



Sunset Hills United Presbyterian Church

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10:15 am WORSHIP
August 1, 2021

The 10th Sunday After Pentecost

IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

The long journey of Easter starts at an empty tomb; you have to unpack your own wonder and amazement.

- Rev. Shannon Michael Pater

Therefor let us be grateful for receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, and thus let us offer to God acceptable worship, with wonder and awe.

- Hebrews 12:28

ENTERING GOD'S PRESENCE

Prelude

Announcements: *Please wear your mask if you would like to sing the words to our music today or you may hum along.*

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Prayer of Preparation

*Call to Worship (based on Luke 24)

Liturgist: Harriet Rickard

Leader: Why do you look for the living among the dead?

People: Jesus is risen from the dead! Hallelujah!

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People: Jesus is ascended until he comes again in glory. Hallelujah! Amen!

Hymn: *Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!*

Christ is risen! Shout Hosanna! Celebrate this day of days!

Christ is risen! Hush in wonder: All creation is amazed.

In the desert all-surrounding, See, a spreading tree has grown.
Healing leaves of grace abounding bring a taste of love unknown.

Christ is risen! Raise your spirits from the caverns of despair.
Walk with gladness in the morning. See what love can do and dare.

Drink the wine of resurrection, not a servant, but a friend.
Jesus is our strong companion. Joy and peace shall never end.

Christ is risen! Earth and heaven nevermore shall be the same.
Break the bread of new creation where the world is still in pain.

Tell its grim, demonic chorus: Christ is risen! Get you gone!

God the First and Last is with us, Sing Hosanna, everyone!

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*Call to Confession

Our Lord Jesus Christ committed his spirit into the Creator's hands as an act of love and grace. He did this for us, that we might approach his throne in penitence and in faith, knowing we will find mercy. Let us pray the prayer of confession together.

*Unison Prayer of Confession

Risen Jesus, we confess that we have not been faithful. Mary Magdalene, Joanna, and Mary the mother of James walked with you in your suffering. We become uncomfortable with others suffering and prefer to turn away. The women cared for you when they thought no one was looking. We want recognition for our good deeds. Your female followers told the good news of your resurrection even though no one believed them. We are fearful about sharing our faith with friends. Forgive us, Lord. Have mercy on us this day, and every day. We ask this in your hold name.

(Silent Confession)

*Assurance of Pardon (based on Luke 24)

Leader: Why do you look for the living among the dead? Jesus is risen! He has ascended to your God and my God, interceding on our behalf. In him, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God! Amen!

*Response: *The Gloria*

Now let our voices raise; Alleluia! Amen!
To give to God our praise; Alleluia! Amen!
Mercy and grace abound! In God our lives are found!
Long may our joy resound; Alleluia! Amen!

*The Passing of the Peace, American Sign Language

Speaker: Peace be with you.

Respond: And also with you.

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Gospel Reading Luke 23:44-49, 55-56, 24:1-11:

⁴⁴⁻⁴⁶ By now it was noon. The whole earth became dark, the darkness lasting three hours—a total blackout. The Temple curtain split right down the middle. Jesus called loudly, “Father, I place my life in your hands!” Then he breathed his last.

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⁴⁷ When the captain there saw what happened, he honored God: “This man was innocent! A good man, and innocent!”

⁴⁸⁻⁴⁹ All who had come around as spectators to watch the show, when they saw what actually happened, were overcome with grief and headed home. Those who knew Jesus well, along with the women who had followed him from Galilee, stood at a respectful distance and kept vigil.

⁵⁵⁻⁵⁶ The women who had been companions of Jesus from Galilee followed along. They saw the tomb where Jesus’ body was placed. Then they went back to prepare burial spices and perfumes. They rested quietly on the Sabbath, as commanded.

¹⁻³ At the crack of dawn on Sunday, the women came to the tomb carrying the burial spices they had prepared. They found the entrance stone rolled back from the tomb, so they walked in. But once inside, they couldn’t find the body of the Master Jesus.

⁴⁻⁸ They were puzzled, wondering what to make of this. Then, out of nowhere it seemed, two men, light cascading over them, stood there. The women were awestruck and bowed down in worship. The men said, “Why are you looking for the Living One in a cemetery? He is not here, but raised up. Remember how he told you when you were still back in Galilee that he had to be handed over to sinners, be killed on a cross, and in three days rise up?” Then they remembered Jesus’ words.

⁹⁻¹¹ They left the tomb and broke the news of all this to the Eleven and the rest. Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them kept telling these things to the apostles, but the apostles didn’t believe a word of it, thought they were making it all up.

Leader: The Word of the Lord!

