

W CELEBRATION OF ORSHIP

6th Sunday
of Easter
May 9, 2021

Welcome! We are glad you joined us for worship this morning!

We are thrilled to be back together in the sanctuary! Because we want to help keep everyone safe and well through the pandemic, we are taking extra precautions to prevent the spread of illness in our community:

- * We ask that everyone wear face masks throughout the worship service.
- * The pews have been cleaned and disinfected prior to the service and will be cleaned again following the service. For everyone's safety, please only sit in the designated pews.
- * Hymnals and Bibles have been removed from the pews to avoid spreading germs. The hymns and scripture are printed in the worship bulletin.
- * Feel free to sing softly with the hymns as long as your mask covers both your nose and mouth.
- * We will not pass offering plates, but they are available at the exits to receive your offerings. You can also give directly at www.faithpcusa.org/give.
- * At the conclusion of the service, ushers will dismiss the congregation by rows to allow for safe distancing as we exit. Please remain seated in your pews until the usher indicates it is time for your row to exit.
- * Upon exiting the sanctuary, please proceed directly outside before pausing to speak with other congregants.
- * Please refrain from visiting any other parts of the church campus, as only the sanctuary, nursery, and restrooms are currently open.
- * Don't forget to look for the email on Monday to register to attend next week's service!

Can't make it, but don't want to miss the experience? Join us for virtual worship online! You can watch our service on YouTube, find the weekly bulletin online, and listen to the sermon via your favorite podcast platform or from our website (www.faithpcusa.org/sermon-audios).

Nursery is available for children preschool and younger. Trained nursery staff will greet your little ones with open arms! Every member of our childcare team has passed a background check, received CPR/First Aid certification and completed our children and youth protection training course. If you would like your child (preschool and under) to visit the nursery, please ask an usher for directions to the playground or breezeway.

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Welcome

Brad Clayton

Prelude

Adam Ravain

*Call to Worship (*responsive*)

Linda Pitts

Sing praises to our Lord, faithful children of God:

Whose joy rises in our lives each and every day.

Sing praises to our Lord, faithful children of God; give thanks to God's holy name:

God's kingdom is near to us; God's peace resides in our hearts.

*Hymn 14

For the Beauty of the Earth
see hymns at back of bulletin

Call to Confession

Linda Pitts

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, in our wanderings and selfish desires:

We have forsaken fellowship with our families, our friends, and our neighbors; we have neglected our communion with You, choosing worldly pleasures and desires over truth, justice, and righteousness. In a world of plenty, we have hoarded our earthly blessings, rather than storing up our heavenly treasures.

(Silent confession)

God of mercy,

Free us from such bondage, that we may truly reveal the presence of Christ in our lives. Amen.

Kyrie

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Declaration of Forgiveness

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

*Gloria Patri

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, Amen.

Proclamation of the Word

Prayer With Our Young Disciples

Mary Steen

For everyone's safety, children should remain in the pews with their family for the service.

Scripture Lesson

Matthew 12:46-50

Brad Clayton

While he was still speaking to the crowds, his mother and his brothers were standing outside, wanting to speak to him. Someone told him, "Look, your mother and your brothers are standing outside, wanting to speak to you." But to the one who had told him this, Jesus replied, "Who is my mother, and who are my brothers?" And pointing to his disciples, he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers! For whoever does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother and sister and mother."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ!

Sermon

*Trouble the Waters:
Trouble with Family*

Brad Clayton

Response to the Word

Offering

I Want to Be As Close To You

Offerings may be dropped in the offering plates at the exits or made online at faithpcusa.org/give.

Holy Communion

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Brad Clayton

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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Therefore we praise You, joining our voices with angels and archangels and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of Your name:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might! Heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is He who comes in the name, the name of the Lord. Heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna in the highest!

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Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

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Words of Institution

Linda Pitts

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

Linda Pitts

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.

