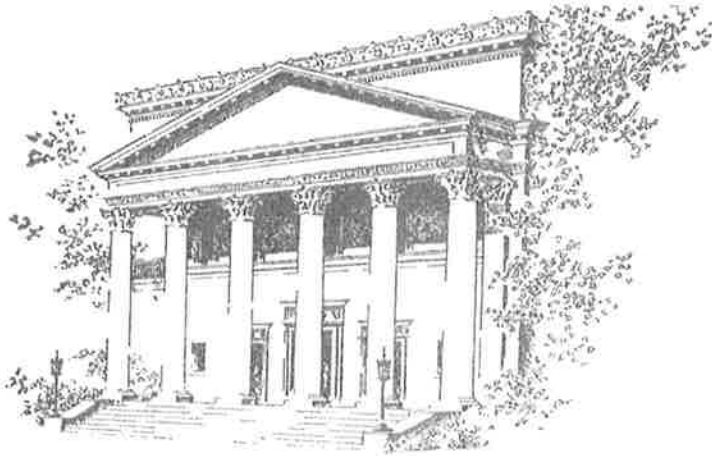


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The Morning Worship of Our Lord

Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 19, 2019

10:30 AM

The asterisks (*) invite you to stand as you are able.

REFLECTION FOR WORSHIP

“For we have this treasure in earthen vessels, to show that the transcendent power belongs to God and not to us” (2 Corinthians 4:7). That is finally the faith that makes it possible for us to preach on family concerns—and, indeed, on any others. For we affirm with our suffering congregations—affirm with them, rather than standing over against them in phony self-righteousness—that yes, in fact, we do have trouble in our homes. They are beset by conflict and misunderstanding, by weariness and hurt, by trauma and suffering; the best of them know those times. And yet, filtering through these troubles and trials is the transcendent power of God, which carries us and forgives us and saves us, beyond all our power to save ourselves.

Rev. Dr. David H.C. Read “*Preaching About the Needs of Real People*”

The beginning of the prelude is a call to silent, personal preparation for the worship of God.

PRELUDE

Prelude and Fugue in E Major

V. Lubeck

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Elder Payne Warner

Leader: Gracious and Generous God,

People: we come to worship you today.

Leader: We come to sing, pray, and listen,

People: trusting you always hear us.

Leader: Help us to hear you,

People: as we worship you and sing praises to your name!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Reverend Dr. Nancy Kahaian

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry,
too real to hide, and too deep to undo.
Forgive what our lips tremble to name,
what our hearts can no longer bear,
and what has become for us burdens of guilt, judgment and pain.
Set us free from a past that we cannot change;
open to us a future in which we can be changed;
and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image;
through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen

(Silence is kept for personal confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Pastor: Friends, believe the good news.

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

*SHARING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE 581 Glory Be to the Father

GLORIA PATRI

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Reverend Dr. Nancy Kahaian

*After this "Time," the children in grades 1-5 are dismissed to Bible Study in Room 113 in the preschool area,
or they may remain in the sanctuary with their parents.*

SCRIPTURE LESSON

2 Timothy 1:1-7

Elder Payne Warner

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Jacob's Ladder

arr. Simon Lindley

*As Jacob with travel was weary one day, at night on a stone for a pillow he lay.
He saw in a vision a ladder so high that its foot was on earth and its top in the sky.*

Alleluia to Jesus Who died on the tree and hath raised up a ladder of mercy for me!

*This ladder is long. It is strong and well-made, has stood hundreds of years and is not yet decayed.
Many millions have climbed it and reached Zion's hill, and thousands by faith are climbing it still.*

*Come, let us ascend! All may climb it who will, for the angels of Jacob are guarding it still.
And remember: Each step that by faith we pass o'er, some prophet or martyr hath trod it before.*

*And when we arrive at the haven of rest, we shall hear the glad words, "Come up hither, ye blest!
Here are regions of light. Here are mansions of bliss." Oh, who would not climb such a ladder as this?*

SCRIPTURE LESSON Psalm 90:1-6; 9-10; 14-17 Reverend Dr. Nancy Kahaian
Leader: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON “The ‘Grands’ of Our Family and Our Days” Reverend Dr. Nancy Kahaian

*HYMN 436 God of Compassion, in Mercy Befriend Us O QUANTA QUALIA

ORDER FOR THE REAFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM—CONFIRMATION

Please see bulletin insert for the Order for the Reaffirmation of Baptism—Confirmation

OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Elder Sallie Daugherty

Offertory

The Gift of Love

arr. Hal Hopson

*Though I may speak with bravest fire and have the gift to all inspire,
But have not 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.*

*Offering Response 607

Doxology

OLD HUNDREDTH

*Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER (unison)

Reverend Dr. Nancy Kahaian

MINUTE FOR MISSION—Appreciation of Grant Recipients

Andy Ceperley and Ken Tolley

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

Reverend Dr. Nancy Kahaian

Please find the Friendship Pad located in the pew, sign your name, and pass along the pew for all others to sign.

Please be certain to warmly greet those seated near you this morning!

*HYMN (insert)

God of Our Years

LOBE DEN HERREN

*BENEDICTION

Reverend Dr. Nancy Kahaian

*SUNG RESPONSE 377 “I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light” (stanza one only)

HOUSTON

*I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to follow Jesus.
God set the stars to give light to the world. The star of my life is Jesus.
In him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.*

*POSTLUDE

A warm welcome is extended to all who worship here today.
May the gift of worship you offer today honor God and serve as a blessing to you.
Worship is broadcast at 11 AM on WCHS-580AM

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 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.

WORSHIP LEADERS

10:30 a.m. Ben Adams, Andy Ceperley, Sallie Daugherty, Nancy Kahaian, Taylor Raab,
Ginna Taylor, Ken Tolley, Monty Warner, Payne Warner

THE MUSIC TODAY

10:30 a.m. The Geneva Choir and The Worship Team
Mary Odin, Director of Music Ministries
Dr. Johan Botes, Guest Organist

ALSO SERVING TODAY:

Greeters: Andy and Becky Ceperley, Naomi Kreig, June Mills
Elder Visitation: Joann Daley, Sallie Daugherty, Jeff Harlow

Acolytes: Theron Raab & Alicia Raab
Chiming the Trinity: Amelia Keller

WORSHIP NOTES:

The flowers in the sanctuary today remind us that a contribution has been made to the Hunger Fund for the Glory of God and in loving memory of Pat Miller by her family.

Our Guest Organist for May is Dr. Johan Botes, faculty member at Marshall University. Dr. Johan Botes is known for his extraordinary versatility as a soloist, collaborative musician, and teacher. He is currently Assistant Professor of Piano at Marshall University in Huntington.

God of Our Years was commissioned by The Ladue Chapel, in St. Louis, Missouri, in response to their request for a hymn celebrating their fiftieth anniversary. Their specific request was for a text with emphasis on God's action in the future, recognizing that God is leading the way. Jane Parker Huber is the author of the hymn. As an active Presbyterian, Huber emphasized peacemaking, justice, and inclusiveness in her ministry and hymn texts. For many years she ran a feature, 'Ask Jane', in Horizons, the women's magazine for the PCUSA. She served on the committee for The Presbyterian Hymnal (1990), in which seven of her hymns appeared.

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