

6th Sunday of Easter
May 22, 2022
Confirmation Sunday

PRELUDES

Westminster Abbey
Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty

Harold Rutz
Todd Davis

WELCOME

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP #399

God Welcomes All *Themba Amen*
God welcomes all, strangers and friends;
God's love is strong and it never ends.

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CALL TO WORSHIP (from Ephesians 4)

L: There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling;

P: One Lord, one faith, one baptism;

L: One God and Father of all,

P: Who is above all and through all and in all.

All: Let us worship God.

***GATHERING SONG #309**

Come, Great God of All the Ages *Abbot's Leigh*
(verse 1)

***Come, great God of all the ages; make your earthly mission known;
speak through every deed and person; let your way and will be shown.
Guide the church to true commitment; give direction now, we ask; fit us
for the work of building; dedicate us to the task.***

(verse 3)

***Come, great Spirit, in and with us, tune our ears to hear your call;
through the moving of your presence, let redeeming love recall ministry
in dedication, love embodied in our deeds; challenge us to do your
bidding, see your purpose, fill all needs.***

(verse 4)

***Come, O come, in celebration, household of the one true God; in
commitment and rejoicing let us go where Christ has trod; as we act in
faith and reverence, let us, Lord, the future see; place us in the church
triumphant, now and for eternity.***

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UNISON PRAYER OF ADORATION

O God, you are infinite and eternal, full of love and compassion, abundant in grace and truth. Everywhere, your works bring you praise, and your glory is revealed through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior. Grant that we, the people you create by water and the Spirit, may be joined together in thanksgiving and praise, so that we might walk in your way and share the good news of your endless love. Amen.

(time of silence)

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #471

O Lord, Hear My Prayer
(verse 2)

Hear My Prayer

***The Lord is my song; the Lord is my praise: all my hope comes from God.
The Lord is my song; the Lord is my praise: God, the well-spring of life.***

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WORD

SPECIAL MUSIC

The Lord's Prayer
Percussion: Mike Pauley

Arnold Strals

UNISON PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Living God, with joy we celebrate the presence of your risen Word. Shine upon us that we may proclaim the good news of eternal and abundant life in word and in deed. AMEN.

THE FIRST LESSON – Psalm 96:1-3, 10-13

O sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth. ² Sing to the LORD; bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day. ³ Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples.

¹⁰ Say among the nations, "The LORD is king! The world is firmly established; it shall never be moved. He will judge the peoples with equity." ¹¹ Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice; let the sea roar and all that fills it; ¹² let the field exult and everything in it. Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy ¹³ before the LORD, for he is coming, for he is coming to judge the earth. He will judge the world with righteousness

CHORAL ANTHEM

I Believe
(*Quadlibet with the Bach Gounod Ave Maria*)

Beard and Tucker

THE SECOND LESSON – John 15:1-4, 12-17

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vineyard keeper. ² He removes any of my branches that don't produce fruit, and he trims any branch that produces fruit so that it will produce even more fruit. ³ You are already trimmed because of the word I have spoken to you. ⁴ Remain in me, and I will remain in you. A branch can't produce fruit by itself, but must remain in the vine. Likewise, you can't produce fruit unless you remain in me.

*Please stand as you are able.

¹²This is my commandment: love each other just as I have loved you. ¹³No one has greater love than to give up one's life for one's friends. ¹⁴You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵I don't call you servants any longer, because servants don't know what their master is doing. Instead, I call you friends, because everything I heard from my Father I have made known to you. ¹⁶You didn't choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you could go and produce fruit and so that your fruit could last. As a result, whatever you ask the Father in my name, he will give you. ¹⁷I give you these commandments so that you can love each other.

THE MESSAGE

"Vines and Branches"

Rev. Dr. John Wahl

UNISON AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from Romans 8)

We believe there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus; for we know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to God's purpose. We are convinced that neither death, nor life, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

SONG OF RESPONSE #2004 (STF)

Praise the Source of Faith and Learning

Hyfrydol

(verse 1)

Praise the source of faith and learning that has sparked and stoked the mind with a passion for discerning how the world has been designed. Let the sense of wonder flowing from the wonders we survey keep our faith forever growing and renew our need to pray.

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BAPTISM AND CONFIRMATION (located after the Postlude)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

WITNESS

OFFERING OF TIME, TALENT, AND TREASURE

We take this time to reflect and recognize all contributions of time, talent, and treasure. A basket is available in the narthex for making monetary donations.

OFFERTORY

A Fancy

Robert J. Powell

*DOXOLOGY #647

Give Thanks

Give Thanks

Give thanks with a grateful heart; give thanks to the Holy One; give thanks because we're given Jesus Christ, the Son. And now let the weak say, "We are strong"; let the poor say, "We are rich because of what the Lord has done for us!" Give thanks.

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*Please stand as you are able.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*SENDING SONG (Known Unknowns)

We Rejoice to Be God's Chosen
(verse 1)

Nettleton

We rejoice to be God's chosen not through virtue, work, or skill, but because God's love is gen'rous, unconformed to human will. And because God's love is restless like the surging of the sea, we are pulled by heav'n's dynamic to become, not just to be.

(verse 3)

We rejoice to be God's chosen to align with heav'n's intent, to await where we are summoned and accept where we are sent. We rejoice to be God's chosen and, amidst all that we see, to anticipate with wonder that the best is yet to be.

