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COF Worship, Sunday May 10, 10:30am

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Opening Music

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Call to Worship and Prayer of Approach

L: This is the day the Lord has made!

P: We will rejoice and be glad in it!

Let us pray:

L: Come, my way, my truth, my life

P: Such a way as gives us life, such a truth, as ends all strife, such a life as killeth death

L: Come my light, my feast, my strength

P: Such as light as shows a feast, such as feast as mends in length, such a strength as makes his guest

L: Come my joy, my love, my heart

P: Such as joy as none can move, such as love as none can part, such a heart as joys in love

—George Herbert, from *The Church*, text as in George Herbert and Henry Vaughn, ed. Louis L. Martz, (Oxford and New York: Oxford University Press, 1986) pp; 141-42

Let us now join together in the prayer that Christ taught: ***Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.*** Presbyterian Church. Book of Common Worship (p. 332). Presbyterian Publishing. Kindle Edition.

Song: Awesome God

Our God is an awesome God who reigns from heaven above,
With wisdom, power, and love our God is an awesome God! (3x)

Call to Confession

When we pass through deep waters or go through times of fiery trial, the Lord our God is with us.
With confidence in God, our creator and redeemer, let us confess our sin.

Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, you love us, but we have not loved you. You call, but we have not listened. We walk away from neighbors in need, wrapped in our own concerns. We condone evil, prejudice, warfare, and greed. God of grace, help us to admit our sin, so that as you come to us in mercy, we may repent, turn to you, and receive forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our redeemer.

Presbyterian Church. Book of Common Worship (p. 57-8). Presbyterian Publishing. Kindle Edition.

(moment of silence.)

As God hears our confessions,
may we hear God say in return:

I forgive you,

I love you always,

And I am with you.

Thanks be to God. **Amen.**

Response of Praise

Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord,

Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to his name. (2x)

Special Music**Prayer for Illumination**

Listen to the Word

Listen to the word that God has spoken

Listen to the one who is close at hand

Listen to the voice that began creation

Listen even if you don't understand

Scripture I Peter 2:2-10 ²Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation— ³if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

⁴Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and ⁵like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶For it stands in scripture: "See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame." ⁷To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe, "The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner," ⁸and "A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall." They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. ⁹But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. ¹⁰Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

Hymn Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

Lord I want to be a Christian in-a my heart, in-a my heart

Lord I want to be a Christian in-a my heart

In-a my heart (in-a my heart) in-a my heart (in-a my heart)

Lord I want to be a Christian in-a my heart.

Lord, I want to be more loving, in-a my heart, in-a my heart...

Lord I want to be more holy...

Lord I want to be like Jesus...

Scripture John 14:1-14 “Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. ²In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also.

⁴And you know the way to the place where I am going.” ⁵Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” ⁶Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.” ⁸Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” ⁹Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father?’ ¹⁰Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. ¹¹Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves.

¹²Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. ¹³I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

Sermon

Affirmation of Faith—Apostles’ Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Offering

Joys and Concerns—*please type into the comments box on the lower right hand sign of the screen, or speak them out loud if you’re on the conference call.*

Song: *God of Grace, and God of Glory*

*God of Grace and God of Glory, on thy people pour thy power
Crown thine ancient church’s story; bring its bud to glorious flower
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the facing of this hour
For the facing of this hour*

*Lo! The hosts of evil surround us, scorn thy Christ assail thy ways!
From the fears that long have bound us free our hearts to faith and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the living of these days,
For the living of these days.
Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore*

*Let thy gift of thy salvation be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, serving thee whom we adore!
Serving thee whom we adore!*

Charge and Benediction