

# THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

The First Presbyterian Church  
of Howard County

*Sixth Sunday of Easter*

*Communion*

*May 1, 2016*

*10:30 a.m.*

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## GATHERING

*Let all enter the sanctuary in a spirit of prayer.*

*Please remember to turn cell phones and pagers to silent for worship.*

*Where you see an asterisk (\*) please stand if you are able.*

Words in **bold** are read by the congregation.

*Please fill out the red Friendship Pad in each pew.*

### **For Meditation before Worship** *(for personal use before worship)*

*People do not have to do anything. It is all grace. It is not that there is a door which Christ has unbolted, and we, standing outside it, have to stretch out our hand, lift the latch, and walk through. We are already inside.*

*John Austin Baker*

### **Gathering Music**

Here I Am to Worship

*Tomlin*

### **Greeting**

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

**And also with you.**

### **Lighting the Christ Candle**

Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Whenever we light this candle, we proclaim:

**Christ is the light of the world and the center of our lives.**

### **Prayer for Sunday Morning**

May God be with you.

**And also with you.**

God be in my head and in my understanding.

**God be in my eyes, and in my looking.**

**God be in my mouth, and in my speaking.**

**God be in my heart, and in my thinking.**

**God be at my end, and at my departing.**

**Amen.**

## Call to Confession

### Prayer of Confession

Jesus, Son of Mary  
**Have mercy on us.**

Jesus, Savior of the World,  
**Make peace within us.**

Christ, King of Glory:  
**Be with us and for us, wherever life takes us.**

**God of everlasting life,  
we confess that we continue to look  
for the living among the dead.**

**You offer us the gift of new and abundant life,  
but we keep trying to earn our way into your kingdom.**

**Forgive us, God of grace.**

**Give us openness and humility,  
eagerness and trust,**

**that we may enter your realm of justice and joy  
and live for you,**

**through Jesus Christ, the Risen One.**

*(We take time for quiet, personal prayer...)*

### Assurance of Grace

#### \* **Response of Praise 582**

*Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me*

*(singing together)*

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,  
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,  
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

World without end, without end. Amen.

World without end, without end. Amen.

World without end, without end. Amen.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

#### \* **Sharing the Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

*We greet each other with signs of peace and reconciliation.  
A touch on the shoulder, a nod, a bow – can be a substitute  
for handshakes to hinder the spread of the flu.*

\* **Response 587** (singing together)

*Celtic Alleluia*

Voice

Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

5

Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

The image shows two staves of musical notation for a Celtic Alleluia. The first staff is labeled 'Voice' and the second staff is labeled '5'. Both staves show the melody for the words 'Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.' with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#).

**Words of Welcome**

*Please fill out the red Friendship Pad in each pew.  
Newcomers please leave us your address and phone number!  
Then, pass the folder the length of the pew and back.*

**THE WORD**

**Prayer for Illumination**

**First Lesson:** Luke 18:9-17

*Page 853; pew Bible*

The Word of God for the People of God.

**Thanks be to God!**

**Children's Prayer and The Lord's Prayer**

*Afterwards, children ages 4-7 may go with Ms. Kathy Moore to Godly Play.  
Parents can pick up their children following worship in Rooms 110 & 113.*

*Older children, grades 2-5, who normally attend The Worship Bridge will return to their seats to experience a full worship service with their family.*

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.

**Second Lesson:** Galatians 2:15-21

*Page 946; pew Bible*

For the Word of God in scripture,

For the Word of God among us,

For the Word of God within us,

**Thanks be to God!**

**Sermon**

What Is True Faith?

*Sue Lowcock Harris*

*(after the sermon, we observe a time of silence and prayer)*

## RESPONDING

\* **Affirmation of Faith** *(together)*

*The Nicene Creed, p34, The Hymnal*

We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary  
and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
He suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again  
In accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son  
is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

### **Concerns and Remembrances**

### **Prayers of Gratitude and Concern**

### **The Offering**

### **Offertory Anthem**

# The Sacrament of The Lord's Supper

## Invitation to the Table

\* Hymn 703

Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me

St. Catherine

## The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Christ is risen!

**Christ is risen indeed!**

People of God, open your hearts.

**We open our hearts to Christ, who reigns in glory.**

Let us give thanks to the living God.

**We thank God with joy.**

*[Blessed are you O Lord our God, Name Unnamed, Ruler of the universe... ..  
And so, in unity with all who yearn for your will to be done on earth,  
we praise your name. And this is our song...]*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of justice and love,**

**Your compassion enfolds the earth,**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is the One who comes in your holy name.**

**Hosanna in the highest: O God, come to save.**

*[The pastors continue to lead us in prayer. We gather up all our prayers,  
spoken and unspoken, as we pray together...]*

**God in heaven, your name is to be honored.**

**May your new community of hope be realized  
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us today the essentials of life.**

**Release us from wrongdoing**

**as we also release those who wrong us.**

**Do not test us beyond our enduring;**

**save us from all that is evil.**

**For you embrace justice, love and peace,  
now and to the end of time. Amen.**

## Breaking the Bread

### Communion of the People

*We will receive communion this morning  
by passing the bread and the cup to one another in the pew.*

*Gluten-free bread is in the center of the bread tray.*

*The outer circle is white grape juice; the inner circles are red wine.*

*Our tradition is to eat the bread as it comes to you,  
and then to hold the cup so we may commune together.*

### Music at Communion

### Prayer After Communion

# SENDING

## This Week at First Presbyterian Church

### Minute for Mission – Wills Emphasis

\* **Hymn 378**                      We Wait the Peaceful Kingdom                      *Merle's Tune*

\* **Closing Responses**

Let the heavens be glad and the earth rejoice!

**Let the sea roar and all that fills it!**

Let the field exult, and everything in it!

**Let the trees of the wood sing for joy!**

For Christ is risen!

**Christ is risen indeed!**

\* **Benediction**

\* **Response 605** (*singing together*)                      *Praise to God the Father, Da N'ase*

Praise to God the Father; praise to God the Son;  
praise to God the Spirit: praise to the Three-in-One.

Sing praise, sing praise to the Lord on high.

Praise to God Almighty; praise to the Holy One.

Da n'ase! Da n'ase! Da Onyame ase!

Da n'ase! Da n'ase! Da Onyame ase!

Efiase oye n'a n'adoe doe so.

Da n'ase! Da n'ase! Da Onyame ase!

\* **Postlude**



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