Children’s Message

Sermon: *Unpack Your Wonder*

Rev. Laura Strauss

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Affirmation of Faith: A Brief Statement of Faith, 10.2

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching the 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. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

Joys, Concerns, & Testimonies

Presenting Gifts, Tithes and Offerings

*Prayer of Dedication

*Response: *Doxology*

**Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Anthem: *Come, Dine With Me* (SHUP Chancel Choir) P. Baertschi & R.E. Schram

Dine with Me, My lovely child, I've prepared for you a place,
Through the bread and the wine, refresh yourself in grace.
Find in Me the Bread of Life, to sustain and nourish you.
Take the cup of redemption, and live anew.

Come, you weary and worn, I have broken the bread.
Come, join Me at the table. Open up your heart, and be fed.
Come, the feast awaits. I have poured the wine.
Come and dine with Me. Come, dine with Me.

Dine with Me, and rest awhile. Come and lay your burden down.
Through the bread and the wine, true peace can be found.
Find in Me the Bread of Life, to renew and calm your soul.
Take the cup of redemption, and be made whole.

Come, you weary and worn, I have broken the bread.
Come, join Me at the table. Open up your heart, and be fed.
Come, the feast awaits. I have poured the wine.
Come and dine with Me. Come, dine with Me.

Find in Me the Bread of Life. Never hunger again.
Take the cup of redemption. Come, dine with Me.

Sacrament of Holy Communion

The Invitation

The Great Thanksgiving

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Pastoral Prayer

People: **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,**

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.

The Lord's Prayer

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.

The Words of Institution

The Sharing of the Bread

The Sharing of the Cup

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

DEPARTING TO SERVE

Hymn: *Christ Is Alive!*

Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.
The cross stands empty to the sky.
Let streets and homes with praises ring.
Love, drowned in death, shall never die.

In every insult, rift, and war,
where color, scorn, or wealth divide,
Christ suffers still, yet loves the more,
And lives, where even hope has died.

Christ is alive, and comes to bring
Good news to this and every age,
Till earth and sky and ocean ring
With joy, with justice, love, and praise.

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*Benediction

*Response

*Postlude

**If you are able to do so, please stand.*

Happy Birthday to Jeannine Stimmel (3rd), Cal Wilson (3rd), Alice Bonim (4th), Bill Oknefski (4th), Joanne Enterline (6th) & Kim Stuart (6th)!

Happy Anniversary to Rev. Dr. Bill & Shelby Gracey (4th) & John & Carole McCullough (5th)!

The Flower Delivery will be made by Dottie Fleming and Christa Tang.

Our Greeters today were Dottie Fleming and Christa Tang.

Deacon Food Drive Donations for August: Cereal

Hospital visits by Pastor Laura can be scheduled through the church office. If you or someone you know is having surgery or is in the hospital, please let us know so that Pastor Laura can be there to visit and pray with you and your loved ones.

PRAYER LIST

Prayer Circle - The Weidensall family; Bill, Jessica, Ava & Lily and Maralee & Maya Williams
August -

July - the family of Theresa Mingo, the family of Mike LeJeune

Ongoing - Nancy Brumfield, Eneless Frank, Mya Kelly, Joanna, Becca, our Mission Co-Workers: Rev. Mark Adams & Miriam Maldonado Escobar and their children; Cindy Anna Flor & Nathan who serve at the U.S.-Mexico Border, our sister church, Litchenza CCAP in Malawi, Africa, Pabatso Makhalanyane, Healthcare and all Essential Workers

Year of the Bible Readings

Aug 1st - Job 29, 30/Luke 23

Aug 5th - Job 37, 38/Psalm 88

Aug 2nd - Job 31, 32/Psalms 86, 87

Aug 6th - Job 39, 40/Philippians 2

Aug 3rd - Job 33, 34/Luke 24

Aug 7th - Job 41, 42/Philippians 3

Aug 4th - Job 35, 36/Philippians 1

Aug 8th - Proverbs 1, 2/Philippians 4



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CHURCH CALENDAR

Sun. Aug. 1 - Communion Sunday

8:30 am Adult Sunday School - Zoom
10:15 am Worship - Sanctuary
Young Adults leave for Mission Trip
11:15 am Mission Meeting - Findley Hall

Wed. Aug. 4

4:30 pm Kid's Club - Findley Hall

Sun. Aug. 8

8:30 am Adult Sunday School - Zoom
10:15 am Worship - Sanctuary

Tues. Aug. 3

7:00 pm Men's Bible Study - Findley Hall

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ❖ **Young Adult Mission Trip:** The young adults leave today for their mission trip to Wilmington, NC to work with Habitat for Humanity. Please keep them in your prayers.
- ❖ **Children's Church Volunteers needed:** Children's Church will start up again on Sunday, September 19th. Adult leaders are needed to provide for this ministry. State laws mandate that *two-adults* must be in the room at all times, one teacher and one assistant. Please prayerfully consider volunteering and contact Jill Fako at (412)480-6553 or fakofamily@comcast.net to sign up. *The choir anthem will be moved prior to dismissing the children this year so choir members are free to volunteer as well.*

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