

A CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

The Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 24, 2020

*All who are able may stand.

Bold type spoken by the congregation

GATHERING. . .

The Prelude

The Welcome and Announcements

The Introit

What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine

The Call To Worship

(from *Psalm 68*)

Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth; sing praises to the Lord.

We will listen for God's mighty voice.

Ascribe power to God, Whose majesty is over Israel,
and Whose power is in the skies.

Awesome is God in God's sanctuary.

The God of Israel gives power and strength to God's people.

The Prayer of Adoration

Marjolijn Bijlefeld, liturgist

The Hymn 407

Spirit Divine, Attend Our Prayers

*Spirit divine, attend our prayers, and make this house your home.
descend with all your gracious powers. O come, great Spirit, come!*

*Come as the light. To us reveal our emptiness and woe.
And lead us in those paths of life where all the righteous go.*

*Spirit divine, attend our prayers. Make a lost world your home.
Descend with all your gracious powers. O come, great Spirit, come!*

*The Prayer of Confession

God of all time, of history, of things present, and of things to come, we confess our own abandonment of the mission You have given us. You created human beings for Your glory and pleasure, but we have chosen to live solely for ourselves. You gave us power through Your Spirit and an indefinite timeline for Your return, but we have squandered time and wasted our gifts to fulfill selfish motives. Like the disciples, we look to the sky for Jesus, instead of in the faces of the least of these among us. Forgive us, O God, and make us whole again. Reignite a holy passion within us, that we may fulfill Your charge to be witnesses of Your grace and glory ... (time for silent confession)

*The Assurance of Pardon

Choosing to set aside judgment, God gives us justice;
choosing to let go of punishment, God fills us with peace;
choosing to release anger, God's steadfast love rests upon us.

**Forgiven, redeemed, restored – we will tell everyone, through the lives we lead,
what God has done for us. Thanks be to God. Amen.**

*The Gloria Patri (spoken)

*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.*

*The Peace and Greeting

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

(For those worshipping in the Sanctuary, please be careful to maintain adequate distance as you exchange this ancient greeting with worshippers seated near you. 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 1:1-14

The Psalter Lesson: Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35

The Epistle Lesson: 1 Peter 4:12-14

The Anthem

Give Me Jesus

Mark Patterson, arr.

Aaron Shirk, saxophone; Hannah Fisher, solo

In the morning when I rise, give me Jesus. Give me Jesus, give me Jesus.

You can have all this world, give me Jesus.

And when I feel afraid, give me Jesus. Give me Jesus, give me Jesus

You can have all this world, give me Jesus.

And when the trumpet sounds, give me Jesus. Give me Jesus, give me Jesus.

You can have all this world but give me Jesus

The Gospel Lesson: *John 17:1-11*

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

The Sermon

In the Meantime
Brittany Tamminga

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 the People

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 258

A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing!

*A hymn of glory let us sing! New songs throughout
the world shall ring: Christ, by a road before un-trod, ascends unto the throne of God.*

*To all, the shining angels cry, "Why stand and
Gaze upon the sky? This is the Savior!" Thus they say; "This is his glorious triumph day."*

*O risen Christ, ascended Lord, all praise to
You let earth accord. You are, while endless Ages run, with Father and with Spirit one.*

The Charge & Benediction

The National Hymn 340

This is My Song

*This is my song, O God of all the nations, a song of peace for lands afar and mine.
This is my home, the country where my heart is; here are my hopes, my dreams, my holy shrine;
but other hearts in other lands are beating with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine*

*My country's skies are bluer than the ocean, and sunlight beams on cloverleaf and pine.
But other lands have sunlight too, and clover, And skies are everywhere as blue as mine.
So hear my song, O God of all the nations, a song of peace for their land and for mine.*

*This is my prayer, O Lord of all earth's kingdoms: Thy kingdom come; on earth thy will be done.
Let Christ be lifted up till all shall serve him, and hearts united learn to live as one.
So hear my prayer, O God of all the nations: myself I give thee; let thy will be done.*

Announcements for May 24 -31

Moving forward together

⁷ *Where can I go from your spirit?
Or where can I flee from your presence?*
⁸ *If I ascend to heaven, you are there;
if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there.*
⁹ *If I take the wings of the morning
and settle at the farthest limits of the sea,
¹⁰ even there your hand shall lead me,
and your right hand shall hold me fast. (Psalm 139)*

We are entering a new phase of our worship life that means we are going somewhere we have not been before. As Session emphasized in its message sent on May 19, and posted on our website, new things are ahead. New challenges, new behaviors, understandings and experiences all await us. Yet the ancient affirmation of the Psalmist holds. God will be there. With us and for us!