Sending Out Into the World

*Hymn 619

*Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven
see hymns at back of bulletin*

Charge & Benediction

Brad Clayton

Postlude

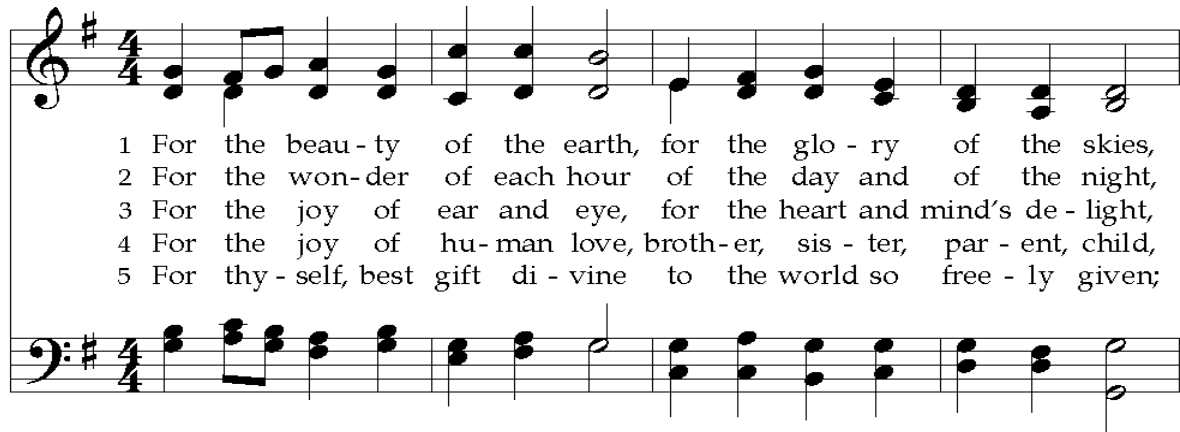
Adam Ravain

At the conclusion of the benediction, please remain seated in your pews until an usher directs your row to exit, allowing space to socially distance. Please take your bulletin with you. There are recycle bins at the exits.

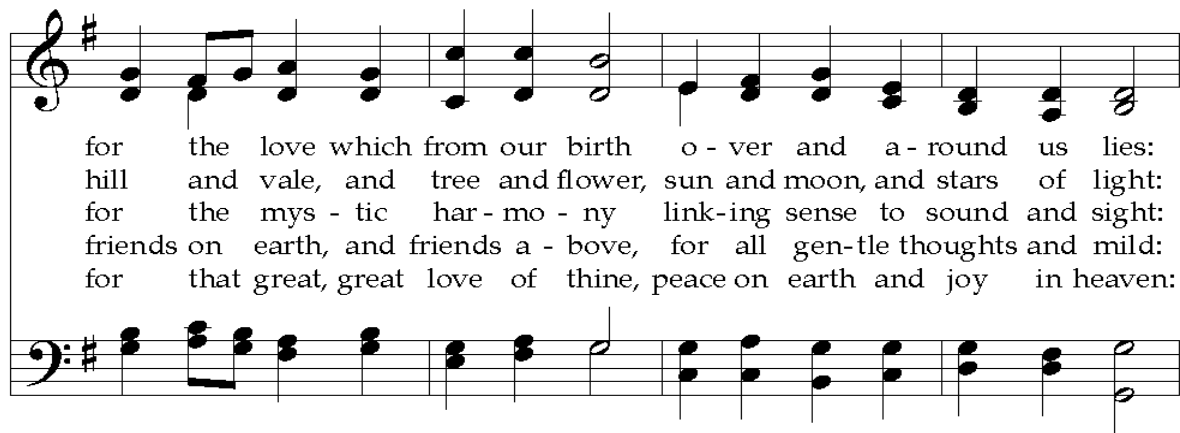
*Live Simply, Love Generously, Serve Faithfully, Speak Truthfully, Pray Daily,
and Leave Everything Else to God*

For the Beauty of the Earth

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1 For the beau - ty of the earth, for the glo - ry of the skies,
 2 For the won - der of each hour of the day and of the night,
 3 For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de - light,
 4 For the joy of hu - man love, broth - er, sis - ter, par - ent, child,
 5 For thy - self, best gift di - vine to the world so free - ly given;



for the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies:
 hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light:
 for the mys - tic har - mo - ny link - ing sense to sound and sight:
 friends on earth, and friends a - bove, for all gen - tle thoughts and mild:
 for that great, great love of thine, peace on earth and joy in heaven:

Refrain


Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grate - ful praise.

