

A CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

The Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 9, 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

My Shepherd's Amazing Grace
The Jubilate Ringers

Karissa Dennis

The Welcome and Announcements

The Introit

Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine

The Call To Worship (from *Psalm 98*)

Steve Spratt, liturgist

Sing to our God a new song.
God has done marvelous things!
Make a joyful noise to the Lord!
Break forth into joyous song and sing praises.
Let the sea roar and all that fills it.
Let the world and its people sing together for joy!

The Prayer of Adoration

Let the whole earth praise the Lord! Let the mountains and hills proclaim God's handiwork! Let the seas roar and the waves crash in symphonies of praise! Let all creation sing God's new song of love! Praise be to the One Eternal God Who has created and is creating anew, Who re-creates God's love in us each day! As You make our joy complete in the gift of Your Son, Christ Jesus our Savior, we worship You with hearts, hands, and voices in glad adoration. Alleluia! Amen.

*The Hymn 629

Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee
Jesus the very thought of thee with sweetness fills my breast.
But sweeter far thy face to see, and in thy presence rest
Nor voice can sing, nor heart can frame, nor can the mind recall
a sweeter sound than thy blest name, O Savior of us all.
Jesus, our only joy be thou, as thou our prize wilt be.
Jesus, be thou our glory now, and through eternity.

*The Prayer of Confession

Unwavering God, we keep asking what is it that You most want us to do with our lives in hope You might tell us something easier. Instead, You offer the same answer every time: Love one another as I have loved You. We confess that our love for others is not always what we hope it would be. We are quick to judge and slow to offer grace. We are swift to anger and resistant to make amends. We are prone to suspicion and resistant to build trust. We hear the greatest commandment, and if we are honest, we are filled with hesitation because it means we must change. Forgiving God, in these moments of stillness, hear our struggles with the love You call us to practice ...(time for silent confession)... .

*The Assurance of Pardon

Because God abides in us, we can live for others.
Because God abides in us, we can bear good fruit.
Hear and believe the Good News of the Gospel:
In 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

Startle us, O God, with Your truth and remind us of the privilege and challenge and blessing of being Your church, the body of Christ in the world, in this place. Amen.

The New Testament Lesson: *Acts 10:44-48*

A Moment With the Children

The Anthem

Can't Keep-a That Glory In!
Anne Tarzier, Mary Ann Casey, Tim Tarzier, Larry Casey

Parker/Lantz

The Epistle Lesson: *1 John 5:1-6*

The Gospel Lesson: *John 15:9-17*

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

The Sermon

Love is an Active Verb
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 703

Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me

*Jesus, thy boundless love to me no thought can reach, no tongue declare;
O knit my thankful heart to Thee, and reign without a rival there!
Thine wholly, thine alone, I'd live; myself to Thee entirely give.*

*O grant that nothing in my soul may dwell, but thy pure love alone;
O may Thy love possess me whole, my joy, my treasure, and my crown!
All coldness from my heart remove; may every act, word, thought be love.*

*O Love, how gracious is thy way! All fear before thy presence flies;
care, anguish, sorrow melt away, where'er thy healing beams arise.
O Jesus, nothing may I see, nothing desire, or seek, but thee.*

*The Charge & Benediction

*The Postlude

Trumpet Tune (based on Raison)

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 5-12

Eid al-Fitr

Eid al-Fitr, also called the "Festival of Breaking the Fast," is a religious holiday celebrated by Muslims worldwide that marks the end of the month-long dawn-to-sunset fasting of Ramadan. Eid al-Fitr is a day of great merriment and thanksgiving for Muslims and celebrated by gathering with friends and family, preparing sweet delicacies, wearing new clothes, giving each other gifts and putting up lights and other decorations in their homes. This year, Eid al-Fitr begins the evening of Wednesday, May 12 and ends the evening of Thursday, May 13. A common greeting during this holiday is *Eid Mubarak*, which means, "Have a blessed Eid!"

