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The Celebration of Worship Sixth Sunday of Easter Presbyterian Women Sunday

May 6, 2018

10:30 AM

Worship is broadcast at 11 AM on WCHS-580AM

A warm welcome is extended to all who worship here today.

Large print hymnals, Bibles, hearing devices,
and information about child care are available from any usher.

If your hearing aid has a button for telephone use, turn it on now
to receive sound directly to your hearing aid.

All children are welcome and encouraged to participate in worship.

Clipboards, children's Bibles and books to borrow during worship are located at the entrances.

The asterisks (*) invite you to stand in body or in spirit.



We Gather

TIME FOR PREPARATION

O sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things. His right hand and his holy arm have gotten him victory. The Lord has made known his victory; he has revealed his vindication in the sight of the nations. He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel. All the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God. Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises. Sing praises to the Lord with the lyre, with the lyre and the sound of melody. With trumpets and the sound of the horn make a joyful noise before the King, the Lord. Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; the world and those who live in it. Let the floods clap their hands; let the hills sing together for joy at the presence of the Lord, for he is coming to judge the earth. He will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with equity.

Psalm 98

PRELUDE

"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" with "Lord of the Dance"
Paula Legge, organ

arr. Janet Linker

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

We Praise God

CALL TO WORSHIP

Bill McCoy

*HYMN OF PRAISE 637

O Sing to the Lord

CANTAI AO SENHOR

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

Joann Daley

*RESPONSE

As We Gather

Mike Fay, Tom Coomes

As we gath-er may — Your Spi-rit work with-in us. As we gath-er may we
 glo-ri - fy Your name. Know-ing well that as — our hearts be-gin to wor-ship, —
 we'll be blessed be-cause — we came. — We'll be blessed be - cause we came.

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Suzanne Meyer

Lord, we confess that we have not followed Your command to love one another as You have loved us. Replace our selfishness with compassion for others, and help us to bear fruit that is worthy of Your name.

Please continue to pray silently.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

WELCOME AND CELEBRATION OF FRIENDSHIP

Bill McCoy

Please sign the friendship pad placed at pew's end, so we may greet each other by name.

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

GINNA TAYLOR

*PASSING THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.
 And also with you.

*HYMN 286

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

TRENTHAM

We Declare our Faith

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

Nancy Martin

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.

*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.*

We Give Thanks to God

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Bill McCoy

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.

OFFERINGS OF THE PEOPLE

Offertory

Praise Ye the Lord

Gordon Young

*Doxology

*Praise God from Whom all blessings flow, Praise Him all creatures here below,
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host, Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Alice Abernethy

God of the universe, we thank You for Your limitless love and forgiveness. In gratitude, we offer our time, our treasure, and our full devotion to Your service. Accept our offerings, we pray, and bless them for use in Your kingdom. Amen.

The Word is Proclaimed

ANTHEM

Foundations

arr. Joseph Martin

*How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord, is laid for your faith in His excellent Word!
What more can He say than to you He hath said, to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?*

*"Fear not, I am with thee. O be not dismayed, for I am thy God and will still give thee aid.
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand."*

*Brethren, we have met to worship and adore the Lord our God.
Will you pray with all your power while we try to preach the Word?*

*All is vain unless the Spirit of the Holy One comes down.
Brethren, pray, and holy manna will be showered all around.*

*Sisters, will you join and help us? Moses' sister aided him.
Will you help the trembling mourners who are struggling hard with sin?*

*Tell them all about the Savior. Tell them that He will be found.
Sisters, pray and holy manna will be showered all around.*

*Let us love our God supremely. Let us love each other too.
Let us love and pray for others 'til our God makes all things new.
Then He'll call us home to heaven. At His table we'll sit down.
Christ will gird Himself and serve us with sweet manna all around.*

*How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord
Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word!
What more can He say than to you He hath said,
To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?*

Sing alleluia, sing alleluia, sing alleluia! Alleluia!

The Geneva Choir

FIRST READING	Acts 10:44-48; Pew Bible, NT, p. 130	Sallie Daugherty
SECOND READING	1 John 5:1-6; Pew Bible, NT, p. 241	Emma Berger
GOSPEL LESSON	John 15:9-17; Pew Bible, NT, p. 109	Mary Odin
SERMON	Friends With God	Mary Odin
*CONCLUDING HYMN 63	The Lord is God	AZMON
*INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP AND BENEDICTION		Mary Odin
*HYMN OF PARTING	The Day of Resurrection!	HYMN 233 v. 3
<p><i>Now let the heavens be joyful, let earth its song begin, The round world keep high triumph, and all that is therein. Let all things seen and unseen their notes of gladness blend, For Christ the Lord is risen, our joy that hath no end!</i></p>		
POSTLUDE	A Flourish of Trumpets Paula Legge, organ	Robert Hughes

We gather to worship,
We scatter to serve,
In the relentless love of Christ.

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In worship leadership last Sunday: We thank Sam Keller for chiming the Trinity and Alicia Raab and Theron Raab for serving as acolytes during worship April 29.

Restrooms and water fountains are found through the double doors to the left of the chancel; please accompany children.

Childcare: Nursery and Rooms 112 and 114

Elder visitation: Terry Potesta, Taylor Raab, Karen Reed

Greeters today: Susan Watkins, Dave and Sandy Campbell, Kristen Harrison

PLEASE FEEL FREE TO KEEP THIS BULLETIN OR DROP IT IN THE RECYCLING BOX AS YOU EXIT. THANK YOU!

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