

First Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day

Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 10, 2020

10:00 a.m.

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Words of Welcome

Prelude

Call to Worship

George Herbert (1593-1633)

Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life:

***Such a Way, as gives us breath; such a Truth, as ends all strife;
Such a Life, as killeth death.***

Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength:

***Such a Light, as shows a feast; such a Feast, as mends in length,
Such a Strength, as makes his guest.***

Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart:

***Such a Joy, as none can move; Such a Love, as none can part;
Such a Heart as joys in love.***

Hymn 645

"Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above"

- 1 Sing praise to God who reigns above, the God of all creation,
the God of power, the God of love, the God of our salvation.
With healing balm my soul is filled, and every faithless murmur stilled:
to God all praise and glory!
- 2 What God's almighty power has made God's gracious mercy keepeth;
by morning glow or evening shade God's watchful eye ne'er sleepeth.
Within the kingdom of God's might, lo! all is just and all is right:
to God all praise and glory!
- 3 The Lord is never far away, but, through all grief distressing,
an ever-present help and stay, our peace and joy and blessing,
as with a mother's tender hand God gently leads the chosen band:
to God all praise and glory!
- 4 Thus all my toilsome way along I sing aloud thy praises,
that all may hear the grateful song my voice unwearied raises.
Be joyful in the Lord, my heart; both soul and body, take your part:
to God all praise and glory!

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Holy and merciful God,

in your presence we confess our failure to be what you created us to be.

You alone know how often we have sinned

in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love.

By your loving mercy,

***help us to live in your light and abide in your ways,
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior.***

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson: 1 Peter 2:2-10

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

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. For 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."

To 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," and "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. But 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. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

Psalter: Psalm 131 (Hymn 791)

- 1 For you, my God, I wait with hope born of the Word.
Like sleepless ones who long to dream I wait and call my Lord.
- 2 Lord, hear my pleading voice, and let me know you hear!
As sleepless ones feel rest approach, I know my God is near.
- 5 And once my soul is still, in you I find my rest,
at peace as though a child upon a gentle mother's breast.
- 6 O God, you are my hope; I know that you forgive.
Your love redeems me from the depths so I may rise and live.

Gospel Lesson: John 14:1-7

"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."

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Hymn 824

"There Is a Place of Quiet Rest"

1 There is a place of quiet rest, near to the heart of God,
a place where sin cannot molest, near to the heart of God.

Refrain: O Jesus, blest Redeemer, sent from the heart of God,
hold us, who wait before thee, near to the heart of God.

2 There is a place of comfort sweet, near to the heart of God,
a place where we our Savior meet, near to the heart of God. (Refrain)

3 There is a place of full release, near to the heart of God,
a place where all is joy and peace, near to the heart of God. (Refrain)

Affirmation of Faith: Apostles' 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.

Offering

Offertory

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

GO IN GOD'S NAME

Hymn 724

"O Jesus, I Have Promised"

1 O Jesus, I have promised to serve thee to the end;
be thou forever near me, my Master and my friend;
I shall not fear the battle if thou art by my side,
nor wander from the pathway if thou wilt be my guide.

2 O let me feel thee near me! The world is ever near:
I see the sights that dazzle; the tempting sounds I hear.
My foes are ever near me, around me and within;
but, Jesus, draw thou nearer and shield my soul from sin.

3 O let me hear thee speaking in accents clear and still,
above the storms of passion, the murmurs of self-will;
O speak to reassure me, to hasten or control;
O speak, and make me listen, thou guardian of my soul.

4 O Jesus, thou hast promised to all who follow thee
that where thou art in glory there shall thy servant be.
And, Jesus, I have promised to serve thee to the end;
O give me grace to follow, my Master and my friend.

Charge and Benediction

Postlude

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