

Order of Worship for Sunday, May 10, 2020
EASTER 5A

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

We are still collecting **sneakers and socks for Friendship Childrens Center**. We need sizes 8 to 13 for sneaks and socks to fit 3 yrs. to 10 yrs. These can be dropped off at JCPC and placed in a box that is under the bench near the front door. You can also drop off sneaks and socks at Hamiltons on Goodburllet Rd. Monetary donations can be sent to JCPC labeled Sneakers / Socks. Bless you for your support. The Mission Team

Please feel free to email prayer joys and concerns to Rev. Marie at myhansel@yahoo.com and they will be shared with the congregation as a whole so we may continue to support one another. If you wish to share a prayer concern only with Rev. Marie that request will be honored.

Prayer Request from Bev Little: for our friend Aileen Ayers and family, recovering from a serious fall resulting in several broken bones. Family providing constant home care.

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There will be no services of worship held at John Calvin Presbyterian church until further notice. We will keep you informed as additional information is available. Rev. Marie will share worship resources each week and encourages you to take time either alone or with family and friends to consider God's word.

PRELUDE Anke Chen, Age 5 Plays J.S.Bach Prelude No.6 in D Minor, BWV 875
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JEBPsUcGjTc>

Let us worship God.
The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

***CALL TO WORSHIP** ¹

The One who shaped the universe, crafts us into a community of faith:

a people to shelter the homeless, a family to feed the hungry.

The One who made kittens and elephants, shapes us in the divine image:

so we can grow with grace as we welcome the hopeless and helpless.

The One who blesses us with flowers and waterfalls, gifts us with the way, the truth, the life:

so we can go to tell the story, to bring healing to a broken world.

OPENING PRAYER ¹

In you, Glory of Grace,

we will find that heart which shelters us when grief overwhelms us.

In you,

we will find the Parent who crouches down on one knee, to listen to us more carefully.

In you, we discover the Face which glows with joy every time you catch sight of us.

Through you, Servant's Heart,

we can hear the truth which will cut us loose from the world's net of lies.

Through you, we will find our way back to the paths of peace.

Through you, we will have the lives God envisions for us.

With you, Spirit of welcome, we find the nourishment we need to follow Jesus.

With you,

we are cemented by your grace and love, with others into God's community of hope.

With you, we embrace all the nobodies rejected by our world.

In you, through you, with you,

God in Community, Holy in One, we lift our prayer. Amen.

***HYMN** "Though I May Speak"

Click on this link if you would like music to sing along.

(WHEN YOU ARE READY, CLICK ON THE BACK ARROW TO RETURN TO THE WORSHIP GUIDE.)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AXSI8krPwx0>

**Though I may speak with bravest fire, And have the gift to all inspire,
And not have love, my words are vain; As sounding brass and hopeless gain.**

**Though I may give all I possess, And striving so my love profess,
But not be given by love within, The profit soon turns strangely thin.**

**Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control, Our spirits long to be made whole.
Let inward love guide every deed; By this we worship and are freed.**

***CALL TO CONFESSION**¹

The Stone tossed aside by the architects of sin and death, is the One who becomes the foundation for redemption, the cornerstone for grace and hope. We can confess freely and openly to God, who will not shame us, but forgive us and welcome us home.

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**¹ (Unison)

In humility, we must confess how we have not matured as your children, Gentle Parent. The hurting and helpless of our world cry out, and we cover our ears with hands which could be serving them. The forsaken and ridiculed of our neighborhoods and schools are looking for a community of acceptance, and we cover our eyes with hands that could welcome them. The lonely and grieving are listening for hope, and we cover our mouths with hands which could embrace them and sing gentle songs of grace to them.

Forgive us, Refuge of the broken. Our times are in your hands, so help us to believe we can be healed in this moment. Our hearts are in your heart, so transform ours that we can serve your children. Our lives are redeemed by the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, so call us to give them away in his name.

Silence is kept.