In the course of many revisions, the original eucharistic emphasis of this text has shifted to a hymn of thanksgiving for a wide range of human experience, with a Christological summation. It is set here to the tune that is customary in North America, though not elsewhere.

Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven 619

(Psalm 103)



1 Praise, my soul, the God of heav - en; glad of heart your
2 Praise God for the grace and fa - vor shown our fore - bears
3 Like a lov - ing par - ent car - ing, God knows well our
4 An - gels, teach us ad - o - ra - tion; you be - hold God

car - ols raise; ran - somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en,
in dis - tress; God is still the same for - ev - er,
fee - ble frame, glad - ly all our bur - dens bear - ing,
face to face. Sun and moon and all cre - a - tion,

who, like me, should sing God's praise? Al - le - lu - ia!
slow to chide, and swift to bless. Al - le - lu - ia!
still to count - less years the same. Al - le - lu - ia!
dwell - ers all in time and space: Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia! Praise the Mak - er all your days!
Al - le - lu - ia! Sing our Mak - er's faith - ful - ness!
Al - le - lu - ia! All with - in me, praise God's name!
Al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace!

This adaptation of an older paraphrase of Psalm 103 (see no. 620) is informed by an awareness that much of the received language of religious traditions enshrines social values that obscure the goodness of God, which far transcends all our labels and categories and hierarchies.

Thank you for joining us for worship today!

Coming up:

(for full details please visit www.faithpcusa.org/upcoming-events)

Virtual Sunday School for all ages begins each Sunday morning at 9 a.m.

Kids@Faith. Virtual Hangouts with Mrs. Mary—Mondays at 4 p.m.; Virtual Music Class with Mr. Kimani, Thursdays at 5:45 p.m.

Vacation Bible School. We are excited to offer VBS **June 21-25** this year. To make that happen we need a lot of supplies. If you would like to donate any of the supplies, see the list at faithpcusa.org/vbs. We are also in need of a few more volunteers; email mary@faithpcusa.org if you can help.

Churchwide Workday. Save the date: Saturday, May 15, 8 a.m. until noon, to do much needed yard work and inside cleaning. No skills or tools needed, just a willing spirit. Come for as long as convenient - small and large jobs available. There is a lot to do, so please pitch in to make our grounds and buildings feel and look loved.

Manna on Meridian. Faith is the lead church for Manna in May (May 15). If you would like to volunteer for 7 a.m. setup or 8-10 a.m. distribution, please contact Shellie Camp, shellie_camp@hotmail.com or by phone, 850/443-3164. Manna serves 170-200 families each month!

Presbyterian Women Spring Gathering. All women are invited to the Presbyterian Women Spring Gathering on Sunday, May 16, 12 - 2 p.m., on the new covered patio outside Fellowship Hall. The cost of the luncheon is \$12 per person, which will be collected at the door and will include lunch and bottled beverages. Individual boxed lunches will be ordered from Newks. Please RSVP at bit.ly/3atwKNc. Questions? Contact Melissa Strauss, melissa.strauss6@gmail.com.

Prayer Workshop for 4 year-olds through Kindergarten (and a parent) is Sunday, May 23, 9:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. Please RSVP with mary@faithpcusa.org by May 16.

June Book Study. Join us on Sunday afternoons at 4 p.m. in June for a discussion of *I'm Still Here: Black Dignity in a World Made for Whiteness* by Austin Channing Brown. Angela Madden will lead this eye-opening account of growing up Black, Christian, and female that exposes how white America's love affair with "diversity" so often falls short of its ideals. You can sign up at bit.ly/bookclubbrown.

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May 2021
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