

First
Presbyterian
Church



ON THE SQUARE LEWISBURG, TN

Service for the Lord's Day

Eleven O'clock

Third Sunday of Easter

May 1, 2022

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

Let us prepare ourselves for worship.

PRELUDE

"I Know that My Redeemer Liveth"

(G.F. Handel)

Naphtali Rothrock, Organist & Pianist

Robert Montgomery

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER

INTROIT

***CALL TO WORSHIP (RESPONSIVELY)**

from Psalm 30

I will extol you, O LORD, for you have drawn me up,

O LORD my God, I cried to you for help, and you have healed me.

Sing praises to the LORD, O you his faithful ones,

and give thanks to his holy name.

God's anger is only for a moment, but God's favor is for a lifetime.

Weeping may linger for the night, but joy comes with the morning.

You have turned my mourning into dancing, and clothed me with joy, so that my soul may praise you and not be silent.

O LORD my God, I will give thanks to you forever.

***HYMN: # 236**

"The Strife is O'er"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

O Lord God, in your great mercy,

Hear our prayers.

You know our hearts, and you know our sins.

You are right in all your judgments, and we confess that we have sinned.

You, O Lord, are unafraid to be called the God who is love,

But we want to be loved more than to love.

You find your deepest joy in loving, even when no human loves you in return,

And we have often taken your love for granted, or hidden from it, for fear of how it would change our lives.

Grant us faith to trust your love, knowing we have never deserved it and never will,

But let your love melt and open our hearts, that we may learn how to love and even suffer for others, as you have for us. (Time for silent prayer)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

***GLORIA PATRI**

"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."

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

PIANO SOLO:

"Gymnopedie #1"

(Erik Satie)

SCRIPTURE READING:

Acts 9: 1-16

New Revised Standard Version

Meanwhile Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard

a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" He asked, "Who are you, Lord?" The reply came, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do." The men who were traveling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Anani'as. The Lord said to him in a vision, "Anani'as." He answered, "Here I am, Lord." The Lord said to him, "Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tar'sus named Saul. At this moment he is praying, and he has seen in a vision a man named Anani'as come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight." But Anani'as answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem; and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name." But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel."

Response after the Reading: Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

TIME WITH THE YOUNGER CHURCH

SPECIAL MUSIC

SCRIPTURE READING:

John 20: 10-19

New Revised Standard Version

When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." A second time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep." He said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go." (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, "Follow me."

SERMON

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: (UNISON)

The Apostles' Creed (Traditional)

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.

*HYMN: # 525

"Let Us Break Bread Together"

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER—ALL ARE WELCOME!

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Pastor: *The Lord be with you.* **People: And also with you.**

Pastor: *Lift up your hearts.* **People: We lift them up to the Lord.**

Pastor: *Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Pastor: O God, we do praise and thank you, joining our voices with choirs of angels and all those of every time and place who love you and forever sing to the glory of your name,

ALL: Holy, holy, holy, God of power and might! Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest."

(The Prayer continues, concluding with the Lord's Prayer in unison)

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.

SHARING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

Please note that the trays contain Red Wine and White Grape Juice

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

CALL TO SERVICE AND GENEROSITY, WITH PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*THE DOXOLOGY

No. 592

*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.*

*BENEDICTION:

POSTLUDE:

"Crown Him Lord of All"

(arr. Mary McDonald)

On Our Hearts and in Our Prayers

Mary Ann Clift • Margaret Sanders • Barbara Wright • Lawrence Moorehead (Hugh's father) • Jim Goodman • John Goodman • Lois Purcell • Melissa Eason • Joe B. Brandon • Carolana Callaway • Kim Walls • Micah McClendon • Suzanne Porter (Joe B's sister) • Stacy Harris • Patti McGilton (Joe B's niece) • Adam Perryman • Deborah Hunter • Cathy Whitmore • Jim & Roxie Gibson • Genevieve Stegall • Ann Floyd • Nadia & Family (Ukraine) • Elaine (Jeff Hewitt's friend) • Joe Henegar & Marsha Sharp • Avery Jackson (newborn) • Gene Roberson (Robbie's father) • Elizabeth Shulov (9 years old)

May Birthdays: Cooper Moorehead-1 • Bob Phillips-1 • Colin Harris-4 • Wicky Lawrie-4 • Cameron Coble-5 • Re Kelso -9 • Jayce Pickle- 10 • Nancy Johnson-11 • Faris Phillips-12 • Hugh Moorehead-12 • John Hursh-12 • Kirk Kelso - 13 • Robert Newberry-19 • Edwina Thomas-27

Announcements and Reminders

Holy Communion Together This Morning We will celebrate the sacrament of the Lord's Supper this morning during our worship, and we invite everyone to participate fully.

Congregational Meal Today It has been over two years since we could write those words, "congregational meal," so please plan on staying for a congregational potluck meal after our morning service today.

175th Anniversary! Please mark **Sunday, June 12, 2022**, on your calendar as "**175th Anniversary and Homecoming**." Our next planning meeting is Tuesday, May 10, 4 PM, in the church library. In the meantime...

"Save the Date" Invitation Cards are on the tables in the rear of the sanctuary. Please take some and hand-deliver or mail them to anyone with past ties to this church or to people you would like to introduce to our congregation.

NaCoMe Donation Reminder: You can give your donation through the church or send it directly to NaCoMe. Information is on the tables at the rear of the sanctuary.

Mary Ann Clift is now home from the hospital: 862 Galloway Street.

Margaret Sanders is now in NHC Maury Regional Transitional Care. Her address is

NHC Maury Regional Transitional Care, Room 2507; 5010 Trotwood Avenue, Columbia, 38401.

Barbara Wright is in Life Care Center, Room 217; 841 W. James Campbell Blvd, Columbia, 38401.

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- **Option 1:** *Join to listen by phone (audio only)*
Dial: **1 312 626 6799**
Meeting ID Number: **819 8291 3549**, Press # as a participant, if asked
When it asks for a Password: **372**
- **Option 2:** *Listen and watch via the internet by computer or smart-phone:*
Go to **www.Zoom.com**
Click "**Join a Meeting**" near the top of the screen
Zoom may ask permission to install software on your computer. That is normal.
Meeting ID Number: **819 8291 3549** Password/Passcode: **372**

You can also join via Facebook Live through our website: www.fpclewisburg.org.