Let's lean into that affirmation as did an earlier generation of our members who reorganized for worship after a particularly brutal and destructive war. With God all things are possible.

Thanks for your prayerful and generous support of the ministry we share.

Capsule of Concern: Doris Glidden, Donn Langfitt, Billie Plank, David Scott, John Walker, Pam Werner, Don Wilson

Heartfelt Christian love and sympathies are extended to Clark Hower and family on the death of his wife, Kathryn, who died on May 15, 2020.

Braiden Henry Barnes was born on May 18, 2020. Braden's parents are Kyle and Brittany. Mike and Robin Joel are his uncle and aunt; his cousins are Lena Grace, Finian, and Scarlet; his grandmother is Connie Barnes.

Lectionary Readings for Sunday, May 31:

Acts 2:1-21 *or* Numbers 11:24-30; Psalm 104:24-35, 35b;
1 Corinthians 12:3b-13 *or* Acts 2:1-21;
John 20:19-23 *or* John 7:37-39

Birthdays this week May 17-31

24. Andy Cass, John Fartro, Jane Johnson, Becca Mahon
25. Gale Kehoe
26. Allison Brooks, Lindsey Campbell, David Johnson, Jerry Zekert
27. Alex Fino, Grace Fino, Joe LeFebre, Karoline Rheborg
28. David Betz, Lynn Hamb, Charlie McDaniel, Lynne Rawlings, Will Toler
29. Sheila Baker, Mary Szymanski, Jacob Veil
30. Saige Morris, Nancy Nash, William Robertson, Abe Rowe
31. Matt Bohmke, Jim Gaines

New info regarding School Dressing Days from Becky Paul: the original dates (July 31 and August 1) are still on the calendar but could be adjusted depending on how things are going in the state of Virginia. We could modify or add to our plan but this is what we've come up with for right now. We are collecting these items to put in backpacks: soap, deodorant, toothbrushes, toothpaste, shampoo, 1" binders, and athletic socks for boys/girls. You may bring donations to the Education Building Lobby during church hours, Monday-Thursday, 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. and Friday, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. You may place the items in the labeled bin.

Community Dinner Update: Karen Johnson contacted Soup & Taco to prepare meals for Micah guests on Monday, May 18. Many thanks to Trina Parsons and Linda Benn for picking up the meals and delivering them to Micah guests currently staying in motels; and also to all the brownie/cake makers!

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Will you help us recognize High School graduates? We ask that you write signed messages of congratulations and send them to the church office through the month of May. We will distribute them to members of our church who are graduating this spring without the ‘Pomp and Circumstance’ of earlier generations. A word of blessing, congratulation, and encouragement would go a long way to seal this important milestone on their life journey.

Hey High School, Middle School and rising 6th graders! Let’s ALL get together On Sunday, May 24, at 7:30 p.m. for a **Zoom gathering!** We will recognize our graduating Seniors, our rising 9th graders and welcome the rising 6th graders. We will have fellowship time along with some games and a time to wish everyone the best!

We will acknowledge 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 are graduating. Thank you!

Weekly Family Home Church School Activities are on the education page of our website.

Weekly Zoom Meetings

- Men’s Breakfast Group, Tuesday, 7:30 a.m. Contact John Howe (jhowe1969@cox.net) for the Zoom link.
- Meditation Group, Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. Contact Marsha Luckett (luckett@juno.com) for the Zoom link.
- Women’s Bible Study, Thursday, 9:30 a.m. Contact Marsha Luckett (luckett@juno.com) for the Zoom link.

Church School Class Schedule:

If you have any questions OR if you would like to participate but do not own any devices with audio/visual capabilities, please contact Pastor Tamminga (btamming@fredericksburgpc.org.)

Sunday Morning Church School Classes

- 8:30am *Color of Law* Book Study -- <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84247187892>
- 9:45am Faith and Movie Class -- <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84012359434>
- 11:00am Seeking to Understand the Parables -- <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86483611377>

Sunday Afternoon Church School Class

- 4:00pm Women in the Biblical World -- <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81616775810>