

THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

SUNDAY, MAY 17, 2020

SAINT GILES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



We have two podcasts. The extended podcast begins here and continues through most of the worship service, to the Charge and Benediction. The shorter podcast is of the full Proclamation.

Extended Podcast: <https://www.buzzsprout.com/102332/3774203>

WORDS OF WELCOME & RESPONSIVE GREETING

One: Christ is Risen!

All: **He is Risen indeed!**

GATHERING SONG # 240 *Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks*
(Refrain, v 2 &4)

TUNE: ALLELUIA NO. 1

Refrain:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Give thanks to the risen Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Give praise to his name

Verse 2:

Spread the good news o'er all the earth:

Jesus has died and has risen. (Refrain)

Verse 4:

Come let us praise the living God,

joyfully sing to our Savior. (Refrain)

TIME FOR PERSONAL PRAYER AND MEDITATION

Take a deep breath.

Take a few deep breaths.

Think back over your week.

What emotions have you experienced?

PRELUDE

O God Our Help in Ages Past

Gordon Young

CALL TO WORSHIP* AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

*Psalm 122:1

One: I was glad when they said,

All: **“Let us go to the house of the Lord.”**

One: I was sad when they said,

All: **“Due to COVID, the church property is closed.”**

One: And yet we continue to gather -

All: **with a range of emotions.**

One: Let us pray -

**All: Holy One, Spark of Creation,
you form us as we are -
with the capacity to experience
joy and sadness,
fear and anger,
distress and ease.**

**Holy One, Source of Wisdom,
thank you for this capacity
and for the Psalms that
speak the fullness of emotion, and
affirm we are not alone,
in Christ and through the Spirit. Amen.**

PASSING THE PEACE

One: May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Draw us close, O God, as we hear your Word.

Settle our minds and lift our spirits,
that we may receive the gifts you offer
in Christ and through the Spirit. Amen.

PROCLAMATION

Podcast Link: <https://www.buzzsprout.com/102332/3774155>

PSALM Psalm 10:1 & 22:1-2
SONGS OF LAMENT

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

TUNE: PRECIOUS LORD

Hard Times Come Again No More
Dave Smith, tenor

Stephen Collins Foster (1826-1864)

PSALM Psalm 13
SONG OF LAMENT AND FAITH

#821 ***My Life Flows On***

TUNE: HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING

***My life flows on in endless song,
above earth's lamentation.
I hear the clear, though far-off hymn
that hails a new creation.***

Refrain:

***No storm can shake my inmost calm
while to that Rock I'm clinging.
Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth,
how can I keep from singing?***

***Through all the tumult and the strife,
I hear that music ringing.
It finds an echo in my soul.
How can I keep from singing? [Refrain]***

***The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart,
a fountain ever springing!
All things are mine since I am his!
How can I keep from singing? [Refrain]***

PSALM Psalm 86: 5-15
SONGS OF FAITH & PROMISE

#59 ***The Steadfast Love of the Lord Never Ceases***

***The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases;
God's mercies never come to an end.
They are new every morning, new every morning;
great is your faithfulness, O Lord,
great is your faithfulness.***

#838 ***Standing on the Promises*** (v 1, 2 & 4)

TUNE: PROMISES

***Standing on the promises of Christ my king,
through eternal ages let his praises ring;
glory in the highest, I will shout and sing,
standing on the promises of God.***

Refrain:

***Standing, standing,
standing on the promises of God my Savior;
standing, standing,
I'm standing on the promises of God.***

***Standing on the promises that cannot fail,
when the howling storms of doubt and fear assail,
by the living Word of God I shall prevail,
standing on the promises of God.*** [Refrain]

***Standing on the promises I cannot fall,
listening every moment to the Spirit's call,
resting in my Savior is my all in all,
standing on the promises of God.*** [Refrain]

One: This is the Word of the Lord:

All: Thanks be to God.

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

One: Christ is Risen!

