

**SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD**

*Sixth Sunday of Easter*

**May 9, 2021 11:00 AM**

CHIMING of the HOLY TRINITY

PRELUDE "Trumpet Tune on CWN RHONDDA" setting Michael Helman

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS and Mother's Day Prayer

INTROIT "I Come With Joy" American Folk Hymn

CALL to WORSHIP

Liturgist: Lord, we give you thanks with our whole heart;

**People: We give thanks to your name for your steadfast love.**

Liturgist: The Lord will fulfill his purpose for his people.

**People: God's steadfast love endures forever! Let us worship God!**

HYMN *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

Come, Thou Fount of every blessing, Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;

Streams of mercy, never ceasing. Call for songs of loudest praise.

Teach me some melodious sonnet, Sung by flaming tongues above;

Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, Mount of God's unchanging love!

Here I raise my Ebenezer, Hither by Thy help I've come; And I hope, by Thy good pleasure,

Safely to arrive at home. Jesus sought me when a stranger, Wandering from the fold of God;

He, to rescue me from danger, Interposed His precious blood.

O, to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!

Let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to Thee:

Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, Prone to leave the God I love;

Here's my heart, O take and seal it, Seal it for thy courts above!

CALL to CONFESSION

PRAYER of CONFESSION (Unison)

**Loving God, we confess that we are an anxious people who deny your blessing and fail to keep your word. We confess that we have followed the idols of this world, and we have not loved you with our whole heart. Forgive us, we pray, for these and all our sins. Help us to live in peace and reflect your love in our families, church, and world.**

**We pray in the name of Jesus.** *(continue in silent prayer)*

ASSURANCE of PARDON

Liturgist: Hear the good news of the gospel:

**People: Even though we stray from God like lost sheep, God restores and forgives us.**

Liturgist: Even though we fail to follow him as he commands, he loves us still.

**People: Thanks be to God that we are forgiven and made new!**

RESPONSE to GOD'S FORGIVENESS *Glory Be to the Father*

EPISTLE READING First Corinthians 1: 26-31

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God!**

ANTHEM "The Joyful Eastertide" text dates from 1894  
music dates from 1685

GOSPEL READING Mark 10: 13-16

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God!**

SERMON Community of the Broken and Blessed Rev. Edgar McCall

MUSIC SELECTION "Christ Is Alive" based on TRURO, 1789. arr. Wilbur Held

AFFIRMATION of FAITH *The Apostles' Creed*

PRAYERS of THE PEOPLE and THE LORD'S PRAYER

MOMENT for STEWARDSHIP and DEDICATION

HYMN *Though I May Speak*

Though I may speak with bravest fire, and have the gift to all inspire,  
And have not love; my words are vain; as sounding brass, and hopeless gain.

Though I may give all I possess, and striving so my love profess,  
but not be given by love within, the profit soon turns strangely thin.

Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control, our spirits long to be made whole.  
Let inward love guide every deed; by this we worship, and are freed.

CHARGE and BLESSING

POSTLUDE "With High Delight" tune 1566, setting. Kenneth Kosche

**Congregational responses are printed in bold.**



**FAMILIES TO REMEMBER IN PRAYER THIS WEEK**

Kim & Lena Wallace  
 Cheryl Wiggins  
 Bill & Jamie Williams

**PASTORAL NEEDS:** The Session desires to be informed when members and friends of the church are in need of pastoral care and support. During office hours, please call the church at 283-3329, to ensure the elder under whose care the person or family is assigned may be notified.

**Prayer Concerns**

*Unless a prayer request is renewed or the health condition is acute, names will stay on the prayer list for one month.*  
**Please pray for our members:** James & Martha Jo Mahaffey; Sonia Dettweiler; Derek Cercena; Peggy Bell; Locketta Stephenson.

**Friends of the church:** TJ Wilmore; Amaryllis Boger; Robert Stephenson, Jr.; Debbie Sowell; Anne Hinson; Lib Hutchinson; Annie Sue Steele; Mila Byrd Wood; Ron Sowell; Susan Lott; Oscar Shoenfelt.

**CHURCH ACTIVITIES: May 9, 2021 – May 15, 2021**

**Sunday**                      11:00 am              Worship

**BIRTHDAYS:**              14 Evan Muse

**ATTENDANCE:**      Worship -42  
                                  Live Stream Worship -14

**OUR GIVING REPORT**

	<u>05/02/21</u>	<u>Year To Date</u>
Amount Budgeted	\$ 3,941.00	\$ 70,938.00
Amount Received	<u>5,928.33</u>	<u>88,360.32</u>
	<u>\$ 1,987.33</u>	<u>\$ 17,422.32</u>

*Living God's Word, Sharing God's Love*

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH** We are centered in the worship of God and bear witness to the gospel of Jesus Christ our Lord. As Christ’s disciples we strive to build vibrant lives, strong families and a fellowship in which members care for and love one another and together seek the well-being of our city, state and world. By the power of the Holy Spirit we seek to develop a vital preaching and teaching ministry, aimed at drawing men and women to Christ; healing, comforting and nurturing each in the faith; equipping each with the knowledge for service to Christ and effectively obtaining peace in all walks of life.

**MOTHER’S DAY OFFERING.** This special offering supports the ministry of Presbyterian Communities of South Carolina, which serves older adults at six retirement communities in the state. **Thank you for continuing this tradition of caring!**

**NEXT STEPS IN WORSHIP.** Since more of the congregation is vaccinated, the Session has agreed that we may join in singing the hymns, seated and reading the words from the bulletin for now. Also please join in singing the Gloria Patri. Some folks do rely on lip-reading and facial expressions are an important part of communication, the Session has agreed that Edgar will not wear a mask *only when he is preaching the Sermon.* For the rest of the service, Edgar will wear a mask.

**DAY of PENTECOST. Sunday, May 23rd.** On the 50th day after Easter the apostles were praying together, and the Holy Spirit descended on them. Each received the “gift of tongues” – the ability to speak in other foreign languages – and immediately began to preach about Jesus Christ to Jewish people from all over the world who flocked to Jerusalem for the Feast of Shavuot. *Christian Pentecost celebrates the power of the Holy Spirit and marks the birth of the Christian Church.*  
**As a congregation, please wear red on Pentecost Sunday.**

**UNITY OF SPIRIT and COMMITMENT TO GOD’S CHURCH.** Gifts received and pledges made to the Sanctuary Roof Campaign have topped the stated goal of \$73,000. **Hallelujah!** The very generous response is a sign of the health of our congregation and a sign of our unity of Spirit and our commitment to God’s Church. The fast pace of your responses has rendered tracking gifts and pledges on the “Pyramid of Gifts” no longer necessary. Gifts and pledges received in excess of the campaign goal will be on hand to offset any added expenses there may be from unseen damage when the existing roof is removed. Our contractor included in his quote how the cost for that would be calculated if damage below the roof level is discovered. Since that was an unknown eventuality, allowance for this potential expense was not included in the stated campaign goal. Any sums leftover from the campaign will be kept on deposit and available for other capital projects and major maintenance expense which will surely come as our building ages. **Thank you.**

**LIVE-STREAM TEAM.** Two more people are needed to join the team that handles the live-streaming of the service. This is not a commitment for every Sunday, but rather part of a team that will take turns running the system. If you are comfortable with computers, please prayerfully consider volunteering to help.