

Order of worship

May 2, 2021

5th Sunday of Easter



Prelude

“Prelude in Classic Style” by Gordon Young

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship

O God of all power and majesty, you created the heavens and stretched them out. You formed the earth and all that comes from it. You give the breath of life to all who walk on the face of the earth. Jesus, you conquered sin and death and now reign victorious. You are Lord; glory is due your name. The former things have come to pass; we now await the new things you will bring through the Holy Spirit.

We rejoice to be gathered in your name. Alleluia!

Accept our praises and petitions. Amen.

Opening Hymn #440

“In Christ There is No East or West”

Unison Prayer of Confession

Lord, we have sinned, without considering how much you love us. You see our sins more clearly than we can ourselves. Lord, you know when we are indifferent to your Word, the Bible; how often we forget to pray; the times we come unwillingly to worship; and yet we turn to you when we are in trouble. Lord, you know when we are untruthful and when we think evil of others. You see our anger and unfairness to our friends. You know how hard it is for us to forgive. Forgive us and make us clean, so that we can obey your call to take up your cross and follow you. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

In the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus, we are assured that there is no sin so terrible that God cannot forgive, no hurt so terrible that God cannot heal. God accepts, God forgives, and God sets free. Receive the forgiving love of God. **Thanks be to God.**

Moment for All Ages

Unison Prayer for Illumination

O God, 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 what you are saying to us today. Amen.

Scripture

Acts 15:1-18

Sermon

“No Distinction”

Apostles’ Creed

Communion

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts!

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Holy and right it is and our joyful duty to give thanks to you at all times and in all places, O Lord, our Creator, almighty and everlasting God! You created the heaven with all its hosts and the earth with all its plenty. You have given us life and being, and preserve us by your providence. But you have shown us the fullness of your love in sending into the world your Son, Jesus Christ, the eternal Word, made flesh for us and for our salvation. For the precious gift of this mighty Savior who has reconciled us to you we praise and bless you, O God.

With your whole Church on earth and with all the company of heaven we worship and adore your glorious name:

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!

Most righteous God, we remember in this Supper the perfect sacrifice offered once on the cross by our Lord Jesus Christ for the sin of the world. In the joy of his resurrection and in expectation of his coming again, we offer ourselves to you as holy and living sacrifices.

Together we proclaim the mystery of the faith:

Christ has died! Christ has risen! Christ will come again!

Send your Holy Spirit upon us, we pray, that the bread which we break and the cup which we bless may be to us the communion of the body and blood of Christ. Grant that, being joined together in him, we may attain to the unity of the faith and grow up in all things into him Christ our Lord. And as this grain has been gathered from many fields into one loaf and these grapes from many hills into one cup, grant, O Lord, that your whole Church may soon be gathered from the ends of the earth into your kingdom. Even so, come, Lord Jesus.

Communion Song (insert)

“Behold The Lamb”

Offering our Gifts

Gracious God, we give our best, lest in gaining the world we lose life itself. As a covenant people, we seek to witness to your will and way. Help us to know more clearly what you would have us do with the wealth entrusted to our care. As we contribute to the needs of your people, we present ourselves as living sacrifices. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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WHOEVER YOU ARE.
HOWEVER YOU HAVE COME.
YOU ARE WELCOME HERE.

Special Music

Isabelle Bright, Soloist
“Oceans (Where Feet May Fail)”
by Joel Houston, Matt Crocker, and Salomon Lighthelm

Prayers of the People and The Lord’s Prayer

We offer our prayers together now, uniting our voices with Christ, who perfects our Prayers: Holy one, who came as a child, we pray for your children everywhere.

For those who are hungry, we pray for nourishment...

For those who are fleeing, we pray for safety...

For those who are ill, we pray for your healing...

For those who are grieving, we pray for your peace...

For those who are suffering, we pray for your presence...

Holy Three, who patterns community, we pray for communities everywhere.

For those who are divided, we pray for unity...

For those who are isolated, we pray for connection...

For those who are afraid, we pray for your courage...

For those who are frustrated, we pray for new hope...

We pray especially for those in our own community who suffer this day:

Holy Three-in-One and One-in-Three bless us in the work of faith, that we might be truly faithful. Nourish us in the labor of love, that we might show your love. Keep our hope steadfast, that we might know your grace and your peace as we wait for your coming reign of justice and overwhelming love. Gather all these together and hear our prayer as we join now in praying how Jesus taught us to pray:

**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.

Closing Hymn #298

“There’s A Wideness in God’s Mercy”

Benediction

In your journeys to and from God direct you;

in your happiness and pleasure God bless you;

in care, anxiety, or trouble God sustain you;

in peril and in danger God protect you.

The grace of God be with you all, now and always.

Postlude

“Toccata in G Major” by Theodore DuBois

Announcements

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Greeters, Liturgists, Special Music, & Hymn Leaders

The Worship Committee is looking for individuals that would be comfortable taking part in worship leadership by greeting, reading the liturgy for any given Sunday, sharing in their talents with special music, or by leading the hymns. Please volunteer by signing up with the SignUp Genius [link](#) sent to your email by the office, or by contacting Dean Cornwell: deanc260@gmail.com or 315-871-8126, if you have interest. Thank you to those who have already signed up!

Christian Ed. Group Study

Intentional Growth of Your Personal Faith: *A new opportunity to intentionally grow your personal faith through independent study, fun audio and video, and group discussions - totally flexible to fit YOUR schedule!*

Session 7, Monday, **May 3rd, 7-8pm**: Topic: [BibleProject: Holiness](#)
See email or newsletter for further details, or contact the office.

Virtual Coffee Hour

Your Deacons will be hosting virtual coffee hour via **ZOOM** each Sunday immediately after worship at **11:10am**. The link to join is included in your email and is the same each week. Please refill your coffee and join us!

Prayer Requests

“Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.” Matthew 11:28

We want to join you in prayer for specific needs or people. Please submit your prayer requests to the pastor by calling the church or email to Pastor Nick at: pastor@victorpres.org.

Pictures

Would you be willing to share pictures of your family to be used on our website and/or be shared on the slideshow during Sunday worship? Please send pictures in to Courtney in the office at office@victorpres.org.



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Rev. Nick Dorland: Interim Pastor
Ayn Patrowicz: Organist

Thank you to these members who are helping with worship today-
Alfred Appiah: Guest Liturgist
Isabelle Bright: Special Music
Arlene Abreu: Hymn Leader
Karen Tripp & Kelly Fisher: Deacon Greeters

Calendar of Upcoming

Events

Sunday, May 2nd

- 10 am Sunday Worship *Communion served (in-person & YouTube Live) w/Sunday School
- 11:10 am Coffee hour, hosted by Deacons– ZOOM
- 11:15 am Mom’s Group Bible Study (Activity room)
- 7 pm Sunday Night AA Group

Monday, May 3rd

- 7 pm Christian Ed. Series, Topic: Holiness—ZOOM

Sunday, May 9th

- 10 am Sunday Worship (in-person & YouTube Live) w/Sunday School
- 11:10 am Coffee hour, hosted by Deacons– ZOOM
- 11:15 am Mom’s Group Bible Study (Activity room)
- 7 pm Sunday Night AA Group



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