

The First Presbyterian Church in Pitman, NJ
3rd Sunday of Easter
Sunday, May 5, 2019 • 10 AM • Rev. Drew Harrison

For Prayer & Contemplation

O greater Maker of this Thy great sun,
Give me the strength this one day's race to run,
Fill me with light, fill me with sun-like strength,
Fill me with joy to rob the day its length.
Light from within, light that will outward shine,
Strength to make strong some weaker heart than mine,
(by James Weldon Johnson, *Prayer at Sunrise*)

Welcome & Sharing Information Please sign the Fellowship Pad.

Prelude "Shall We Gather at the River" - arr. Paxton

Call to Worship

One: Jesus said to Peter, "Do you love me?"

All: Feed my lambs.

One: He said again, "Do you love me?"

All: Tend my sheep.

One: Again, he asked Peter, "Do you love me?"

All: Feed my sheep and follow me.

***Hymn No. 375** "Shall We Gather at the River"

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, you told us to make peace with our siblings before coming to the altar. Yet we think we can have a relationship with you without caring for our neighbors. Forgive us, Lord, for ignoring the needs of those around us. Forgive us, Lord, for refusing to reconcile with each other. Forgive us, Lord, for being frustrated with the work of being together.

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread, shared in community. Send us out renewed by the promise of your love to go and proclaim your grace.

Moment of Silence

Assurance of Forgiveness

One: When you were dead in trespasses,
God made you alive together with him,
when he forgave all our trespasses,
erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands.
He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. (*Colossians 2:13-14*)

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Thanks be to God!

***Hymn No. 584** "Glory, Glory, Glory"

"Glory, glory, glory, glory be to God on high! And on earth peace to all people in whom God is pleased."

Passing of Peace

One: The peace of Christ be with you all.

All: And also with you.

Anthem "Canon Gloria" - Hadyn, arr. Moore – Sanctuary Choir

Translation: Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, goodwill to mankind. We praise You. We adore You.

Time with Children *Joy Clown Troupe: "May Peace Flow" - Miller*

Pastor: It is time for you to depart.

Adults: God be with you there.

Children: God be with you here.

Scripture

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| 1. Acts 9:1-9 | New Testament | 127 | Large Print | 154-5 |
| 2. John 21:1-19 | New Testament | 115-16 | Large Print | 141-2 |

Prayer of Illumination

Sermon "For Giving" — *Rev. Drew Harrison*

***Affirmation of Faith** (*From the Confession of 1967*)

The life, death, resurrection, and promised coming of Jesus Christ has set the pattern for the church's mission. His life as man involves the church in the common life of men. His service to men commits the church to work for every form of human well-being. His suffering makes the church sensitive to all the sufferings of mankind so that it sees the face of Christ in the faces of men in every kind of need. His crucifixion discloses to the church God's judgment on man's inhumanity to man and the awful consequences of its own complicity in injustice. In the power of the risen Christ and the hope of his coming, the church sees the promise of God's renewal of man's life in society and of God's victory over all wrong.

The church follows this pattern in the form of its life and in the method of its action. So to live and serve is to confess Christ as Lord.

Invitation to Offering

Offertory "Bread of the World in Mercy Broken" - arr. Biery

***Doxology No. 606**

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.

***Unison Prayer of Dedication**

Lord, we thank you for blessing us in ways large and small. Accept our gifts, large and small, and use them for your kingdom. Amen.

The Sacrament of Communion

Invitation to Communion

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

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

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise to God.

Pastoral Prayer

One: Let us proclaim the mystery of our faith.

All: Christ has died. Christ has risen. Christ will come again.

The Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

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.

Words of Institution *Rev. Drew Harrison*

Communion Hymn No. 501 "Feed Us, Lord"

(Communion Servers, please come forward.) *Ushers will direct the congregation to come forward by pews, forming two lines to receive communion through intinction.*

The Sharing of the Supper

Prayer after Communion

Here at this table we celebrate resurrection as you feed us with bread and wine. And as much as we might prefer to stay here in this protected place, you send us back to our work—only it is no longer the same work because we know you are with us and in us, shaping and transforming us to be your witnesses in the world. Nourished in body, mind, and spirit, may all that we say and do give you glory. Amen.

***Hymn No. 721** "Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore"

Benediction

***Benediction Hymn No. 539** "We Will Go Out With Joy"

"We will go out with joy in the Spirit; we will go out with God. We will go out with joy in the Spirit; we will go out with God. Alleluia! We will go out with joy. Alleluia! Alleluia! We will go out with joy in the Spirit; we will go out with God. We will go out with joy in the Spirit; we will go out with God."

Postlude "Festal Flourish: Jesus is Lord" - Corl

***** *Please stand as you are able.* *****



Worship Helpers

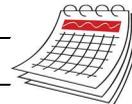
<i>Thank you to our Worship Servers</i>	
Communion Servers	Jim Scanlon, Barbara Stech, Vicki Downing, Elaine Scheetz
Liturgist	Darlene Jacobson
Greeter	Peggy Price
Ushers	Cathy Russo, Dave Nicastro, Mike Ballard, Bobbi Wilkins
Tellers	Jean Brod, Bev Donofrio, Darlene Powell
Coffee Hour Hosts	Lionel Stewart



Music Notes

Today's prelude is David Paxton's setting of the tune "Hanson Place," originally written by American preacher and gospel hymn writer Robert Lowry (1826-1899). The anthem is an arrangement of music by Michael Hadyn (1737-1806) with additional music by contemporary composer Donald Moore. The postlude is a 2015 composition by Matthew Corl. We thank the Sanctuary Choir for sharing special music with us this morning.

<i>This Week's Calendar • May 5-12</i>	
<i>Sunday</i> May 5	8:30 AM Deacons - Social Hall 10 AM Worship 11:15 AM Sunshine Singers Practice - Music Room 4:30 PM Camden Hispanic Fellowship Worship Service
<i>Monday</i> May 6	12 PM Cole-Lacy Scholarship Applications Due 7 PM Session - Memorial Lounge
<i>Tuesday</i> May 7	
<i>Wednesday</i> May 8	5 PM Youth Group - Social Hall
<i>Thursday</i> May 9	7 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal 8 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
<i>Friday</i> May 10	7 PM Theology on Tap - Sanctuary/Human Village Brewing Co.
<i>Saturday</i> May 11	9:30 AM PW Core Board - Upstairs Kitchen 6 PM Family Game Night - Social Hall
<i>Sunday</i> May 12	Mother's Day 10 AM Worship No Sunshine Singers Today



This Week's Birthdays

May 5	Bailey Wichart
May 6	Joshua Fitzpatrick
May 6	Darla Cassidy
May 7	Robin Euler
May 8	Stephen Hwang
May 8	Kurt Leach
May 9	Jake Scott
May 11	Liz Gianfortune
May 12	Dan Enright
May 12	Thomas Enever

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Sunday Worship Service @ 10 AM

- Communion on the first Sunday of the month
- Sunday School each week from 10:20-11:05 AM