

The First Presbyterian Church in Pitman, NJ

5th Sunday of Easter

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Sunday, May 2, 2021 • 10 AM • Rev. Drew Harrison

For Prayer and Contemplation

"To forgive is to set a prisoner free and discover that the prisoner was you." --Lewis B. Smedes

Welcome & Sharing Information Please sign the Fellowship Pad.

Prelude "Uyaimose" (Come, All You People) - arr. Howarth

Call to Worship

One: Come, Spirit of Life,

All: **Take away our stress and anxiety,
and refresh our spirits.**

One: Come, Spirit of Love

All: **Surprise us with joy and compassion.**

One: Come, Spirit of Hope.

All: **Send us out into the world with good news.**

One: Come, Spirit of God.

All: **Open our minds,
touch our lives,
and fill our hearts.
Amen.**

*Hymn No. 13 "The Mighty God with Power Speaks"

Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, you have raised Jesus from the grave and crowned him Lord of all. We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear, afraid to act, and uncertain in our actions. We are unwilling to commit to anything without guarantees, and we put our trust in the empty promises of the world.

Forgive us, Lord. Give us the courage to trust you. Strengthen us to obey your commands and live faithfully as new people, forever changed by the promise of your resurrection.

Moment of Silence

Words of Assurance

One: When you were dead in trespasses,
God made you alive together with him,
when he forgave us all our debts,...

erasing the record that stood against us.

He set this aside, nailing it to the cross.

All: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

*Hymn No. 591 "Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!"

"Halle, halle, hallelujah!

Halle, halle, hallelujah!

Halle, halle, hallelujah!

Hallelujah! Hallelujah!"

*Passing of Peace

One: May the Peace of Christ be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Time with Children

Scripture Acts 8:26-40 (NT 127 • LP 154)

Prayer of Illumination

Sermon "What the Spirit Does Not Say" - Rev. Drew Harrison

*Affirmation of Faith

I believe in God, the Father, almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

Invitation to Offering

Offertory

*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

Dear God, you have called, and we answer. In humble thanks, we offer our gifts to you. Show us how to serve.

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

The Sharing of the Supper

Prayer after Communion

Gracious God, we give you thanks that by the witness of your word and the sharing of this meal you have opened our hearts and eyes to the presence of Christ among us. Now send us forth from this place by the power of your Spirit to tell the good news to the world. Amen.

***Hymn No. 770** "I'm Gonna Eat at the Welcome Table"

***Benediction**

***Benediction Hymn No. 240** (v2) "Alleluia, Alleluia"

"Alleluia, Alleluia, Give thanks to the risen Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia, Give praise to his name. Spread the good news o'er all the earth. Jesus has died and has risen. Alleluia, Alleluia, Give thanks to the risen Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia, Give praise to his name.

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



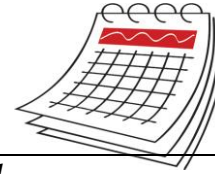
Worship Helpers

<i>Thank you to our Worship Servers</i>	
Liturgist	Barbara Walters
Ushers	Mike Ballard, Margaret Ginter



Music Notes

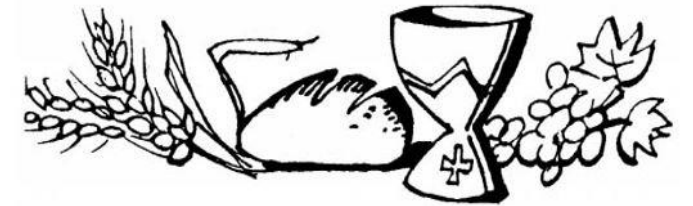
Today's prelude is a contemporary piano arrangement of a gathering song from Zimbabwe composed by Alexander Gondo. The text of the song begins with the words "Come all you people, come and praise your Maker."



<i>This Week's Calendar</i> May 2-9	
<i>Sunday</i> May 2	10 AM Worship 11 AM Special Congregation Meeting 2 PM Deacons
<i>Monday</i> May 3	6:30 PM Session
<i>Tuesday</i> May 4	
<i>Wednesday</i> May 5	
<i>Thursday</i> May 6	1 PM Personnel Meeting - Church Library
<i>Friday</i> May 7	
<i>Saturday</i> May 8	9:30 AM PW Core Board Meeting
<i>Sunday</i> May 9	

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