



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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May 14, 2017—5th Sunday of Easter

Communion

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

GATHERING

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Gaze into heaven and see the glory of God. Lift up your eyes to behold the risen Christ.

People: God is our rock of refuge, a strong fortress. Christ leads us and guides us every day.

Leader: Indeed, you have tasted the goodness of God. You have known the presence of Christ, God's chosen one.

People: Every day we long for pure spiritual milk. Each day, we are inspired by the living Christ.

Leader: Then let us lay our troubles at Christ's feet. Let us enter the sanctuary God prepares for us.

People: We have come to find the way, the truth, and the life. We are here to ask and to receive and to serve.

All: Let us worship God!

*HYMN *"I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art"* No. 624

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We confess that sometimes we have covered our ears so we cannot hear your word of judgment, holy God. We seek to isolate ourselves from a world in pain. We become enemies and persecutors of Christ, who identified with the poor, needy, and oppressed people. We reject the One you sent as the way, the truth, and the life. We do not pray, as Jesus prayed, trusting that you hear and respond. O God, deliver us from ourselves. Amen.

(The prayer continues in a time of silent, personal confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Let not your hearts be troubled. Whoever believes in God will not be put to shame. If you truly believe, you will show care for others. When you care, you will join in doing the things Jesus did to help all the people God loves. You are chosen to proclaim the mighty acts of One who called you out of the shadows into God's marvelous light. Friends, believe the good news...

People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.

*GLORIA PATRI No. 581

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

(Please share a sign of peace with others.)

*Those who are able, please stand.

ANTHEM

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

John 14:1-14

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Rev. John Pruitt

SENDING

*HYMN

"To God Be the Glory"

No. 634

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

"The Apostles' Creed"

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*DOXOLOGY

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

The Words of Invitation

The Prayer of Thanksgiving - 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 God's Gifts

The Communion Prayer

*HYMN *"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"* No. 65

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*Those who are able, please stand.

GOOD MORNING! We welcome each of you to this service of worship and we are glad you are here. We invite you to fill out the Welcome card found in the pew rack and place the card in the offering plate, so we can welcome you further and start to get to know you better.

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

Today (5/14)	9:00a Café Faith 9:30a Sunday School 10:30a Worship Service— <i>Communion</i>
Mon (5/15)	9:00a Bulletin Information Due 6:30p Sweet Adelines
Tue (5/16)	1:00p Decorative Painting Ministry 5:00p Wt. Watchers
Wed (5/17)	9:00a Wt. Watchers 9:30a Men's Bible Study 7:30p Adult Choir Rehearsal
Thu (5/18)	5:30p The Next 56 Days
Fri (5/19)	No Scheduled Church Activities
Sat (5/20)	8:30a Women's Bible Study
Sun (5/21)	9:00a Café Faith 9:30a Sunday School 10:30a Worship Service 2:30p Personnel Committee Meeting



Vacation Bible School: This year's theme is "Hero Central." VBS will begin on Monday, June 12 and end on Thursday, June 15. Check-in and dinner will begin at 5:30p and the program will end each day at 8:00p. To register, please see Amy Evans.

Cookout: Father's Day is June 18. To celebrate, we will hold our annual Father's Day cookout at 11:30p, immediately following worship service. For more information, please contact Amy Evans.

Rent-A-Youth: Don't Forget! If you need any yard work done, household repairs, odds & ends work, please contact Amy Evans and **rent our youth to do the work!**

Financial Update can be found on the bulletin board.

Serving Today (May 14—Communion)

Greeters: Joy Lynn Budkey, Jim Ingram
 Ushers: Dale Watts, Millie Vernon
 Lay Reader: Rusty Sudderth
 Element Prep: Bernie Krecklow, Kay Sudderth
 Assisting Elders: Bob & Donna Myers, Jean Nitkin, Priscilla Henderson, Rich Tincher

Serving Next Sunday (May 21)

Greeters: Kae Mattingly, Rusty Sudderth
 Ushers: Dale Watts, Millie Vernon
 Lay Reader: Tom Parker



Please fill out prayer request cards.
 This will ensure that your request is added to the prayer list and that names are spelled correctly.
 Thank you for your assistance!