***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**¹ (Responsive)

The good news is that in Christ, our sins are forgiven, our lives are made whole, we become God's own people. Do you not believe?

We believe. And in believing, we will live as those chosen, not only to tell a Story, but to live it out each and every day. Thanks be to God. Amen.

***GRATEFUL RESPONSE** "Gloria Patri"

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QUBxpypSblw>

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen. Amen.**

PASSING THE PEACE (Responsive) (based on James 3)

Jesus came to bring peace among us. Let us sow the seeds for peace in our world by sharing the peace of Christ with one another, stranger and friend alike.

Peace be with you.
And also with you.

Perhaps you could take some time today to send an email, make a phone call, send a card to someone who would appreciate knowing that you are thinking of them.

ANTHEM

How Can I Keep from Singing by Sarah Quartel

Performed by Ensemble Laude Women's choir, directed by Elizabeth MacIsaac and Carolyn Howe, January 2017.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Cr4tFTs1qu8&fbclid=IwAR3NTyJQGFNUzR6PteVJOuccDehkLZGh-F2BHgyefaGS3QAS1-yE7jRfV_Q

My life goes on in endless song above earth's lamentations,
I hear the real, though far-off hymn that hails a new creation.

Through all the tumult and the strife, I hear it's music ringing,
It sounds an echo in my soul. How can I keep from singing?

No storm can shake my inmost calm, while to that rock I'm clinging.
Since love is lord of heaven and earth how can I keep from singing?

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION² (Unison)

Lord, as we listen to your holy Word, open our hearts to the power of your Spirit, call us out of darkness, and lead us into your marvelous light. Amen.

Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16

¹In you, O LORD, I seek refuge; do not let me ever be put to shame; in your righteousness deliver me.

²Incline your ear to me; rescue me speedily. Be a rock of refuge for me, a strong fortress to save me.

³You are indeed my rock and my fortress; for your name's sake lead me and guide me,

⁴take me out of the net that is hidden for me, for you are my refuge.

⁵Into your hand I commit my spirit; you have redeemed me, O LORD, faithful God.

¹⁵My times are in your hand; deliver me from the hand of my enemies and persecutors.

¹⁶Let your face shine upon your servant; save me in your steadfast love.

I Peter 2:2-10

²Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation— ³if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

⁴Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and ⁵like 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.

⁶For it stands in scripture: "See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame." ⁷To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe, "The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner," ⁸and "A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall." They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

⁹But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. ¹⁰Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

John 14:1-14

"Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. ²In 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? ³And 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. ⁴And you know the way to the place where I am going."

⁵Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?"

⁶Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him."

⁸Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied."

⁹Jesus 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'?" ¹⁰Do 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. ¹¹Believe 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.

¹²Very 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. ¹³I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

SERMON

Have you ever had someone tell you that you look like or act like your parents? This is true for Michael Renninger, pastor of St. Mary Catholic Church in Richmond, Virginia.

<https://vimeo.com/409075604>

QUESTION FOR REFLECTION ²

Is the "dwelling place" (John 14:1-14) of which Jesus speaks a place for us after we die, or does it include our life in the present? What does Jesus mean when he says that his disciples "will do greater works"? What does it mean to pray "in Jesus' name"?

***HYMN** "Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks"

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2U1MuOCHon4>

REFRAIN

Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia! Give Praise to His Name.

Jesus is Lord of all the earth. He is the King of creation.

REFRAIN

Spread the good new o'er all the earth: Jesus has died and has risen.

REFRAIN

We have been crucified with Christ. Now we shall live forever.

REFRAIN

Come, let us praise the living God, Joyfully sing to our Savior.

