

A CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

The Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 16, 2021

9:00 a.m.

*All who are able may stand.

Bold type spoken by the congregation

Self-service assistive listening devices are located on top of the bookcase at the rear of the Sanctuary on the Princess Anne St. side.

GATHERING. . .

***MASKS ARE TO BE WORN THROUGHOUT THE SERVICE.
PLEASE REMAIN SEATED FOR THE HYMNS.***

The Prelude *Air* Gordon Young

The Welcome and Announcements

The Introit *I Want Jesus to Walk With Me*

The Call To Worship (from *Psalm 1*)

Happy are those who take delight in the law of the Lord.
They are like trees planted by streams of water. In all that they do they prosper
For the Lord watches over the way of the righteous.
May God number us with the righteous as we worship the Lord.

The Prayer of Praise

To meditate upon Your law, O God, is to learn of Your love and know of Your righteousness. You are a God of tender mercy, Whose benevolent care protects our children and all creation. We gather to worship You, as creatures of righteousness, made whole by the redeeming love of Jesus the Christ. Open our hearts to sing of Your goodness, our minds to explore Your wisdom, and our lips to give You all praise.

The Hymn 275 *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

*A mighty fortress is our God, A bulwark never failing. Our helper he amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe.
His craft and power are great, and, armed with cruel hate, on earth is not his equal.*

*Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing, were not the right man on our side,
the man of God's own choosing. Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is he, Lord Sabaoth His name,
from age to age the same, and he must with the battle.*

*That word above all earthly powers, no thanks to them, abideth. The Spirit and the gifts are ours
through him who with us sideth. Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also. The body they may kill;
God's truth abideth still. His kingdom is forever.*

*The Prayer of Confession

Nick Medina, liturgist

O Christ Who prayed for us, died for us and lives for us, You taught us that we belong to You, and Your word is our truth. Forgive us, O Lord, when we live as if we belong only to ourselves. Forgive us, O Lord, when we foolishly think that worldly power is the ultimate truth. Forgive us our misplaced allegiances, our cynicism and doubt, our failure to trust in You ... (time for silent confession)... . Speak Your words of peace to us this day, and make our lives a testimony to Your grace. For You are the source of life itself, and only in You can we truly live. Amen.

*The Assurance of Pardon

Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

**For since death came through a human being,
the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being;**

for as all die in Adam,
so all will be made alive in Christ.

Believe the Good News of the Gospel:

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Alleluia! Amen.

The Gloria Patri (spoken)

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: World without end. Amen.**

*The Peace and Greeting

The peace of Christ be with you all. **And also with you!**

(Please stand to greet one another in the name of Christ. For those worshipping at home, please share Christ's peace with someone outside Your home this week.)

TO HEAR THE WORD OF GOD. . .

The Prayer for Illumination

The New Testament Lesson: *Acts 1:15-17,21-26*

The Anthem

Sing a Song of Thanks
Chris Fisher, Mary Ann Casey, Larry Casey

Vivaldi/Hopson

The Epistle Lesson: *1 John 5:9-13*

A Moment With the Children

The Gospel Lesson: *John 17:6-19*

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

The Sermon

Engaged
Allen H. Fisher, Jr.

TO RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD. . .

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.**

The Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

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.**

TO GO FORTH AND SERVE IN GOD'S NAME. . .

*The Hymn 744

Arise, Your Light Is Come!

Arise, your light is come! The Spirit's call obey; show forth the glory of your God, which shines on you today.

Arise, your light is come! Fling wide the prison door; proclaim the captives' liberty, good tidings to the poor.

Arise, your light is come! All you in sorrow born, bind up the broken-hearted ones and comfort those who mourn.

Arise, your light is come! The mountains burst in song! Rise up like eagles on the wing; God's power will make us strong.

*The Charge & Benediction

*The Postlude

Toccata Francais

Gordon Young

**KINDLY REMAIN SEATED DURING THE POSTLUDE. YOU WILL BE DISMISSED
BY OUR SAFETY USHERS FROM THE BACK TO THE FRONT OF THE SANCTUARY.
WE APPRECIATE YOUR COOPERATION AND UNDERSTANDING.**

Announcements for May 12-19



In an era when the character limit of the twitterverse is capped at 280, acronyms abound. So we jump in with this invitation: Please join us for a time of fellowship and visiting at a churchwide "Bring Your Own Picnic" picnic. We plan to meet on the church grounds Saturday, May 22, at 12:30 pm. We invite you to come and reconnect with friends and fellow members you may not have seen for sometime in-person.

