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Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 10, 2020

Order of Worship

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE *Leaning On The Everlasting Arms* Wilber Held

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

✦CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 31

One: You, O God, are my rock and my fortress.

All: You lead me and guide me.

One: Into your hand I commit my spirit; you have redeemed me, O Lord,
Faithful God.

**All: Let your face shine upon your servant; save me in your steadfast
love.**

All: Let us worship the living God!

✦HYMN 15 (stanzas 1-4, 6) LASST UNS ERFREUEN
All Creatures of Our God and King

✦CALL TO CONFESSION

✦PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Our Comforter and Ever Present God, You call us to live and proclaim
your mighty acts; we stumble. You teach us how to obey your living
word; we stumble. You dwell with us inviting us in to trust in your
way; we stumble. You remind us over and over again Jesus is the
way; we stumble. You promise us hope through your presence with
us; we stumble. Forgive us, O God, when we forget you abide with us.
Lord in your mercy; hear our prayers. Amen.**

✦GLORIA PATRI Hymn 581

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it
was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.
Amen. Amen.**

✦ ASSURANCE OF PARDON

PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

THE WORD WITH THE CHILDREN

ANTHEM

You will Never Walk Alone

Janet Carmichael

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

1 Peter 2:2-10

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John 14:1-17, 25-31

SERMON

Pinky Promise

Rev. Neeley Rentz Lane

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

✦ HYMN 177

I Will Come to You

YOU ARE MINE

✦ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,

**who was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin
Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died,
and was buried; he descended to hell.**

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended to heaven

and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.

From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic church,

the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting. Amen.

RESPONSIVE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

AND 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.**

OFFERING OF SUBSTANCE AND LIFE

✦ DOXOLOGY (Hymn 606)

OLD HUNDREDTH

***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.***

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

You are the Way, the Truth, and the Life. May our offerings be a catalyst of comfort for your beloved children. May your way, your truth, your life be made known in our world by the presence of the Holy Spirit. Holy God, we pray our gifts will be woven into your artwork of creation. Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, use our offerings this day to lift up your promise to abide with all your people. Amen.

***BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD
INTO THE WORLD***

✦HYMN 625

O Lord My God

HOW GREAT THOU ART

✦CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine!

Sandra W. Jarrell

Thank you for worshiping with us today.

Announcements and prayer concerns are on the following pages.

Presbyterian Homes Mother's Day Offering

It is an FPC tradition to contribute to the ***Caring Hands Fund*** on Mother's Day, which benefits our most vulnerable residents. Money is used largely to bridge the \$3 million gap between Medicaid reimbursement and the actual cost of the high-quality care we provide for our health services residents. Almost 85 percent of our charitable expenditures are used to cover this cost. *Caring Hands* donations also allow in-home services to help residents in independent apartment homes maintain their independence.

More than 200 Presbyterian churches along with hundreds of individual donors statewide participate in the annual *Caring Hands Offering*, which benefits the *Caring Hands Fund*. One of life's great blessings is the opportunity to honor those who touched our lives by giving back to God's senior adults. Your support enables Presbyterian Homes to provide exceptional care for our aging residents. We can provide materials to help every church make the *Caring Hands* offering a success.

You may submit your offering through our on-line giving below or send a check to the church. Choose the "Mothers Day" fund for on-line or put that in your check's memo space.

You are invited to "Text to Give" your offering:

Text to: 73256

Enter FPCCOV as your message, click to send

See below for details of ways to give.

We thank you for your continued support of First Presbyterian Church of Covington!

Giving by Text: Send to: **73256** Text message should say **FPCCOV** (then press send) to give using your text messaging. If you made a pledge for 2020, choose "2020 Pledge" as the fund. Then the system will walk you through entering your bank or credit card information. If you did not make a pledge you can choose another fund such as "Non-pledge"; or "Mother's Day", etc. There is a drop-down menu you can scroll through to choose a fund.

