

THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

SUNDAY, MAY 10, 2020

SAINT GILES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



We have three 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 scripture readings, and the Homily. There is also a podcast of the song “Joy”, which Mona wrote particularly for this Homily.

Extended Podcast: <https://www.buzzsprout.com/102332/3676795>

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

“Find out where joy resides, and give it a voice far beyond singing. For to miss the joy is to miss all.” - Robert Louis Stevenson (1850-1894)

“Joy comes to us in moments - ordinary moments. We risk missing out on joy when we get too busy chasing down the extraordinary.” - Brené Brown (b. 1965)

PRELUDE

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

arranged by Don Hustad

CALL TO WORSHIP

(Psalm 30:4-5 & 103:8)

One: Sing praise to the Lord, you faithful ones!

All: Give thanks to God's holy name!

One: God is slow to anger.

All: God's favor lasts a lifetime.

One: Weeping may linger through the night,
All: **but joy comes with the morning.**

SONG #611

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee
(verses 1 & 2)

TUNE: HYMN TO JOY

***Joyful, joyful, we adore thee,
God of glory, Lord of love!
Hearts unfold like flowers before thee,
opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;
drive the dark of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness,
fill us with the light of day.***

***All thy works with joy surround thee;
earth and heaven reflect thy rays;
stars and angels sing around thee,
center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
flowery meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird and flowing fountain,
call us to rejoice in thee.***

PRAYER OF THE DAY

**God of glory, Lord of love,
open us to the fullness of joy:**

**Joy in creation and in creating,
Joy in song and in singing,
Joy in life and in living.**

**God of glory, Lord of love,
adjust our expectations:**

**Move us from extraordinary to ordinary,
from big picture to this moment,
from forest to trees,**

**that we may not miss
the life-giving gifts you offer,
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

Spirit of the Living God

TUNE: LIVING GOD

***Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.***

Podcast begins here: <https://www.buzzsprout.com/102332/3681253>

PSALM Psalm 30:1-5
EPISTLE 1 Peter 2:2-10

One: This is the Word of the Lord:
All: **Thanks be to God.**

HOMILY

Katherine Kussmaul

SONG *Joy*

Remona Dowell

Podcast: <https://www.buzzsprout.com/102332/3676726>

*Budding Iris from the thawing ground
Beside a blooming dogwood tree*

won't you meet me beneath the dogwood tree

These are the mighty acts of God

*Darkness to light
Day from the night*

*Proclaimed in Exile
Weeping turned to joy*

*Joy won't you meet me beneath the dogwood tree
Sweet joy please meet me beneath the dogwood tree*

*Joy in the days ahead,
weeping will rest her head
In a field where buds the iris
And the dogwood blooms*

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

One: Christ is Risen!

All: **He is Risen Indeed!**

Loving Lord, nourish us.
Satisfy our hunger.
Quench our thirst.
Fill our bodies and our spirits
with all that we need
to love you,
to love ourselves, and
to love our neighbors.

Loving Lord, build us.
Increase our faith.
Firm up our footing.
Reinforce our foundation.
Enrich our discipleship
that we may be the people you call us to be -
the people you long for us to be -
to bring forth your kingdom in this place.

God of glory,
open us to the fullness of joy
today and throughout this season:
in creation and in creating,
in song and in singing,
in life and in living.

God of glory,
nudge us to encounter
beauty in the routine,
amazement in the mundane,
peace in unsettling times,
hope for all the nations, and
grace beyond our expectation.

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 #611

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee (v 3)

TUNE: HYMN TO JOY

*Mortals, join the happy chorus
which the morning stars began.
Love divine is reigning o'er us,
joining all in heaven's plan.
Ever singing, march we onward,
victors in the midst of strife.
Joyful music leads us sunward
in the triumph song of life.*

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Identity.
Longing.
Readiness.

And Joy -
joy in ordinary things
that draw us from *whatever this is*
to the dawn of a new day.

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.