

EASTER

MAY 24, 2020
SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Voluntary

"Adagio" from *Trio Sonata #4 in E-minor*
Simon Templet, guest organist for voluntary

J.S. Bach

Opening

Good morning and welcome to worship at
St. Charles Avenue Presbyterian Church on this Seventh Sunday of Easter
"This is the day the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it."

Call to Worship

(from Psalm 68, responsive)
Let the righteous be joyful;

let them exult before God with jubilant joy.
Sing to God, sing praises to his name;
lift up a song to him who rides upon the clouds.

Emily Fleshman

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray: O God, your Son, Jesus, prayed for his disciples,
and sent them into the world to proclaim the coming of your kingdom.
By your Holy Spirit, hold the church in unity, and keep it faithful to your Word,
so that, breaking bread together, we may be one with Christ
in faith and love and service, now and forever. Amen.

Hymn: Come, You Faithful, Join the Strain

ST. KEVIN

Come, you faithful, raise the strain of triumphant gladness!
God has brought forth Israel into joy from sadness,
Loosed from Pharaoh's bitter yoke Jacob's sons and daughters;
Led them with unmoistened foot through the Red Sea waters.

'Tis the spring of souls today: Christ has burst his prison,
And from three days' sleep in death as a sun has risen.
All the winter of our sins, long and dark, is flying
From the Light, to whom we give laud and praise undying.

Now the queen of seasons, bright with the day of splendor,
With the royal feast of feasts comes its joy to render;
Comes to glad Jerusalem, who with true affection
Welcomes in unwearied strains Jesus' resurrection!

Neither could the gates of death, nor the tomb's dark portal,
Nor the watchers, nor the seal hold you as a mortal:
But today, among your own, you appear, bestowing
Your deep peace, which evermore passes human knowing.

Call to Confession

(from Psalm 31)

We are a people born of water and the Spirit.
We have made promises to be Christ's faithful disciples,
and to show his love to our life's end.
Although we fail to fulfill those baptismal vows, God's faithful love endures forever.
Confident in God's grace, let us confess our sin and the sin of this world.

Confession of Sin

(unison)

**O Lord our God, you call us to proclaim the gospel, but we remain silent in the presence of evil.
You call us to be reconciled to you and one another, but we are content to live in separation.
You call us to seek the good of all, but we fail to resist the powers of oppression.
You call us to fight pretensions and injustice, but we sit idly by,
endangering the lives of people near and far.
Forgive us Lord. Reconcile us to you by the power of your Spirit,
and give us the courage and strength to be reconciled to others,
through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior.**
(Silent confession)

Assurance of Pardon

(from Romans 5:5)

Hear the good news! Hope does not disappoint us, for God's love has been poured
into our hearts through the Holy Spirit given to us in baptism. Believe this good news
and give thanks: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

Prayer for Illumination

Michael Jinkins

Guide us O God, by your Word and Spirit, that in your light we may see light,
in your truth find freedom, and in your will discover your peace,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The First Lesson

Psalm 68:1-10; 32-35

To the choirmaster. A Psalm of David. A Song.

Let God arise, let his enemies be scattered;
let those who hate him flee before him!
As smoke is driven away, so drive them away;
as wax melts before fire, let the wicked perish before God!
But let the righteous be joyful;
let them exult before God;
let them be jubilant with joy!
Sing to God, sing praises to his name;
lift up a song to him who rides upon the clouds;
his name is the LORD, exult before him!
Father of the fatherless and protector of widows is God in his holy habitation.
God gives the desolate a home to dwell in;
he leads out the prisoners to prosperity;
but the rebellious dwell in a parched land.
O God, when thou didst go forth before thy people,

(cont.)

when thou didst march through the wilderness,
 the earth quaked, the heavens poured down rain,
 at the presence of God;
 yon Sinai quaked at the presence of God, the God of Israel.
 Rain in abundance, O God, thou didst shed abroad;
 thou didst restore thy heritage as it languished;
 thy flock found a dwelling in it;
 in thy goodness, O God, thou didst provide for the needy.

Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth;
 sing praises to the Lord,
 to him who rides in the heavens, the ancient heavens;
 lo, he sends forth his voice, his mighty voice.
 Ascribe power to God, whose majesty is over Israel, and his power is in the skies.
 Terrible is God in his sanctuary, the God of Israel,
 he gives power and strength to his people.
 Blessed be God!

Message for the Children

Sarah Edgecombe

Gospel Lesson

John 17:1-11

After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

"I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.

Sermon

Sarah Chancellor-Watson

"He Lives in You"

Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles' Creed (unison)

**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.**

Gloria Patri (unison)

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

Anthem

"Qui tollis" from C-Minor Mass
The Chancel Choir and Orchestra

Mozart

Invitation to Discipleship

(in bulletin only, not included in video)

If you do not yet have a church home, we hope you will consider becoming a member of St. Charles Avenue Presbyterian Church where the life of faith is lived each day in the midst of a loving community, whether together in the flesh or virtually.

We hope that you will continue to support (in prayer, virtual presence and financially) our church's many ministries which continue during this time of pandemic. Perhaps more than ever, your support is needed.

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Doxology

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.

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

(from *The Book of Common Worship*, altered)

Almighty God, who taught us to pray for all people everywhere, hear us as we pray in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ: Comfort and relieve, O Lord, all who are in trouble, distress, sickness, sorrow, financial difficulties, and grief, for those living in anxiety and those dying, for those whose hopes are shaken, and those who feel the weight of the times upon their shoulders. Heal them in body, mind and spirit, working in them by the power of your own Holy Spirit wonders beyond all they may dream. And as we pray, grant us the wisdom of equanimity, to find in this moment and in the midst of a multitude of matters behind our control, your peace which transcends all understanding. Amen.

**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.**

Hymn: "In Christ There Is No East or West"

McKee

In Christ there is no east or west, in him no south or north,
But one great fellowship of love throughout the whole wide earth.

In Christ shall true hearts everywhere their high communion find;
His service is the golden cord close binding humankind.

Join hands, disciples of the faith, whate'er your race may be.
All children of the living God are surely kin to me.

In Christ now meet both east and west; in him meet south and north.
All Christly souls are one in him throughout the whole wide earth.

*Charge and Blessing**Voluntary*

"III. Those Americans" from *Five Dances*
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Hampton

Regarding Our Return

While we are anxious to return to regular worship in our Sanctuary and Chapel,
we do not feel that we can do so at this time
without creating a potentially unhealthy environment.

We will therefore continue to suspend all activities inside our church buildings,
including worship services, until we are confident that
we can do so within a minimal-risk environment.

Our staff has been researching and planning the safest ways by which we can phase
back into on-site worship and ultimately all regular programs.

In the meantime, we encourage you to continue to take advantage
of the online resources we offer:

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