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*CHORAL BENEDICTION

Celtic Alleluia

Fintain, O'Carroll, & Walker

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE

Echo Alleluia

*Henry Purcell,
arr. Lani Smith*

*Please stand as you are able.

Sacrament of Baptism and Confirmation

Today, the following young people are being confirmed as members of the church: Amanda Feeman, Norah Foster, Oliver Foster, Quentin Laupan, Payton Timmons. Norah and Oliver Foster are, also, receiving the sacrament of baptism.

PRESENTATION FOR BAPTISM

One: Hear these words from holy scripture: As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ.

All: There is no longer Jew or Greek, slave or free, male and female, for all are one in Christ Jesus.

One: In baptism, God claims us and seals us to show that we belong to God. By water and the Holy Spirit, we are made members of the church, the body of Christ, and joined to Christ's ministry of love, peace, and justice.

All: Let us remember, with joy, our own baptism as we celebrate this sacrament.

For those being baptized.

Elder: On behalf of the session, I present Norah Foster and Oliver Foster to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

One: Placing your trust in the grace and love of Jesus Christ, do you desire to be baptized?

Candidates: I do.

One: Do you, as members of the church of Jesus Christ, promise to guide and nurture Norah and Oliver by word and deed, with love and prayer?

All: We do.

PRAYER OVER THE WATER

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

For those making a public profession of faith

Elder: Amanda Feeman, Quentin Laupan, and Payton Timmons are, also, now presented by the session for reaffirmation of their baptismal covenant. They now desire to profess their faith publicly and to accept greater responsibility in the life of the church and God's mission in the world.

One: We rejoice that you now wish to declare your faith and share with us in common ministry. In baptism, you were joined to Christ and made members of his body. In the community of the people of God you have learned of God's purpose for you and for all creation. You have been nurtured and called to witness the good news of Jesus Christ.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

One: Who is your Lord and Savior?

Candidates: Jesus Christ is my Lord and Savior.

One: Will you be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying his word and showing his love?

Candidates: I will, with God's help.

One: Will you devote yourself to the church's mission and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and sharing of prayers?

Candidates: I will, with God's help.

LAYING ON OF HANDS FOR ANOINTING

WELCOME

One: Through this public profession of faith, you have expressed your intention to grow in the covenant God made with you in baptism. May the Spirit continue to strengthen and sustain you in the worship and mission of the church.

All: Alleluia! Amen.

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And, also, with you.

The congregation is invited to greet our confirmands at a reception following the service in Fellowship Hall.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Health and Safety Protocols

With the return to in-person worship services, we ask you to follow these guidelines:

- Windows may be open or fans turned on to provide appropriate air circulation.
- When inside the church building, face coverings are optional based on personal comfort level.
 - Socially distance as able in the pews and sanctuary.
 - If you are not feeling well today, please stay home.
- At this time, we will not be passing the peace, the offering plate, or holding hands for the benediction at the close of the service.
- After the worship service has concluded, we ask that you move outside for any extended conversations.

Thank you for your patience and understanding. Any changes to these protocols will be shared in advance of Sunday gatherings.

Upcoming Event (See May newsletter for more details.)

Thursday, May 26
HOVCP Ice Cream Truck

You are invited to Compassion Camp!



- **Monday, June 20, to Thursday, June 23**
 - **9:30 a.m. to Noon**
- **For ages 3 years to entering 5th Grade**

If your child has an older sibling who would like to be a helper, we'd love to have them!

Register online: <https://forms.gle/XiGCWL1M6BzFUUY1A>

(A link to the on-line registration is, also, available on the church website, as well as a link to print a registration form.)

Or call the church office at 440-543-1071.

Valley Choir – “God Bless the USA”



The Valley Choir would like to invite you to sing with us on Sunday, May 29th, during the Worship Service. We will be doing Lee Greenwood's "God Bless the USA" in celebration of Memorial Day and practicing at 9:30 a.m. that morning. Music will be provided, and it is a chance for all of us to share together musically what being an American is all about!!!! Please consider joining us Sunday, May 29th. (Contact Nancy Sullivan, if you have any questions.)

Pass-it-on Resale Store



The **store will be open** on:
Friday, June 17
(10 a.m. – 4 p.m.)
Saturday, June 18
(10 a.m. – 2 p.m.)

CFPCC Food Bank Needs

CFPCC is in need of snacks for the children's program. They could use the following or any other snack-size item you wish to donate:



Juice boxes; small bags of chips, pretzels; popsicles, small water bottles.

CFPCC is receiving donations at your car. Someone will come out and retrieve donations.

Fellowship News

1 Corinthians 10:31

***"So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do,
do it all for the glory of God."***

What do Julia Childs from the film *Julia & Julia*; Babette from the film *Babette's Feast*; and Remy, the Rat from *Ratatouille* have in common with Gerry Chittock, Janet Graham and Bev Keough? These characters, like these three wonderful women, have shown their love through making, procuring, and serving our congregation during Fellowship Time. The Deacons would like to thank them for taking care of us! These ladies will still be involved, but are offering the congregation the opportunity to adopt a Sunday Fellowship Time!

We have openings from May 1 to June 5. You can sign up as a host or to bring refreshments in honor of a birthday, anniversary, or just because! Sign up with a friend! We feel so blessed to be able to meet face-to-face with those we have missed so much.

Your Valley Deacons

To learn more about the role of a host and to sign up, see the May newsletter or the Church website for a link, or you can contact the office or a Deacon for information.

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