In addition to your own meal and drinks, we encourage you to bring lawn chairs or a blanket. Plan now to be part of this MFWHBA (much fun was had by all) event.

We hope to see you here!

Weekly Meetings & Activities

- Wed. (5/12) — Meditation Group, 5:30pm (Zoom)
Contact Marsha Lockett (marshajlockett@gmail.com)
- Thurs. (5/13) — Jubilate Ringers, 6pm (Sanct. Balcony)
Adult Choir, 7:15p.m. (Sanctuary)
- Sun. (5/16) — Worship, 9am (Sanct. & Youtube)
Children's Church School, 10am
Adult Church School Classes - Schedule on page 2
Sacred Dance, 3:30pm (Undercroft)
Session, 7pm (Zoom)
- Mon (5/17) Mission Committee, 7pm (Zoom)
- Tues. (5/18) — Men's Breakfast Group, 7:30am (FH & Zoom)
Contact John Howe (jhowe1969@cox.net)
- Wed. (5/19) — Meditation Group, 5:30pm (Zoom)

Lectionary Readings for Sunday, May 16:

Acts 1:15-17, 21-26; Psalm 1;
1 John 5:9-13; John 17:6-19

Thank for your faithful support of our ongoing ministries.
Please send your checks to the church office or give online through our website www.fredericksburgpc.org.

Church Family News:

Capsule of Concern: Doris Glidden, Doris Gulatsi, Bill Holliseter, Debra Myers, Billie Plank, Irene Repanshek, Larry Repanshek, Mary Szymanski, Pam Werner, Nancy Wilson

Condolences to Brett Betsill and family on the death of his father, Roy Betsill, who died on May 8, 2021.

Birthdays this week May 16-23

- 16. Peg Langdon, Bob Smiley
- 17. Carole Green
- 19. Mary Lynn Bowling, Mike Blashford,
Courtney Nix, Rachel Horne
- 20. Ryan Sweet, Mary MacNemar
- 22. Joyce Nichols, Pat Parkinson
- 23. Charles McDaniel, Tim Sullivan



Youth Fellowship will meet on May 16 will be our year-end meeting. Rising 9th graders and rising 6th graders are welcome and invited to join our combined group for games and fellowship.





Rocky Railroad - Climb aboard for mountains of fun at Rocky Railway! On this faith-filled adventure, kids discover that trusting Jesus pulls them through life's ups and downs. Join us July 12-16, from 9:00 a.m. to noon. Registration has begun, use the link below to sign up both participants and to volunteer. Any questions please contact Robin Joel.

<https://vbspro.events/p/events/7710ec>

Summer registration for Camp Hanover is open!! Studies have shown that outdoor camps help support whole-child health, social emotional learning, academic performance, as well as college & career readiness. Come to camp and 'Bond over s'mores, not screens!' The camp staff is focusing on health, safety, and risk management and is using the American Camp Association Field Guide and guidance from the local health department. The staff is also implementing strategies (testing, cohorting, masking, distancing, etc.) that mitigate the spread of COVID-19. For more information or to register, please use this link: <https://www.camphanover.org>

In the coming months, we will be congratulating and celebrating **those who are graduating from high school and beyond.** Please email the church office (cjforsing@fredericksburgpc.org) with the name of the school from which you or someone you know is graduating. Thank you!



Volunteers Needed for Refugee Feeding Ministry - Since the beginning of the pandemic, our congregation has provided several thousand pounds of food for local refugees and other at-risk individuals in our community. We are looking to expand this ministry, but we need volunteers! If you are interested in helping to sort and/or deliver food to these families, please be in touch with Marsha Lockett (marshajluckett@gmail.com) or Betsy Mathias (bcmathias@aol.com)

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Adult Ministry and Education (Youth participation is welcomed and encouraged)

Faith and Movie Class

Sunday, 10:30 am, led by Marty and Vicky Wilder; Kathy and Eric Rocholl

Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86223901848?pwd=S1MyYVpaK0xtVVZrcHQwSnZ0QUkzdz09>

Discovering the Psalms

Sunday, 12:00 pm, led by Brittany Tamminga

Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89898477424?pwd=RVF5VDVqWVZyYXpVTGIySGNLSndFQT09>