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<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89436230688>

Sixth Sunday of Easter
May 17, 2020

Order of Worship

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE *Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ* John A. Behnke

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

✦ CALL TO WORSHIP

One: O people, praise our God – the Artist of creation, the Lord of heaven and earth.

All: We worship our Maker with resounding praise!

One: In God we live and move and have our being; it is the Lord who gives us life and breath.

All: God has kept us among the living and not let our feet slip.

One: God formed all people to seek the Lord; indeed, our Creator is never far away.

All: Bless the Lord, who is faithful to us!

✦ HYMN 12 *Immortal, Invisible God Only Wise* ST. DENIO

✦ CALL TO CONFESSION

✦ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

“If you love me, you will keep my commandments,” you said. And in the same breath, you promised an Advocate would come to us. You, Lord, were faithful to your promise. But we – we have broken your law of love. We have hoarded resources, rather than feeding your sheep. We have stoked competition, rather than kneeling at others’ feet. We have kept silent, rather than testifying to our belief. For not showing our love for you by loving one another, forgive us. Help us obey your commandments and keep us ever faithful to your Word by the power of your Spirit, who abides with and among us. 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 *From This Valley*
Adriane Ivey, solo

Joy Williams, John Paul White, & Phil Madeira

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

John 14:15-21

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1 Peter 3:13-22

SERMON

Always Be Ready

Rev. Kimmy Briggs

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

✦ HYMN 515

I Come with Joy

DOVE OF PEACE

✦ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

From the Brief Statement of Faith

**We trust in God the Holy Spirit,
everywhere the giver and renewer of life.
The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith,
sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor,
and binds us together with all believers
in the one body of Christ, the Church.
The same Spirit
who inspired the prophets and apostles
rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture,
engages us through the Word proclaimed,
claims us in the waters of baptism,
feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation,
and calls women and men to all ministries of the church.
In a broken and fearful world
the Spirit gives us courage
to pray without ceasing,
to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,
to unmask idolatries in Church and culture,
to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,
and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.
In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,
we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks
and to live holy and joyful lives,
even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth,
praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

O loving God, we give you thanks that you have placed in the hearts of your faithful people the gift of generosity and the desire to keep your commands. Bless these gifts and use them to reveal to all tribes, nations, and peoples your love in Jesus Christ. Amen.

SEALING OF THE WORD

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving and The Lord's Prayer

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise, O Lord our God...as we confidently and boldly pray together, saying:

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.

Words of Institution

Communion

You are invited to join in the Sacrament of Communion. We recognize God is present with us as a Body of Christ this day. God is present with us in our homes. We believe bread and wine are symbols of Christ's presence with us. We believe Communion is a time of remembrance of yesterday, a time of nourishment for today, and at time of celebration for tomorrow. The gifts of God for the people of God. You may partake with a piece of bread and cup of juice. All Thanks be to God!

Prayer after Communion

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

✠ HYMN 737

Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song

LES PETITES SOEURS

✠ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

He Who Will Suffer God to Guide Him

J. S. Bach

Thank you for worshiping with us today. Announcements, prayer concerns and ways to give are on the following pages.

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

- ◆ Betty Harvey (sister of Jack Wheeler)
- ◆ The family of David Gregory following the death of David's uncle Stanley McCart
- ◆ Clark Knuth-cancer treatment (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

Prayer Requests

All prayer requests should be sent to: info@fpccov.org or by clicking the "Prayer" button at the bottom of the Enews prayer list. Please specify if you want the request in the bulletin or for pastors only, or only the confidential prayer circle.

Praises!

For the faithful work of:
Dan Walden, Allie Hay,
Ken Walker, and
Michael Thompson
helping with the technological
elements of worship both near
and far!

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

Worship Notes

- ◆ Recordings of Sunday sermons can be accessed on the church website: www.fpccov.org.
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Thanks to those serving us today

Dan Walden, Allie Hay,
Ken Walker & Michael Thompson.

Ongoing Activities in the Life of the Church

<i>This Week at FPC</i>	
Sunday, May 17 10:15 Congregational Meeting Via Zoom: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89436230688	Sunday, May 24 Easter 7 11:00 Worship Service (live-streamed) https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85829394532
Sunday, May 17 Easter 6 11:00 Worship Service (Live-stream- -link same as above meeting)	

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.

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

For May 24: [Be Still and Go - Wash Your Dishes](#)

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](#)

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.

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	<i>Senior Pastor</i>	Alice Walker	CAGO, AAGO
Kimmy Briggs	<i>Director of Family Ministries</i>	<i>Organist/Ambassador Choir</i>	
Peni Kehoe	<i>Church Administrator</i>	Danielle Schubert	<i>Nursery</i>
Krista Firkus	<i>Music Director</i>	Darlene Alley	<i>Director of the Early Learning Center</i>

MEMBERS OF SESSION

Class of 2020	Class of 2021	Class of 2022
Doug Bolton	Jay Lanners	Aubrey Evans
Stan Hall	Warren Liem	John McCarthy
Cindy Moon	Pam Stillerman	Stephanie Scarborough
Bob Tabb	Donna Weesner	Trista Hooten Wilson
Allie Hay	Cy Wolverton	