All: He is Risen Indeed!

Let us pray...

Holy One, Spark of Creation,
in the quiet of these moments,
hear us as we name the emotions of our week...

....Even in the rollercoaster of this world
and these emotions, O God,
we give thanks that you created us
exactly as we are - feeling whatever we feel -
and knowing you love us:
no matter where, no matter when, no matter what.

Especially in the rollercoaster of this world
and these emotions, O God,
we give thanks for the Psalms -
for the way they capture the breadth of human experience
validating our emotion and proclaiming your constancy.

Draw us close, O God, in the fullness of this time;
Receive us as we are.
Feed us with solace.
Soothe us with balm.
Grant us what we need for today, and
reassure us of your constant presence in every tomorrow.

And hear us as we pray together....

**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.**

OFFERING

SONG #687

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past (v 1, 3-4 & 6)

TUNE: ST. ANNE

***Our God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home.***

***Before the hills in order stood, or earth received its frame,
from everlasting thou art God, to endless years the same.***

***A thousand ages in thy sight are like an evening gone,
short as the watch that ends the night before the rising sun.***

***Our God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
be thou our guard while life shall last, and our eternal home.***

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

In the fullness of this week,
may you know God's solace,
may you sense God's balm, and
may you recognize God's presence.

And may the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you,
and all those you love, and all those who are convinced they are unlovable.
May we reach out and love. Amen.

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PRAYER REQUESTS

Please Pray for these Members, Relatives and Friends

Pat Lindsay, Rachel Williams, Sandra Richbourg, **Charolette Brown**, Libby Morton, Dan Grassi, Dick Grassi, **Paula Hagler**, Dave Smith, Carol Pope, Aleta Wheeler, Marie Minani, Inez Ruchte, Andrew Scharfe, **Peggie Bell, Jeane Nagel, Joe Moody**

- **Sallie Taylor's sister, Janet**
- Jan Morgan's daughter, Anna
- Betty Fetvedt's sister, Peggy
- Marti Ranney's friend Sherrill
- Teresa Johnson's cousin, Kaitlyn
- Charolette Brown's friend, Jaqueline
- Janet Wherry's sons David & Stephen, & her sister Fran
- Rachel & Rodney Williams' daughter, Rene
- Pat & Bob Lindsay's granddaughter Rebecca, niece Stephanie & family, & friend Ann Weber
- Chris Zaineddin's friend Peggy, nieces **Colleen**, & Sourour Dehnadi, **brother Ken**, & friend Paul Hutter & family
- Dave & Rita Hart's friends Max, Terry, neighbor Mary & her family
- Roberta Dibble's friend Margaret Rothman
- Carmen Rosa, along with Tania Valentine & Maurice Kersey
- Friends of Hess & Hart families, Max & Leatha Carey & family, & Allen Lee & Family
- Jo Lourens' father Flip Viviers
- Kimberly & Chad Craven's friend & her family
- Lisa, coworker of Koreen Thomasson, & Lisa's husband Ed
- Sara Monazah's grandmother Zary
- Carol Pope's brother, David
- Kathy & Bob Wolinski's daughter, Amy
- John Lavender's brother Don Allen Lavender, & John & Susie's niece's husband Ben Cooper
- Joe Moody's sister Mary Lynn
- Cindy Hemminger & family following her 5 year old cousin Hazel's diagnosis with Leukemia
- Donald and Nancy Ross' friend Terri McIrvine, and her husband and daughters
- Mary Ellen Jackson's cousin Betty Turner
- Frank Boyd, following a second surgery for a detached retina
- Chris Maxwell's sister Cecile
- Nicole Goolsby's mother Lyn's friend Bob Albert
- **Peg Forster, family, & friends, following the death of Peg's husband John**
- **Wishing warm congratulations and blessings to Elizabeth Norris's son Aaron and his new wife Amanda after their "Covid Elopement"!**

*requests in bold have been recently added or are in need of special prayer.