Other ways to give:

You may continue to give by mailing checks to the church, dropping your offering in our mailbox (open the box and drop it in, then close the box, or by giving on-line.

To use Realm visit <https://tinyurl.com/fpcgiving>

1. Log-in with your email and password
2. When your page opens click on "Giving" on the left-side menu
3. At the top click on +giving tab
4. Fill out form with amount and fund (you can change it to any fund by clicking on the menu arrow)
5. If you pledge you need it to say "2020 pledge"; or "non-pledge" or choose another fund (i.e. flowers or food pantry)
6. Click continue when you've filled out that page;
7. On the next page you can choose a credit card or bank; continue to put in account information (you can set up an auto pay for weekly or monthly)

After you complete that the program leads you into clicking through the process and then "finish"

Call the church office if you need help. If you've never set up a Realm account (or forgotten your password), Peni can send you a link to do that. Be sure after you've entered your log-in information to save the page to your favorites so you can click on it to go back to the site when you want to access it again.

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

- ◆ Clark Knuth-awaiting tests (grandfather of Krista Firkus)
- ◆ Karen Lein Kaasa-hospice (sister-in-law of Julie MacKenzie)
- ◆ Gene Bates-hospital for tests (father of Kevin Bates)
- ◆ Bob Lange-heart procedure 4/27 (member of Ambassador Choir)
- ◆ Gena McLendon-chemotherapy (friend of Doug & Sherri Bolton)
- ◆ Sharon Walton-cancer surgery (friend of Patti Lanford)
- ◆ Lee Scarborough - grandson of Wayne & Eleanor Scarborough, nephew of Stephanie Scarborough is a medic in the Army Reserves called for duty.
- ◆ Karen Moss-breast cancer
- ◆ Warren Liem-home, recovering from broken hip with home rehab
- ◆ Tricia Hinton-recovering at home
- ◆ Natalie Phillips-for thyroid cancer
- ◆ Carter Mackenzie-neck injury (son of Julie & Jeff Mackenzie)
- ◆ Richard Juliano-surgery (friend of Jeff Mackenzie)
- ◆ Miles Bryant-family concerns (son of John and Nancy Bryant, friend of the Liems)
- ◆ Roger Tingler-hip surgery
- ◆ Tom Bass-cancer treatment & dialysis (friend of Beth & Danny Vining)
- ◆ Brenda Howell-breast cancer treatment
- ◆ Anderson Krieger-return of leukemia
- ◆ Denny Dobbs-knee surgery
- ◆ Noah Hicks-recovering from knee surgery
- ◆ Wilford Reed-daughter was in car accident; his brother has age-related issues (friend of Jeff MacKenzie)
- ◆ Denise Vining-recovering from kidney transplant (she is Danny & Beth Vining's niece)
- ◆ Bob Darby-kidney problems (friend of Jeff MacKenzie)

- ◆ Joyce Williams-Alzheimer's (sister of Danny Vining)
- ◆ Peter Milner-cancer (nephew of Day & Larry Kennon)
- ◆ Larri Harris-melanoma treatment (friend of Susan Boteler)
- ◆ Angela Gregory-cancer treatment, in Scotland (sister of Dave Gregory)
- ◆ Robby Ashworth-treatment for brain tumor
- ◆ Matt Cooper-CPD officer at home but still recovering
- ◆ Brandon Massey-blood cancer (grandson of Chuck and Sherry Brasher)
- ◆ Carol Baynes-cancer (friend of Phyllis Yoder)
- ◆ Robin McKeown-cancer (friend of Phyllis Yoder)
- ◆ Sophia Hawley-cystic fibrosis

Independent and Assisted Living

- ◆ Penny Blakeney-home
- ◆ Julia Brubaker-Benton House
- ◆ Jean Elder-The Oaks (currently in Florida with daughter)
- ◆ Patti Borders-Merryvale
- ◆ Dot Fincher-Merryvale
- ◆ Guy McGiboney-Merryvale
- ◆ Betty Robinson-Merryvale
- ◆ Louise White-Merryvale
- ◆ Roger Wallace-Merryvale
- ◆ Jerry McGaffney-Merryvale

Prayer Updates

◆ The family of David Gregory following the death of David's uncle, Stanley McCart, after a long battle with cancer.

