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Fourth Sunday of Easter

Youth Sunday

May 3, 2020

Order of Worship

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

✦ CALL TO WORSHIP

Day by day, God leads us:

**to the deep, deep pools of peace,
to the green, lush lawns of grace.**

Day by day, Jesus calls us:

**to pour out ourselves in service,
to anoint the stranger with hope.**

Day by day, the Holy Spirit shows us:

**the community we could be,
the family we are called to become.**

✦ HYMN 401 *Here in This Place* (verses 1 and 4)

✦ CALL TO CONFESSION

✦ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Master, Savior, Shepherd, Messiah—we know you by many names. Your presence fills our lives—all that we are and all that we have comes from you; all that you do declares your love for us. Yet when trouble comes and we feel overwhelmed, we wonder where you are; we even wonder who you are. How quickly we forget that you are always with us. Dispel our gloom and despair. Change our garments of darkness into robes of dazzling light. Spread your table before us and feed us from your hand. Lead us in the paths of righteousness, for it is in your name that we pray. Amen.

✦RESPONSE

SANCTUARY

Hymn 701 *Sanctuary*

Lord prepare me to be a sanctuary; pure and holy, tried and true. With thanksgiving I'll be a living sanctuary for you.

✦ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear the good news! Once we were lost sheep with no idea who we were or where we were going. But no longer! Through Jesus Christ, things have been set right with God. Jesus carried our sins to the Cross so we could be rid of sin, free to live the right way. Jesus' wounds became our healing. Now we are named and kept for good by the Shepherd of our souls.

Thanks be to God! Amen!

PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

THE WORD WITH THE CHILDREN

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

GOSPEL READING

Acts 2:42-47

SERMON

Even the Little Corners

Allie Hay

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

✦HYMN 761 *Called as Partners in Christ's Service* (verses 1 and 4)

✦AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Based on Psalm 23

You, O God, are our Shepherd. You provide everything we need. You let us rest in green meadows and lead us beside quiet streams. You renew our strength and guide us in ways that bring honor to Your name. Even when we walk through difficult valleys, we will not fear, for you never are far away - protecting and comforting, guarding and guiding every step we take. You prepare a feast for us in the presence of our enemies. You welcome us as friends and lavish your blessings on us. We know that your goodness and unfailing love will continue to pursue us all the days of our lives, and that after our lives here are over, we will spend eternity in your presence.

RESPONSIVE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Congregational Response Hymn 472 *Kum Ba Ya* (verse 1)

Kumbaya my Lord, kumbaya. Kumbaya my Lord, kumbaya. Kumbaya my Lord, kumbaya. Oh Lord, kumbaya

We ask it through Christ Jesus, who revealed your will to us and who taught us to pray to you confidently and boldly as one family, 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.

OFFERING OF SUBSTANCE AND LIFE

✦RESPONSE *I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me*

Hymn 700 (verse 1)

I'm gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna live so God can use my anywhere, Lord anytime!

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

God of love, you abide with us; you provide for all our needs and guide us in your ways. Out of gratitude for your care, we bring our gifts before you. Use them for your work of caring, that all may feast at the table of abundance, walk without fear, and drink deeply from the cup of compassion. Amen.

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

✦HYMN 541 *God Be With You Till We Meet Again*

RANDOLPH

✦CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Amazing Grace*

AMAZING GRACE

Thank you for worshiping with us today.

Announcements and prayer concerns are on the following pages.

Worship Leaders

Laurel Ardis	Allie Hay
Gracie Bates	Ada Hicks
Lily Bumgardner	Noah Hicks
Sarah Gregory	Jackson Moss
Sophia Hawley	

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 "Flowers-all", 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

- ◆ Scott - recovering gall bladder surgery (son of Miriam Wheeler)
- ◆ 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)
- ◆ Nathan Alley-deployed with FEMA (husband of ELC Director Darlene Alley)
- ◆ 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
- ◆ Chris Martin-recovering from cataract surgery
- ◆ 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

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.

Praise!

Dot Fincher turns 90 on Wednesday, May 6! All are welcome to send a card to Merryvale to celebrate her birthday. Cards can be sent to: 11980 Hwy. 142 N. #9, Oxford, GA 30054.

Ongoing Activities in the Life of the Church

This Week at FPC

Sunday, May 3 Easter 4

11:00 Worship Service
(prerecorded-link to watch together below)
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/96770243346>

Sunday, May 10 Easter 5 and Mothers' Day

11:00 Worship Service (live streamed)

Looking Ahead:

10:15am Sunday, May 17
Congregational Meeting via Zoom
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89436230688>

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 3: [The Happiness Lab with Dr. Laurie Santos](#)

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

Here's where to join in:

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

Youth: Sunday at Noon on [Zoom](#) (for May 3)

Adults: Sunday at 10:00am on [Zoom](#) (for May 3)

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

MEMBERS OF SESSION

Class of 2020

Doug Bolton
Stan Hall
Cindy Moon
Bob Tabb
Allie Hay

Class of 2021

Jay Lanners
Warren Liem
Pam Stillerman
Donna Weesner
Cy Wolverton

Class of 2022

Aubrey Evans
John McCarthy
Stephanie Scarborough
Trista Hooten Wilson