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(conference call only)

Worship will also be connected through Facebook Live

**Worship, May 22, 2022, 11:15 am**

+Stand as you are able

## Gathering

### Welcome and Announcements Lighting of the Christ Candle Centering Music

#### +Call to Worship

L: The Lord is our God, the Lord alone.

**P: You shall love the Lord your God, and your neighbor as yourself.**

L: O praise the Lord with me,

**P: Let us exalt God's name together.**

Let us pray: **God of light and truth, you are beyond our grasp or conceiving. Before the brightness of your presence the angels veil their faces. With lowly reverence and adoring love we acclaim your glory and sing your praise, for you have shown us your truth and love in Jesus Christ our Savior. Hear us as we pray, as Christ taught us to pray, saying: *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. 54). Presbyterian Publishing. Kindle Edition.

**+Song:** *Great is the Lord (2022)*

#### Call to Confession

All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; yet we are justified by the gift of God's grace through the redemption that is ours in Christ Jesus. Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin.

#### Prayer of Confession

**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 Lord. *(Moment of silent prayer)***

#### Assurance of Pardon

L: Our righteousness is found in Christ alone, a gift of God by faith. Beloved people of God, believe the good news: through the grace of Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

**P: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God! Amen.**

Presbyterian Church. Book of Common Worship (p. 56, 61-63). Presbyterian Publishing. Kindle Edition.

**Response of Praise** *Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks (refrain only) 2x*  
*Alleluia! Alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord! Alleluia! Alleluia! Give praise to his name!*

## Sharing of the Peace

**Anthem** *The Lord is Shepherd to Me* by Russell Nagy

## Hearing the Word

### Prayer for Illumination

**Speak to us, living God, as you have spoken to our ancestors: through the voices of your prophets, the breath of your Spirit, and the life of your Son, so that we may live according to your word; through Jesus Christ our Savior.**

Presbyterian Church. Book of Common Worship (p. 70). Presbyterian Publishing. Kindle Edition.

**First Reading Acts 16:9-15** <sup>9</sup>During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." <sup>10</sup>When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them. <sup>11</sup>We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, <sup>12</sup>and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. <sup>13</sup>On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. <sup>14</sup>A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. <sup>15</sup>When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us.

**Hymn** *Breathe On Me, Breath of God* (316)

**Gospel Reading John 14:23-29** <sup>23</sup>Jesus answered him, "Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. <sup>24</sup>Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me.

<sup>25</sup>"I have said these things to you while I am still with you. <sup>26</sup>But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. <sup>27</sup>Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.

<sup>28</sup>You heard me say to you, 'I am going away, and I am coming to you.' If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. <sup>29</sup>And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe.

### Sermon

## Responding to the Word

### Affirmation of Faith

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. 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!" With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

### Offering Prayer

In response to God's goodness, let us give thanks to God. Let us pray:

**Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: ourselves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love; through the one who is the light of the world. Amen.**

### Response of Praise *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow (593)*

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow, praise God all creatures here below*

*Praise God above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.*

*Amen, amen, amen, amen, amen, amen, amen.*

### Joys and Concerns

#### Prayers of the People

Sisters and brothers in Christ, God invites us to bring our doubts and fears, our joys and concerns, our petitions and praise, and offer them for the earth and all its creatures. ○

*Prayers of the People, concluding with:*

Receive these prayers, O God, and transform us through them, that we may have eyes to see and hearts to understand not only what you do on our behalf, but what you call us to do so that your realm will come to fruition in glory. Amen.

