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**Worship, May 29, 2022, 11:15 am**

+Stand as you are able

## Gathering

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

#### +Call to Worship *from Psalm 47*

L: Everyone, clap your hands! Shout for joy! Laugh and sing with happy voices!

**P: For our God is with us as our rock and our salvation.**

L: Sing praises to our God, sing praises! Sing praises to our Lord, sing praises!

**P: For God is Lord over all the earth, we gather to praise God's name.**

Let us pray: **Almighty God, your blessed Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, ascended far above all heavens that he might fill all things. Mercifully give us faith to trust that, as he promised, he abides with us on earth to the end of time; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who 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. 337). Presbyterian Publishing. Kindle Edition.

#### +Song: *Earth and All Stars (458)*

### Call to Confession

Let us humble ourselves under the mighty hand of God, casting all our anxiety on the Lord who cares for us. Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin:

#### Prayer of Confession

**Almighty God, you have raised Jesus from death to life, and crowned him Lord of all. We confess that we have not bowed before him, or acknowledged his rule in our lives. We have gone along with the ways of the world, and failed to give him glory. Forgive us, and raise us from sin, that we may be your faithful people, obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ, who rules the world and is head of the church, his body. *(Moment of silent prayer)***

#### Assurance of Pardon

L: The God of all grace, who calls us to eternal glory in Jesus Christ, will restore, support, and strengthen us. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

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

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#### 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!*

## Graduation Recognition

Today we celebrate the children in our congregation who are ascending to a new school grade. Peyton and Sam are graduating from Children’s Church and will participate in fully in worship moving forward. We congratulate them for their work both in school and church over the past year. We also celebrate Piper, Paisleigh and Dean for working hard during the school year and making a step up in grade.

Let us pray: **God of wisdom, we thank you for these children and the work they have done during the school year. We thank you for all of the gifts that they bring to their school and this congregation, and we pray that you will continue to strengthen them in their faith and in their love for family and friends. Bless their hearts and minds that they work you have begun in them may continue; bless them with a time of rest and recreation, that they may know peace. Amen.**

## Anthem

### Hearing the Word

## Prayer for Illumination

**Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the Scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.**

Presbyterian Church. Book of Common Worship (p.22). Presbyterian Publishing. Kindle Edition.

**Gospel Reading Luke 24:44-53** <sup>44</sup>Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.” <sup>45</sup>Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, <sup>46</sup>and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, <sup>47</sup>and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup>You are witnesses of these things. <sup>49</sup>And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.” <sup>50</sup>Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. <sup>51</sup>While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. <sup>52</sup>And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; <sup>53</sup>and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

**Hymn** *Alleluia! Sing to Jesus! (144)*

**Epistle Reading Acts 16:16-34** <sup>16</sup>One day, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. <sup>17</sup>While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, “These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation.” <sup>18</sup>She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, “I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her.” And it came out that very hour. <sup>19</sup>But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the authorities. <sup>20</sup>When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, “These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews <sup>21</sup>and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe.” <sup>22</sup>The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. <sup>23</sup>After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. <sup>24</sup>Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

<sup>25</sup>About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. <sup>26</sup>Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone’s chains were

unfastened. <sup>27</sup>When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. <sup>28</sup>But Paul shouted in a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here." <sup>29</sup>The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. <sup>30</sup>Then he brought them outside and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" <sup>31</sup>They answered, "Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." <sup>32</sup>They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. <sup>33</sup>At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. <sup>34</sup>He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

## 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... 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

### Taking the Word into the World

**+Song** *Arise, Your Light is Come! (411)*

**+Charge**

**+Benediction**

### **Earth and All Stars**

Earth and all stars, loud rushing planets, sing to the Lord a new song!  
Hail, wind and rain, Loud blowing snowstorm, sing to the Lord a new song!  
God has done marvelous things. We will sing praises with a new song!

Steel and machines, loud pounding hammers, sing to the Lord a new song!  
Limestone and beams, loud building workers, sing to the Lord a new song!  
God has done marvelous things, we will sing praises with a new song!

Classrooms and labs, loud boiling test tubes sing to the Lord a new song!  
Athlete and band, loud cheering people, sing to the Lord a new song!  
God has done marvelous things, we will sing praises with a new song!

Knowledge and truth, loud sounding wisdom sing to the Lord a new song!  
Daughter and son, loud praying members, sing to the Lord a new song!  
God has done marvelous things, we will sing praises with a new song!

### **Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!**

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus! His the scepter, his the throne!  
Alleluia! His the triumph, his the victory alone!  
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion thunder like a mighty flood;  
Jesus, out of every nation hath redeemed us by his blood.

Alleluia! Not as orphans are we left in sorrow now.  
Alleluia! He is near us, faith believes nor questions how.  
Through the cloud from sight received him, when the forty days were o'er  
Shall our hearts forget his promise, "I am with you ever more"?

Alleluia! Bread of angels, thou on earth our food, our stay.  
Alleluia! Here the sinful flee to thee from day to day.  
Intercessor, friend of sinners, earth's redeemer, plead for me,  
Where the songs of all the sinless sweep across the crystal sea.

Alleluia! King eternal, thee the Lord of lords we own.  
Alleluia! Born of Mary, earth thy footstool, heaven thy throne.  
Thou within the veil hast entered, robed in flesh, our great high priest;  
Thou on earth both priest and victim in the eucharistic feast.

### **Arise, Your Light Has Come**

Arise, your light has come, the Spirit's call obey.  
Show forth the glory of your God, which shines on you today.  
Arise your light has come! Fling wide the prison door.  
Proclaim the captives' liberty, good tidings to the poor.  
Arise, your light is come! All you in sorrow born.  
Bind up the broken-hearted ones and comfort those who mourn.  
Arise, your light is come! The mountains burst in song!  
Rise up like eagles on the wing; God's power will make us strong!