

For Prayer & Contemplation

“Faith in God means we do not have to worry about death. Jesus has taken care of it. Jesus *will* take care of it. All we have to do is believe.”

-Barbara Brown Taylor

Welcome & Sharing Information

Prelude “The King of Love My Shepherd Is” - arr. Ashdown

Call to Worship (Written by Rev. Quentin Chin)

One: Brothers and sisters.

If you lift your net and it is empty,
Come here!

All: We'll cast it out again into Christ's abundance.

One: If you open your eyes but do not recognize the Holy One,
Come here!

All: We'll find the Risen Christ here among us.

One: If your life is filled with mourning,
Come here!

All: Christ is leading a dance of joy.

One: Come here, sisters and brothers!

All: To give blessing and honor and glory to God!

*Hymn No. 802 “The King of Love My Shepherd Is”

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, you told us to make peace with our siblings before coming to the altar. Yet we think we can love 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

Words of Assurance

One: God doesn't hold on to grudges but delights in showing mercy. Your mistakes and failures—they are already forgotten. Go forth knowing that you are loved and share that love with your neighbor.

All: Amen.

*Hymn No. 581 “Glory Be to the Father”

“Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.”

*Passing of Peace

One: May the Peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

Anthem “The Lord's My Shepherd” – Chilcott - *Sanctuary Choir*

Time with Children (Dismissal to Sunday School)

Pastor: It is time for you to depart.

Adults: God be with you there.

Children: God be with you here.

Scripture

1st Reading: *Acts 9:1-6*

New Testament PG 127, Large Print 154-5

2nd Reading: *John 21:1-19*

New Testament PG 115-16, Large Print 141-2

Prayer of Illumination

Sermon “The Question They Didn't Ask” – Rev. Drew Harrison

Affirmation of Faith (From *The Confession of 1967, 9.08*)

In Jesus of Nazareth true humanity was realized once for all. Jesus, a Palestinian Jew, lived among his own people and shared their needs, temptations, joys, and sorrows. He expressed the love of God in word and deed and became a brother to all kinds of sinful men. But his complete obedience led him into conflict with his people. His life and teaching judged their goodness, religious aspirations, and national hopes. Many rejected him and demanded his death. In giving himself freely for them he took upon himself the judgment under which all men stand convicted. God raised him from the dead, vindicating him as Messiah and Lord. The victim of sin became victor, and won the victory over sin and death for all men.

Invitation to Offering

Offertory

*Doxology No. 606 “Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow”

“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

Gracious God, your gifts are more than we deserve. We give you our thanks as we offer up our gifts. Accept them, bless them, and let them serve your kingdom as we do. Amen.

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.

Pastor: It is right and a good and joyful thing...

therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All: Christ has died,

Christ is risen,

Christ will come again.

The Prayers of the People

Pat, the family of Bernice, Ensign Family, the family of Chic, Christl, Nick, Maryanne, Matt, Dawn, Signe and family, Dan, Maisy, Nic, Alyssa, Patrick, Erin, Rhett, Jamie, Meg, Heather, Joanna, Dorothy, Sara, Jim, David, Ted, William, Mimi, Rachael, Laura, Phyllis, Aaron, Douglas

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

Merciful God, thank you for feeding us with the bread of life and cup of heaven. Enable us to recognize you in the breaking of the bread, and in each other. Amen.

*Hymn No. 236 “The Strife Is O'er”

*Benediction

*Benediction Hymn No. 232 (vs. 4) “Jesus Christ is Risen Today”

“Sing we to our God above, Alleluia! praise eternal as God's love. Alleluia! Praise our God, heavenly host, Alleluia! Father, Son, and Holy Ghost! Alleluia!”

Postlude “The Strife is O'er” - arr. Miles

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

<i>Thank you to our Worship Servers</i>	
Ushers	Karen Daly, Bobbi Wilkins
Coffee Hour Host	Renee Sheridan

**Acolytes are needed! Those interested in grades 2-6 can sign up on the sheet below the bulletin board or get in touch with Miss Elaine.*



Music Notes

Today's prelude is Franklin D. Ashdown's 2016 setting of the hymn tune "St. Columba," named for the Irish abbot who founded the Iona Community on an island off the coast of Scotland in 536AD. He was the first to document a sighting the Loch Ness monster. The anthem is Bob Chilcott's 2007 musical setting of Psalm 23 from the Scottish Psalter of 1650. The postlude is George Theophilus Miles' mid-20th century arrangement of the hymn tune "Victory," also known as "Palestrina," named for the original composer. We thank the Sanctuary Choir for sharing special music with us this morning.



<i>This Week's Calendar</i> May 1-8	
<i>Sunday</i> May 1	10 AM Worship Service – Sanctuary/Livestreaming 11:15 AM Sunshine Singers Practice – Music Room 11:30 AM Confirmation Class – Memorial Lounge 2 PM Deacons Meeting – Agape Room
<i>Monday</i> May 2	7 PM Session – Agape Room
<i>Tuesday</i> May 3	6:30 PM Girl Scouts – Social Hall
<i>Wednesday</i> May 4	6:30 PM Sparrow Chorale – Music Room
<i>Thursday</i> May 5	7 PM Bell Choir Practice 8 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
<i>Friday</i> May 6	7 PM "Trigger" Movie Screening – Sanctuary
<i>Saturday</i> May 7	4 PM Phillies Game – Citizens Bank Park
<i>Sunday</i> May 8	<i>Mother's Day</i> 10 AM Worship Service – Sanctuary/Livestreaming



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10 AM Worship Service
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3rd Sunday of Easter
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