

The First Presbyterian Church in Pitman, NJ
7th Sunday of Easter
Sunday, May 16, 2021 • 10 AM • Rev. Drew Harrison

For Prayer and Contemplation

“If you are going to follow Jesus, you better look good on wood.”
--Daniel Berrigan

Welcome & Sharing Information Please sign the Fellowship Pad.

Prelude “Let Us Love One Another” - Sherman
Sanctuary Choir ensemble

Call to Worship

One: God of the past,

All: **Accept the people we have been
and the baggage we drag behind us.**

One: God of the present,

All: **Accept the people we are now
and the potential that lies within us.**

One: God of the future,

All: **Accept the people we could be
and by your Spirit transform us.**

***Hymn No. 263** “All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”

Prayer of Confession (BCW)

O Lord our God,
you call us to work for a world
where all will be fed and have dignity,
but we find ourselves distracted by our own desires.
You call us to seek justice and peace,
but we are satisfied with injustice and discord.
You call us to bring liberty to the oppressed,
but we do not insist on freedom for all.

Forgive us, O Lord,
Turn us to your will by the power of your Spirit,
so that all may know your justice and peace;
through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior.

Moment of Silence

Words of Assurance

One: “How could I forget you,” says the Lord?

“I made you, you are mine.

I have swept away your transgressions like a cloud,
and your sins like mist.

Return to me, for I have redeemed you.”

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 1:1-11 (NT 118 • LP 143)

Prayer of Illumination

Sermon “Looking in the Wrong Direction” - Rev. Drew Harrison

***Affirmation of Faith**

We trust in God the Holy Spirit

everywhere the giver and renewer of life.

The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith,

sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and
neighbor, and binds us together with all believers
in the one body of Christ, the Church.

The same Spirit-

who inspired the prophets and apostles
rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture,
engages us through the Word proclaimed,
claims us in the waters of baptism,
feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation,
and calls women and men to all ministries of the
Church.

In a broken and fearful world
the Spirit gives us courage...

to pray without ceasing,
to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and
Savior,
to unmask idolatries in Church and culture,
to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,
and to work with others for justice, freedom, and
peace.

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,
we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks
and to live holy and joyful lives,
even as we watch for God’s new heaven and new earth,
praying, “Come, Lord Jesus!”

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**

Eternal God, creator of the world, and giver of all good. We
thank you for the earth, our home, and for the gift of life.
We praise you for your love in Jesus Christ, who brought us
healing and redemption. We give our gifts and ourselves to
you, in joyful thanks and praise. 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. 462** (v. 1 & 3) “I Love to Tell the Story”

***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.* *****

This Week

| <i>This Week's Calendar • May 16-23</i> | |
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| <i>Sunday</i> May 16 | 10 AM Worship Service 11:15 AM Christian Ed. Committee |
| <i>Monday</i> May 17 | 8 PM Compline |
| <i>Tuesday</i> May 18 | 8 PM Compline |
| <i>Wednesday</i> May 19 | 10 AM Joy Circle 1 PM Faith Circle 7 PM Circle of Life 8 PM Compline |
| <i>Thursday</i> May 20 | 8 PM Compline |
| <i>Friday</i> May 21 | 8 PM Compline |
| <i>Saturday</i> May 22 | |
| <i>Sunday</i> May 23 | 10 AM Worship Service 2 PM Deacons Meeting |

*Thank you to our
Worship Servers*

Liturgist
Betsy Wriggins



*Sanctuary
Choir*

Music Notes

Today's prelude is an anthem by Arnold B. Sherman, a composer from Tyler, Texas who is well known for both his choral and handbell compositions. We thank the members of the Sanctuary Choir small ensemble for their special music this morning!

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Sunday Worship Service