

The First Presbyterian Church in Pitman, NJ

6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

Sunday, May 26, 2019 • 10 AM • Courtney Steininger

**For Prayer & Contemplation**

Creator God, today I will recall your faithfulness. In this Sabbath moment, I come to you and lay my life before you. May I worship and adore you with every fiber of my being. May everything within me cry, "Holy is the great I am who is, and was, and is to come." Amen.

**Welcome & Sharing Information** Please sign the Fellowship Pad.

**Prelude** "Open My Eyes" - Callahan

**Call to Worship**

One: Let the peoples praise you, O God;

**All: let all the peoples praise you.**

One: Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,

**All: for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth.**

One: Let the peoples praise you, O God;

**All: let all the peoples praise you!**

\***Hymn No. 451** "Open My Eyes, That I May See"

**Prayer of Confession**

**We try; we don't always succeed.**

**In things we have done, and things we've left undone, we have relied on our own wits, rather than relying on the power and presence of God.**

**We have not set apart the Sabbath, honoring God with our rest and renewal.**

**We live in a world of gross inequities: we've tried to be the voice of the voiceless — to be the hands and feet of God — but we don't always see through our world to the peace that God promises, and we get tired.**

**God, you know us through and through, at our best, at our worst, and still you seek us out. Grant us grace to be honest with ourselves and with you.**

**Moment of Silence**

**Assurance of Forgiveness**

One: Friends, hear the good news from 2 Corinthians 5:17: "So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!" In Jesus Christ, we are all forgiven!

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

\***Passing of Peace**

One: The peace of Christ be with you all.

**All: And also with you.**

**Anthem** "Battle Hymn of the Republic" - arr. Bock/McChesney  
*Tyler Bell Choir*

**Time with Children** (Dismissal to Sunday School)  
*(Children will return during final hymn.)*

Pastor: It is time for you to depart.

**Adults: God be with you there.**

**Children: God be with you here.**

**Scripture**

➤ **1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** John 14:23-29 NT 109 LP 133  
➤ **2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** Acts 16:9-15 NT 136 LP 165-6

**Prayer of Illumination**

**Sermon** "Doing the Work" — *Courtney Steininger*

\***Affirmation of Faith** (From "The Confession of 1967")

**In each time and place there are particular problems and crises through which God calls the church to act. The church, guided by the Spirit, humbled by its own complicity and instructed by all attainable knowledge, seeks to discern the will of God and learn how to obey in these concrete situations.**

\***Hymn No. 761** "Called As Partners In God's Service"

**Invitation to Offering**

**Offertory** "God of Grace and God of Glory" - arr. Sims

\***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**

**We have seen and heard what God can do — healing hurts, delivering justice, making a home where there is no home, raising up life and love.**

**We bind ourselves to this God, and dedicate our gifts to every tender and mighty act of grace. Bless these tithes and offerings, God, and bless us as well, to your home in our world. In Jesus' name, Amen.**

**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.**

\***Hymn No. 307** "God of Grace and God of Glory"

\***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** "God of Grace and God of Glory" - arr. Weber

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

*Thank you to our Worship Servers*

<b>Liturgist</b>	Karen Daly
<b>Greeter</b>	Elaine Scheetz
<b>Ushers</b>	Denny Meudt, Pat Meudt, Vicki Downing, Jeff Downing
<b>Tellers</b>	Jeff Downing, Jim Smathers, Vicki Downing
<b>Coffee Hr. Host</b>	Darlene Jacobson



*This Week's Calendar • May 26-June 2*

<i>Sunday</i> May 26	<b>10 AM</b> Worship - Sanctuary <b>11:15 AM</b> Sunshine Singers - Music Room <b>11:30 AM</b> Stephen Ministry - Upstairs Kitchen
<i>Monday</i> May 27	<b>Memorial Day</b> - Church Office Closed <b>6 PM</b> Liturgical Music Meeting - Upstairs Kitchen <b>7:15 PM</b> Worship Committee - Upstairs Kitchen
<i>Tuesday</i> May 28	<i>Last Day of Weekday Preschool</i>
<i>Wednesday</i> May 29	
<i>Thursday</i> May 30	<i>Ascension of the Lord</i> <b>7 PM</b> Bell Choir Rehearsal <b>8 PM</b> Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
<i>Friday</i> May 31	
<i>Saturday</i> June 1	
<i>Sunday</i> June 2	<b>8:30 AM</b> Deacons - Social Hall <b>10 AM</b> Worship <b>11:15 AM</b> Scholarship Committee - Memorial Lounge <b>11:15 AM</b> Sunshine Singers Practice - Music Room <b>4:30 PM</b> Confirmation Class - Memorial Lounge

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*"God's Open House"*

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*Music Notes*

Today's prelude is Charles Callahan's 2016 setting of a hymn tune by Clara H. Scott (1841-97), who also wrote the hymn's text, "Open my eyes, that I may see" - a sung prayer for illumination. The offertory is David Sims' 2017 arrangement of the great hymn tune "Cwm Rhondda," named by composer John Hughes for the Rhondda Valley in his native Wales. The postlude is Jacob Weber's 2015 interpretation of the same tune. We thank the Tyler Bell Choir for sharing special music with us this morning.



*In remembrance of all those who have served and sacrificed this Memorial Day, God bless America.*



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

*This Week's Birthdays*

<b>May 26</b>	Dawn Jurkiewicz
<b>May 28</b>	Jared Kowalik
<b>May 29</b>	Evy Gallo
<b>May 30</b>	Fred Oltmann
<b>May 30</b>	Shannon Burke
<b>June 1</b>	Lisa Fisher



*Sunday Worship Service @ 10 AM*

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