ple meet to
of - fer praise and prayer, may we find in
full - er mea-sure what it is in Christ we share.

Here, as in the world a - round us, all our
var - ied skills and arts wait the com - ing
of the Spir - it in - to o - pen minds and hearts.

Verse 2

Here are sym - bols to re - mind us of our
life - long need of grace; here are ta - ble,
font, and pul - pit; here the cross has cen - tral place.
Here in hon - es - ty of preach - ing, here in
si - lence, as in speech, here, in new - ness
and re - new - al, God the Spir - it comes to each.

Verse 3

Here our chil - dren find a wel - come in the
Shep - herd's flock and fold; here as bread and
wine are taken, Christ sus - tains us as of old.
Here the ser - vants of the Ser - vant seek in
wor - ship to ex - plore what it means in
dail - ly liv - ing to be - lieve and to a - dore.

Verse 4

Lord of all, of church and king - dom, in an
age of change and doubt keep us faith - ful
to the gos - pel; help us work your pur - pose out.
Here, in this day's ded - i - ca - tion, all we
have to give, re - ceive: we, who can - not
live with - out you, we a - dore you! We be - lieve!

Prayer of Confession: Deacon Michelle Scrivens

Merciful God,
we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have failed to be an obedient church.
We have not done your will,
we have broken your law,
we have rebelled against your love.
We have not loved our neighbors,
and we have refused to hear the cry of the needy.
Forgive us, we pray.
Free us for joyful obedience; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Proclaiming the Word

Scripture Lessons:

First Testament: Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16: PJ Rundzieher

Gospel: John 14:1-14: Rev Chris Scrivens

Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16

“In you, O Lord, I seek refuge; do not let me ever be put to shame; in your righteousness deliver me. 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, take me out of the net that is hidden for me, for you are my refuge. Into your hand I commit my spirit; you have redeemed me, O Lord, faithful God. My times are in your hand; deliver me from the hand of my enemies and persecutors. Let your face shine upon your servant; save me in your steadfast love.”

John 14:1-14

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. 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? 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. And you know the way to the place where I am going.” Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” 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’? 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. 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. 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. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.”

[Sermon: “Courage to Wander”](#)

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Hymn: #321, “The Church's One Foundation”

1 The church's one foundation
is Jesus Christ her Lord.
She is his new creation
by water and the word.
From heaven he came and sought her
to be his holy bride.
With his own blood he bought her,
and for her life he died.

2 Elect from every nation,
yet one o'er all the earth,
her charter of salvation:
one Lord, one faith, one birth.
One holy name she blesses,
partakes one holy food,
and to one hope she presses,
with every grace endued.

3 Though with a scornful wonder
this world sees her oppressed,
by schisms rent asunder,
by heresies distressed,
yet saints their watch are keeping;
their cry goes up: "How long?"
And soon the night of weeping
shall be the morn of song.

4 Mid toil and tribulation,
and tumult of her war,
she waits the consummation
of peace forevermore:
till with the vision glorious
her longing eyes are blest,
and the great church victorious
shall be the church at rest.

5 Yet she on earth has union
with God, the Three in One,
and mystic sweet communion
with those whose rest is won:
O happy ones and holy!
Lord, give us grace that we,
like them, the meek and lowly,
may live eternally.

Responding to the Word

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[“The Glory Land Way” - J.S. Torbett, played by the Hontz Family](#)

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer

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,
now and forever. Amen.

Following the Word into the World

Closing Hymn: #634, “To God Be The Glory ”

1 To God be the glory; great things he has done!
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
who yielded his life an atonement for sin,
and opened the life-gate that all may go in.

Refrain:

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,
and give him the glory: great things he has done!

2 Great things he has taught us; great things he has done,
and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
but purer and higher and greater will be
our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see. [Refrain]

Benediction: Rev Chris Scrivens

Postlude: “In Moments Like These” - David Graham

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