REFRAIN

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE² (Responsive)

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Let us unite our hearts in prayer, saying, God of resurrection, **hear our prayer.**

For the church throughout the world, that all who profess to honor the risen Lord may be faithful in their witness and courageous in their testimony to the way of Jesus;
God of resurrection, **hear our prayer.**

For the governments of the world and its leaders, that the nations may dwell in peace, that good will prevail over strife, and people of faith may freely worship as their hearts direct;
God of resurrection, **hear our prayer.**

For rain and sun in proper measure,
and for abundant food and water for all who dwell upon the earth;
God of resurrection, **hear our prayer.**

For the sick and those in need, and for any who are oppressed by wounds of the soul;
God of resurrection, **hear our prayer.**

For our neighbors that we may live together in amity,
and that strangers among us may find us to be hospitable friends;
God of resurrection, **hear our prayer.**

For our enemies, that their sins may be forgiven them and that they may find your peace;
God of resurrection, **hear our prayer.**

Almighty God, your Son promised to grant whatever we ask in his name. (*John 14:13-14*)
By your Holy Spirit empower us to minister to the world as his faithful disciples that our work may testify to what we pray and show forth your eternal glory, through Jesus Christ.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (sins)

**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 sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil,
for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

PRESENTING OUR LIVES AND OUR OFFERINGS ²

As people of God, let us offer ourselves and the fruit of our labor for God's work in the world.

Please mail your offering to John Calvin Presbyterian Church, Attn: Financial Secretary, 50 Ward Hill Road, Henrietta, NY 14467 each week to support the ministry of the church.

***RESPONSE #34 "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"**

<https://vimeo.com/404078427>

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,
Praise God above ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION ² (Unison)

Almighty God, receive the gifts we bring in gratitude for your astounding goodness. Make our lives to be an acceptable offering in union with our risen Lord, who lives and reigns with you forever. Amen.

***HYMN**

“Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise”

<https://vimeo.com/408074211>

Savior, again to Thy dear name we raise
With one accord our parting hymn of praise.
We stand to bless Thee ere our worship cease;
And, now departing, wait Thy word of peace.

Grant us Thy peace upon our homeward way;
With Thee began, with Thee shall end the day.
Guard Thou the lips from sin, the hearts from shame,
That in this house have called upon Thy name.

Grant us Thy peace, Lord, through the coming night;
Turn Thou for us its darkness into light.
From harm and danger keep Thy children free,
For dark and light are both alike to Thee.

Grant us Thy peace throughout our earthly life,
Our balm in sorrow, and our stay in strife.
Then, when Thy voice shall bid our conflict cease,
Call us, O Lord, to Thine eternal peace.

***BENEDICTION AND PRAYER**

In the steps we take today, tomorrow, or sometime this week, God of Hope,
May we see your presence directly in front of us.

May we feel your presence in the winds above us.

May we smell your presence in the flowers around us.

May we taste your presence in the food surrounding us.

May we hear your presence in the laughter which comes from within us.

For you are always a part of our exiles, our promise lands, our dreams, and our eternities.

[Written by Rev. Michelle L. Torigian]

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nexnnrYyTmc>

We asked people around the world to come together over video for the new official lyric video for Andrea and Céline Dion's much loved single, The Prayer. Thank you fans of the world for your wonderful participation! – Andrea Bocelli

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, The love of God And the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
be with you now and abide with you always. Amen.

POSTLUDE –

Anke Chen Age 5

Plays Clementi Piano Sonata in D Major Op 36 No 6 1 Allegro con spirito 2016 4 16

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=em1YBCZ46xg>

Morning Prayer²

Lord Jesus, as I serve you this day, let not my heart be troubled. Help me to believe with conviction that you are with me, and I am in you, and you are in God. Amen.

Evening Prayer²

Faithful God, my rock and my fortress, into your hands I commit my spirit. As darkness falls, let your face shine upon your servant, and keep me in your steadfast love. Amen.

¹*Playing Hopscotch in Heaven, Lectionary Liturgies for RCL Year A, Thom M. Shuman; Bearers of Hope and Wonder, 2013*

²*Feasting on the Word Worship Companion-Liturgies for Year 1 – Volume 1, edited by Kimberly Bracken Long; Westminster John Knox Press*