

Community Presbyterian Church

Sunday, 5/24/20

Seventh Sunday of Easter

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Quote/Prayer for Meditation: “Father of orphans and protector of widows is God in his holy habitation. God gives the desolate a home to live in; he leads out the prisoners to prosperity, but the rebellious live in a parched land.”
- Psalm 68:5-6 NRSV

Greeting and Passing of the Peace

Announcements: Rev. Chris Scrivens

Prelude: “My Faith Has Found a Resting Place” - arranged by Howard Helvey

Gathering Around the Word

Call to Worship:

Almighty God,

your Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven

that he might rule over all things as Lord.

Keep the church in the unity of the Spirit

and in the bond of peace;

bring all creation to worship at his feet,

who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Opening Hymn: #265, “Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun”

1 Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
does its successive journeys run;
his kingdom stretch from shore to shore,
till moons shall wax and wane no more.

2 To him shall endless prayer be made,
and praises throng to crown his head;
his name, like sweet perfume, shall rise
with every morning sacrifice.

3 People and realms of every tongue
dwell on his love with sweetest song,
and infant voices shall proclaim
their early blessings on his name.

4 Blessings abound where'er he reigns:
the prisoners leap to loose their chains;
the weary find eternal rest,
and all who suffer want are blest.

5 Let every creature rise and bring
honors peculiar to our King;
angels descend with songs again,
and earth repeat the loud Amen!

Prayer of Confession: Deacon Michelle Scrivens

**Almighty God,
you have raised Jesus from death to life,
and crowned him Lord of all.
We confess that we have not bowed before him,
or acknowledged his rule in our lives.
We have gone along with the ways of the world,
and failed to give him glory.**

Forgive us,
and raise us from sin,
that we may be your faithful people,
obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ,
who rules the world
and is head of the church, his body.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Proclaiming the Word

Scripture Lessons:

New Testament: Acts 1:6-14

Pastoral letter: 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

Acts 1:6-14

“So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?” He replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. 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.” When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud

took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. 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.”

Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day’s journey away. 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. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.”

1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

“Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ’s sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you.

Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will him-

self restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.”

[Sermon: “All Together Again”](#)

(Click the title above to be taken to the sermon video)

Hymn: #547, “Go My Children, With My Blessing”

1. “Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, nev - er a - lone.
Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you, you are my own.
In my love’s bap - tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for -
ev - er. Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, you are my own.”
2. “Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
Here you heard my dear Son’s sto - ry; here you touched him, saw his
glo - ry. Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.”
3. “Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, clos - er to me.
Grow in love and love by serv - ing, joy - ful and free.
Here my Spir - it’s pow - er filled you; here my ten - der com - fort
stilled you. Go, my chil - dren, fed and nourished, joy - ful and free.”

Responding to the Word

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“Blessed Assurance” words by Fanny Crosby Van Alstyne,
music by Mrs. Joseph F. Knapp, Matthew Petrozelli
soloist.

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: #384, "Soon and Very Soon"

1 Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King,
Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King,
Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King,
Hallelujah, Hallelujah,
we're goin' to see the King!

2 No more cryin' there we are goin' to see the King,
No more cryin' there we are goin' to see the King,
No more cryin' there we are goin' to see the King,
Hallelujah, Hallelujah,
we're goin' to see the King!

3 No more dying there we are goin' to see the King,
No more dying there we are goin' to see the King,
No more dying there we are goin' to see the King,
Hallelujah, Hallelujah,
we're goin' to see the King!

4 Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King,
Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King,
Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King,
Hallelujah, Hallelujah,
we're are goin' to see the King!

Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah.

Benediction: Rev Chris Scrivens

Postlude: “Standin’ in the Need of Prayer” - Arranged by
Loonis McGlohon

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