



First Presbyterian Church

For Christ in the Heart of Charlotte

Founded in 1821

Order of Worship

*Fourth Sunday in Easter
May 15, 2022
11 a.m.*

Preparation

Prelude

Prelude and Fugue in G

Johann Krebs

Words of Welcome

The Reverend Pen Peery

Chiming of the Trinity

Adoration

Choral Call to Worship

Paul Sjolund

Make a joyful noise unto the Lord! Serve the Lord with gladness. Come before his presence with singing. Enter into his gates with thanksgiving and into his courts with praise. Be thankful unto him and bless his name.

1 Guide me, O thou great Je - ho - vah, pil - grim through this
2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain, whence the heal - ing
3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious

bar - ren land. I am weak, but thou art might - y. Hold me
stream doth flow. Let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me
fears sub - side. Death of death, and hell's de - struc - tion, land me

with thy power - ful hand. Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en,
all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - erer, strong de - liv - erer,
safe on Ca - naan's side. Songs of prais - es, songs of prais - es

feed me till I want no more; feed me till I want no more.
be thou still my strength and shield; be thou still my strength and shield.
I will ev - er give to thee; I will ev - er give to thee.

Confession

Call to Confession

The Reverend Anna Dickson

Prayer of Confession

One: Loving God, you offer us your whole self, and ask us to trust and obey.

All: We confess that sometimes it is hard to trust and hard to walk your path. When we ignore your call and follow our own way instead, forgive us.

One: Lord Jesus, you offer us not just healing, but wholeness.

All: We confess that we're often not interested in that inner work, only in just enough to continue on our way without facing those things that keep us from you. When we allow fear to rule, rather than standing up with courage, forgive us.

One: Holy Spirit, you bring new life into every place.

All: We confess that sometimes we like things just the way they are, and the newness is scary. When we insist on seeing before believing, forgive us.

One: Holy God, fill us again with your grace, your hope, your peace,

All: and help us to be your faithful people in the world.

Assurance of Pardon

One: Friends, believe the good news.

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

*Response to Pardon (Hymn No. 581)

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.

Sacrament of Baptism

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Hampton Louise Elliott

*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.

Children ages 3 through first grade may leave for First Church. They will return to the sanctuary during the last hymn. Older children are encouraged to stay and worship with their families.

The 11 a.m. service is televised over WAXN-TV, Channel 64 this morning and streamed live at www.firstpres-charlotte.org and on Facebook Live.

The Prayer of Confession is written by the Rev. Teri Peterson and used with permission.

The flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Elizabeth (Beth) Rothrock.

The sympathy of the congregation is expressed to Nan Cherry on the death of her father, Earl Russell Woods.

Hampton is the daughter of Caroline and Frank Elliott.

The Elder assisting with the baptism today is Minna Elliott.

We welcome Letra Baehr, Anna Margaret and Alex Hutchins, Catherine and Bo King, Leslie and Will Linville, Jacqueline Parolin, Lillian and Dave Quackenbush, and Jennifer and Michael Williams into the life of First Presbyterian Church. We celebrate their commitment to membership and stewardship to God through this congregation.

Proclamation

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture

Genesis 12:1-3

Now the Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

Anthem

"Bright Canaan"

arr. Robert Shaw and Alice Parker

O who will come and go with me? I am bound for the land of Canaan. I'm bound fair Canaan's land to see; I am bound for the land of Canaan. I'll join with them who've gone before; I am bound for the land of Canaan, where sin and sorrow are no more. I am bound for the land of Canaan. Oh, Canaan; bright Canaan! I'm bound for the land of Canaan. Oh, Canaan, it is my happy home. I am bound for the land of Canaan.

Scripture

Mark 1:16-20

As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea, for they were fishers. And Jesus said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of people." And immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. Immediately he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men and followed him.

Sermon

"It's True, But I'm Working on It: Drop Your Nets and Follow"

The Reverend Pen Peery

1 You walk a - long our shore-line where land meets un-known sea.
 2 You call us, Christ, to gath - er the peo - ple of the earth.
 3 We cast our net, O Je - sus; we cry the king-dom's name;

We hear your voice of pow - er, "Now come and fol - low me.
 We can - not fish for on - ly those lives we think have worth.
 we work for love and jus - tice; we learn to hope through pain.

And if you still will fol-low through storm and wave and shoal,
 We spread your net of gos - pel a - cross the wa - ter's face,
 You call us, Lord, to gath - er God's daugh-ters and God's sons,

then I will make you fish - ers but of the hu - man soul."
 our boat a com - mon shel - ter for all found by your grace.
 to let your judg - ment heal us so that all may be one.

Response

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

The Reverend Robert Galloway

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.

Stewardship of Life

New Members

Presentation of Tithes and Offering

Offertory Anthem

"A Gaelic Blessing"

John Rutter

Deep peace of the running wave to you; deep peace of the flowing air to you. Deep peace of the quiet earth to you; deep peace of the shining stars to you. Deep peace of the gentle night to you; moon and stars pour their healing light on you. Deep peace of Christ, the light of the world, to you. Deep peace of Christ to you.

