

**McKEESPORT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
WORSHIP SERVICE**

6th Sunday of Easter

May 5, 2024

WE ENTER INTO THE PRESENCE OF GOD

PRELUDE

“ O Word of God, Incarnate ”

**Candice Holsinger, Organist
Arr. Mendelssohn**

WELCOME AND NEWS OF THE CHURCH

OPENING PRAYER

***CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 98)**

(L) Sisters and Brothers, Sing to the Lord a joyful song!

(C) For the Lord has done marvelous things

(L) Sisters and Brothers, make a joyful noise to the Lord—

(C) With the lyre, the trumpet, our voices, our lives-we make a joyful noise!

(L) Sisters and Brothers, sing Praises to the Lord,

(C) For Christ’s steadfast love and faithfulness have NO end.

(L) Sisters and Brothers, sing to the Lord a NEW song!,

(C) For Jesus is doing new and marvelous things.!

***HYMN #1**

“Spirit of the Living God”

No. 322, blue

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION:**

Almighty and merciful Lord,

You long to lead us into a life richer than we could ever imagine; you long to nurture us into a beautiful, healthy, and welcoming family; You long to lead us beyond the borders we have created between “us” and “them”; but we resist. We confess that we accept Your grace for ourselves, but are reluctant to share it with others. We suffocate Your Church with our fear, selfishness, and arrogance. We can’t “see” the destination so we don’t “follow” the Way. Forgive us for sinning against you and against others.

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

(pause for silent reflection)

*** ASSURANCE OF PARDON:**

Sisters and Brothers,

Hear the "Good News about Jesus Christ". He came to us not to condemn us but to save us. He died for us. He conquered sin and death and was raised for us. And now He 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

"There's a Wilderness in God's Mercy"

**(Chancel Choir)
Arr. Rontgen**

SCRIPTURE READING:

Acts 10: 44-48

⁴⁴While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. ⁴⁵The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the gentiles, ⁴⁶for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, ⁴⁷"Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" ⁴⁸So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

SERMON:

"Overcome the Resistance"

Rev. Michael Stanton

THE RESPONSE
WE COMMIT TO THE WORK OF GOD

OFFERTORY “Surely the Presence of the Lord is in this Place” Candice Holsinger, Organist
Arr. Wolfe

***DOXOLOGY**

***HYMN #2** “Spirit of God Descend Upon My Heart” (Vv. 1 & 4)
No. 326, blue

THE EXIT

WE ENGAGE THE WORLD OF GOD

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

POSTUDE “What a Wonderful Savior”
Candice Holsinger, Organist
Arr. Hoffman

All those who are able, please stand



ANNOUNCEMENTS

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IF YOUR ARE IN NEED OF PASTORAL CARE:

Please contact the church office.

FLOWERS FOR MOTHER’S DAY:

The Music and Worship Committee will be supplying flowers for the altar for Mothers' Day. We will not be taking orders for individual flowers. We are sorry for any confusion.

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