Praise!

- ◆ For the youth and their faithful and creative worship on May 9.
- ◆ Janet Carmichael was installed as a member of the Presbytery wide leadership team of Presbyterian Women.
- ◆ The countless hours of FPC members serving at the FUMC food pantry.
- ◆ Nathan Alley - returned home following his work in New Jersey with FEMA (husband of ELC Director, Darlene Alley).

Worship Notes

- ◆ Recordings of Sunday sermons can be accessed on the church website: www.fpccov.org.
- ◆ Music and hymns printed in our bulletins are covered by licenses authorizing their use. Licenses are from: CCLI #11379886 and One License # A-728738.

Thanks to those serving us today

We give thanks for those who have volunteered to serve by providing technical assistance with broadcasting the worship service.

Ongoing Activities in the Life of the Church

<i>This Week at FPC</i>	
<p>Sunday, May 10 Easter 5 & Mother's Day 11:00 Worship Service (Live-stream- -link to watch together below) https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84107584942</p>	<p>Sunday, May 17 10:15 Congregational Meeting Via Zoom: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89436230688</p> <p>Sunday, May 17 Easter 6 11:00 Worship Service (live-streamed)</p>

Christian Education Offerings

Offering for Adults: Podcasts and Prayers

All are invited to explore an episode of a new podcast each week from a perspective of faith as we share in dialogue and prayer together! Join on Zoom or find a discussion guide on our website.

For May 10: [TED Radio Hour: Meditations on Loneliness](#)

For May 17: [The Confessional: Nadia Bolz Weber - Episode with Megan Phelps-Roper, Former Member of Westboro Baptist Church](#)

Here's where to join in:

Children: [Sunday School](#) with Dan and Perri

Youth: Sunday at Noon on [Zoom](#)

Adults: Sunday at 9:30am on [Zoom](#)

This is notice of a congregational meeting for the purpose of installing a new member to the session due to the resignation of Del Boyer. The meeting will be held on May 17, 10:15 am via Zoom with the link listed above.

Other Ways to Connect During the Week

Story Time with Kimmy on Facebook Live Wednesdays and Fridays at 1:00pm.

Neeley will offer reflections on Tuesdays at 4:00pm. Videos will be on Facebook and on the website: www.fpccov.org. You're invited to leave your comments on Facebook.

Family Care Shoppers

We recognize many of our members are fearful of going out in public during this time. Therefore, some church members have volunteered to be your personal care shopper. If you are in need of food and/or other household items please contact Neeley and we will get what you need on your doorstep.

If you are willing to join the shoppers in shopping/distribution, please let Neeley know.

Volunteer with the First United Methodist Food Pantry

The Food Pantry at First United Methodist is in need of volunteers. Please see the weekly e-news for specific instructions about who can volunteer.

Interested in Joining the Church?

If you're interested in joining the FPC church family, you are welcome to reach out to Neeley. You can enjoy a virtual coffee together and discuss what it means to become a member.

To set a date:

by email: neeley@fpccov.org;

By phone: 770-786-7321, please leave a message with Peni Kehoe.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STAFF

Neeley Rentz Lane Kimmy Briggs	<i>Senior Pastor</i> <i>Director of Family Ministries</i> Peni Kehoe Krista Firkus	Alice Walker <i>Organist/Ambassador Choir</i> Danielle Schubert Darlene Alley	CAGO, AAGO <i>Nursery</i> <i>Director of the Early Learning Center</i>
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MEMBERS OF SESSION

Class of 2020

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