This year, we are partnering with our friends from Beth Shalom Temple and the City Schools to provide celebratory Eid boxes for our Muslims neighbors in need. Here is a list of suggested items:

Flour, Oil, Sugar, Coffee, Tea, Rice, Noodles, Tomato Sauce, Canned Vegetables, Nuts, Dried Fruit, Cookies, Candy, Chocolate, Seed Packets, Candles, Wreaths, Board Games/Puzzles for Children, etc. ***Please be sure to EXCLUDE any items that contain gelatin.**

Donations can be dropped off in the Education Building Lobby this Friday between 9:00 a.m. and noon, or this Saturday, 9:00-11:00 a.m.



Weekly Meetings & Activities

- Wed. (5/4) — Meditation Group, 5:30pm (Zoom)
Contact Marsha Luckett (marshajluckett@gmail.com)
- Thurs. (5/5) — Women's Bible Study, 9:30am (FH)
Jubilate Ringers, 6pm (Sanct. Balcony)
Adult Choir, 7:15p.m. (Sanctuary)
- Sun. (5/9) — Worship, 9am (Sanct. & Youtube)
Children's Church School, 10am
Adult Church School Classes - Schedule on page 2
Sacred Dance, 3:30pm (Undercroft)
- Mon (5/10) PW Faith Circle, 1pm (Fellowship Hall)
CE Committee, 6pm (Patio)
- Tues. (5/11) — Men's Breakfast Group, 7:30am (FH & Zoom)
Contact John Howe (jhowe1969@cox.net)
Stewardship Committee, 7pm (Zoom)
- Wed. (5/12) — Meditation Group, 5:30pm (Zoom)

PW Faith Circle will meet on Monday, May 10, at 1 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Lectionary Readings for Sunday, May 9:

Acts 10:44-48; Psalm 98;
1 John 5:1-6; John 15:9-17

Church Family News:

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

Our heartfelt **Christian love and sympathies** are extended to the family and friends of Opal Ritchie, who died on May 3, 2021. A memorial service for Opal will be held at Covenant Funeral Home on Monday, May 10, at 1:00 p.m. with visitation at Noon.

Condolences to Sharon Humes and family on the death of her father, Jesse Franklin, who died on April 28, 2021.

Birthdays this week May 9-16

9. Mary Lou Cramer
10. Eva Lewis, Samuel Lewis
11. Mary Kate Herndon, Gordon Nash
13. David Rice, Morgan Veil, Robert Page, Anne Tarzier, Skip Brandon, Kate Cornet, Cole Young
14. Ian Duffy, Rebecca Hamlett, Jamie Loder, Lexie Loder,
15. James Campbell, Mary Wynn McDaniel
16. Peg Langdon, Bob Smiley





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>

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.



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.camhanover.org>

The Adult Choir will begin in-person choir meetings this Thursday, May 6. We will gather outside around the front steps of the sanctuary around 7:15 p.m. to visit and share stories. If you want to bring a lawn chair for extra comfort, please do so! At 7:30 p.m., we will go into the sanctuary on the main floor and spread out around the room. The doors and windows of the sanctuary will be open for ventilation. As we meet inside, plan to be masked up.

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!



Churchwide "BYOP" Picnic - All are invited to join for a time of Fellowship at a churchwide "Bring Your Own Picnic" Picnicing on the church grounds on Saturday, May 22, at 12:30 p.m. Bring a lawn chair or blanket and along with your picnic. We can't wait to see 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 Luckett (marshajluckett@gmail.com) or Betsy Mathias (bcmathias@aol.com)

Shopping at Amazon this holiday season? If you shop at AmazonSmile instead of the regular Amazon site and choose Fredericksburg Presbyterian Church as your charity of choice, a portion (0.5%) of eligible products you purchase will automatically go to our church. AmazonSmile is operated by Amazon with the same products, prices, and shopping features as Amazon.com. To date, the AmazonSmile Foundation has contributed over \$200 million to charitable organizations.

To set up Fredericksburg Presbyterian Church as your charity of choice, **1)** log into Amazon Smile (smile.amazon.com) using your Amazon ID and password. **2)** Below the search box, click

the down arrow to the right of the Supporting box; **3)** in the box below the "Or pick your own charitable organization," line type "Fredericksburg Presbyterian Church;" **4)** click on the "Search" button. **5)** On the next screen, "Select" Fredericksburg Presbyterian Church.

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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 & Lindsey Williams

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