

**McKEESPORT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
WORSHIP SERVICE**

7th Sunday of Easter

May 12, 2024

WE ENTER INTO THE PRESENCE OF GOD

PRELUDE

Faye D'Ippolito, Organist

WELCOME AND NEWS OF THE CHURCH

OPENING PRAYER

***CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 108)**

(L) WAKE UP!!! You woke up our bodies this morning and have led us here together - to worship You and encounter You.

(C) Wake up our souls, Lord God.

(L) Wake up our souls – that we may know, anew, your steadfast Love.

(C) Your steadfast Love is higher than the heavens

(L) Wake up our souls – that we may know, anew, your Faithfulness

(C) Your faithfulness reaches to the clouds

(L) Wake up our souls – that we may give genuine thanks to You

(C) And sing heartfelt praises among the people!

***HYMN #1**

"All Creatures of Our God and King" (Vv. 1 and 4)

No. 455, blue

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION:**

Merciful Lord,

We confess that we have sinned against You and others.

Our world, our communities, and our churches are plagued by division as we allow the world to breed in us fear and hatred of the other.

Our lives are marked by anxiety, anger, and depression as we listen to the world tell us all that we do not have.

We wander away from the protection of Your fold as we listen to the world tell us that we need to protect ourselves.

We focus on ourselves and have forsaken our Holy purpose to be your Light in the world.

Lord forgive us our sins.

In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray, Amen.

(pause for silent reflection)

*** ASSURANCE OF PARDON:**

Sisters and Brothers,

Hear the "Good News". Jesus Christ came to us - not to condemn us but to save us. Jesus Christ died for us. He conquered sin and death and was raised for us. And now Jesus Christ sits at the right hand of God and intercedes for us.

Hear the Good News, In Jesus Christ your sins are forgiven!

(ALL) Thanks be to God!

***GLORIA PATRI**

No. 813, brown

**Glory be 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.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

JOYS

Leader: "For (joy), Gracious God..."

All: "we give you thanks"

CONCERNS

Leader: "For (concern), Merciful Lord ..."

All: "hear our prayer."

Let's pray together 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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the Kingdom and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Please contact the church by email or phone with your prayer requests during the week.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE:

Please welcome the children & youth to the front of the sanctuary.

ANTHEM

"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

(Chancel Choir)

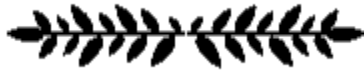
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SCRIPTURE READING:**John 17: 11-21a**

¹¹ 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. ¹² While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. ¹³ But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. ¹⁴ I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. ¹⁵ I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. ¹⁶ They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. ¹⁷ Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. ¹⁸ As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. ¹⁹ And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth. ²⁰ I ask not only on behalf of these but also on behalf of those who believe in me through their word. ²¹ that they may all be one.

SERMON:**“Celebrating ‘Motherhood’”****Rev. Michael Stanton****THE RESPONSE****WE COMMIT TO THE WORK OF GOD****OFFERTORY****Faye D’Ippolito, Organist*****DOXOLOGY*****HYMN #2****“How Firm a Foundation” (Vv. 1, 2 & 5)****No. 361, blue****THE EXIT****WE ENGAGE THE WORLD OF GOD*****CHARGE AND BENEDICTION****POSTUDE****Faye D’Ippolito, Organist**

All those who are able, please stand



ANNOUNCEMENTS

May 12, 2024

FELLOWSHIP :

Please join together for friendship and fellowship after today's service.

IF YOUR ARE IN NEED OF PASTORAL CARE:

Please contact the church office.

REFRESH:

Come "Refresh" on Wednesday, May 15, 2024 at 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm. Join in for learning, fellowship and a meal. Please bring you family and friends.

ITEMS FOR INTERSECTION:

In the past, we have collected cereal for the Intersection in McKeesport. This year the Intersection is requesting items such as shampoo, conditioner, deodorant and soap. For the month of May and beginning of June, there will be a plastic bin at the main entrance to the church for these items. If you have any questions, the deacons will be about to help you.

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