*Doxology

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

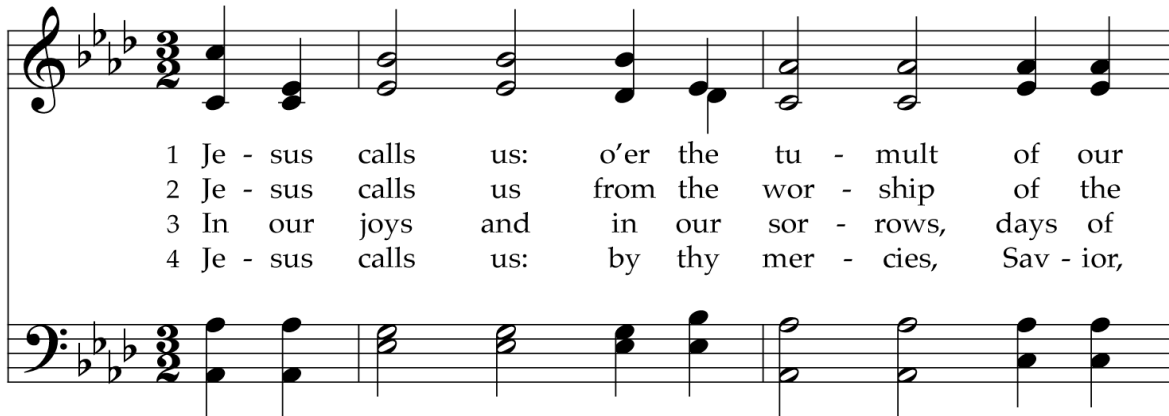
*Prayer of Dedication

Sending Forth

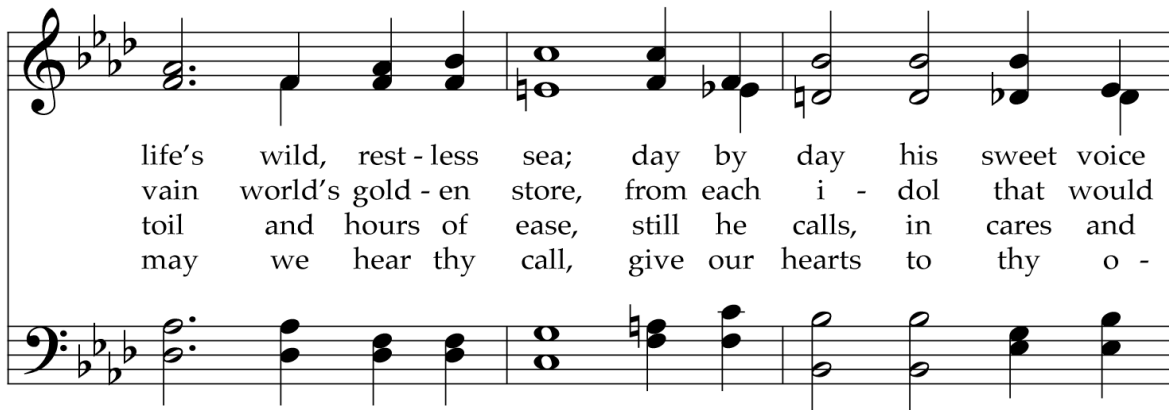
*Hymn No. 720

"Jesus Calls Us"

GALILEE



1 Je - sus calls us: o'er the tu - mult of our
2 Je - sus calls us from the wor - ship of the
3 In our joys and in our sor - rows, days of
4 Je - sus calls us: by thy mer - cies, Sav - ior,



life's wild, rest - less sea; day by day his sweet voice
vain world's gold - en store, from each i - dol that would
toil and hours of ease, still he calls, in cares and
may we hear thy call, give our hearts to thy o -



sound - eth say - ing, "Chris - tian, fol - low me."
keep us, say - ing, "Chris - tian, love me more."
plea - sures, "Chris - tian, love me more than these."
be - dience, serve and love thee best of all.

*Benediction

*Benediction Response

"Amen"

DANISH

Postlude

Phoenix Processional

Dan Locklair

We are glad you are worshipping with us today!

We welcome all to First Presbyterian Church as we worship together, knowing that each of us is a beloved part of the body of Christ.

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First Presbyterian Church Announcements

Appleby Award Recipient Named

Congratulations to Addie Williams, who has been named this year's Appleby Award recipient.

Reception for Shantiqua Neely, Today, following worship, Front Lawn

Stop by to thank Shantiqua for her service and enjoy some lemonade and cookies.

Bible and Beverage, May 17, 8 p.m., Devil's Logic Brewing

Join Rev. Pen Peery and other men for bible study and fellowship. No registration required.

Fresco Tours, May 18, drop-in 11 a.m.- 1 p.m., Fresco Lobby

Attend a tour of the "Good Samaritan" fresco – no registration necessary. | Contact mnrogers234@gmail.com with questions.

Senior Chair Yoga, May 19, 10 a.m., Wood Fellowship Hall

Join our Faith Community Nurse, Catherine Lynn, for a gentle series of seated and standing postures, focusing on balance, mobility, and breath. | Register at fpc.tiny.us/chairyoga

Yoga on the Lawn, May 19, 12 p.m., Front Lawn

Bring your yoga mat to the lawn for a vinyasa-style flow and restorative stretch with Catherine Lynn. | Register at fpc.tiny.us/yoga

Congregational Meeting, May 22, immediately following worship

The Session has called a congregational meeting for the purpose of electing the Officer Nominating Committee.

Advocacy Seeking Committee Members

All that is required is an interest in the areas of Education, Housing and Homelessness, or Anti-Racism and a desire to learn more about what is going on in Charlotte. | For more info, visit firstpres-charlotte.org/advocacy/

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