## Taking the Word into the World

**+Song** *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah (281)*

**+Charge** Go forth into the world, relying on the power of the Spirit of God to lead you.

**+Benediction**

## HYMNS

### Great is the Lord

Great is the Lord, he is holy and just, by his power we trust in his love.  
 Great is the Lord, he is faithful and true, by his mercy he proves he is love.  
 Great is the Lord, and worthy of glory! Great is the Lord and worthy of praise!  
 Great is the Lord, now lift up your voice, now lift up your voice: Great is the Lord! Great is the Lord!  
 (Repeat)

Great is the Lord, he is holy and just, by his power we trust in his love.  
 Great is the Lord, he is faithful and true, by his mercy he proves he is love.  
 Great are you Lord, and worthy of glory! Great are you Lord, and worthy of praise!  
 Great are you Lord, I lift up my voice, I lift up my voice: Great are you Lord! Great are you Lord!

### Breathe On Me, Breath of God

Breathe on me, breath of God, fill me with life anew,  
 That I may love what thou dost love and do what thou wouldst do.

Breathe on me, breath of God, until my heart is pure,  
 Until with thee I will one will to do and to endure.

Breathe on me, breath of God, till I am wholly thine,  
 Until this earthly part of me glows with thy fire divine.

Breathe on me, breath of God, so shall I never die,  
 But live with thee the perfect life of thine eternity.

### Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land;  
 I am weak, but thou art mighty; holy me with thy powerful hand.  
 Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more, feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing stream doth flow;  
 Let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through.  
 Strong deliverer, strong deliverer, be thou still my strength and shield, be thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside;  
 Death of death, and hell's destruction land me safe on Canaan's side.  
 Songs of praises, songs of praises, I will ever give to thee, I will ever give to thee.

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## Scriptures for Sunday, May 29

Acts 16:16–34  
Psalm 97  
Revelation 22:12–14,  
16–17, 20–21  
John 17:20–26

## In Our Thoughts & Prayers

Betty Murphy  
Ruth Roeber  
The McDermott family  
Johanna Willis  
Nita Kleier  
Jean Jennings' family  
Emille Walden  
Kelly Montana  
Lynda Jaeger  
Kittie Dupps  
Skip Dixon & Family  
Ron Carlin  
Ella Grace Marksberry

## Upcoming Worship Services:

Join us for in person services at our new location at 710 Western Reserve Rd., Crescent Springs, KY. You can also worship with us online via Facebook Live, or by joining the conference call. Worship services begin at 11:15 am.

## Liturgist Sign-Up:

Liturgists are needed for the upcoming months. There is a sign-up sheet on the entry table by the front door. All are welcome to serve as liturgist!

## Pentecost Offering:

The Pentecost Offering unites us in a church-wide effort to support young people, and inspire them to share their faith, ideas, and unique gifts with the church and the world. According to the PCUSA Special Offerings website, 40% stays with our congregation for youth-related projects, 25% supports Young Adult Volunteers, 25% supports worldwide ministries with youth, and 10% is devoted to children at-risk. We will collect offerings for this special mission from now until June 5, 2022.

## Supporting the Work of the Presbytery & the Denomination with Per Capita:

Per Capita is a fundamental way in which all of us, as members of the nearly 10,000 congregations and mid councils of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) connect, participate and share in the work of the wider church. Per capita is the primary source of funding for the Presbytery, as well as the Synod and General Assembly, and is how Presbyterians mutually and equitably share the costs of coming together to discern the Spirit's leading for the future. It is how Presbyterians are trained to become better ruling elders, teaching elders and deacons, and ministers. It is how Presbyterians are helped to discern God's call in their lives. It has supported our ministries at COF through grants to CLASP and for equipment purchases for our virtual church services. Please prayerfully consider donating the \$33 per capita apportionment set by the Presbytery, for each church member.

## Donations for Johanna Willis & RideCincinnati:

On Sept 17, 2022, Johanna Willis will be participating in RideCincinnati, a bike ride to raise money for cancer research. She has registered to ride 50 miles and is required to raise \$750 additional dollars, beside the \$100 registration fee. All donations are recorded online. To donate, please go to: <https://ridecincinnati.org/rider/2241>. So far, Johanna has collected \$100 in donations, but is still short \$650. Please, prayerfully consider donating.