

CHRIST CHURCH PRESBYTERIAN

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Christ Church Presbyterian 5th Sunday of Easter

May 19, 2019

10:30 A.M.

Called to love, serve and witness.

Thought as we enter worship
Hope is putting faith to work when doubting would be easier. —Thomas S. Monson

GATHERING

Quiet meditation time (Please fill out a blue or pink card with any prayer requests and put it in the collection plate.) – Thanks

PRELUDE

Welcome & Announcements

*CALL TO WORSHIP

I am determined, O God! I will sing and praise you with my whole heart.

Awake, O stringed instrument and harp! I will wake up at dawn!

I will give you thanks before the nations, O LORD! I will sing praises to you before foreigners!

For your loyal love extends beyond the sky, and your faithfulness reaches the clouds.

Rise up above the sky, O God! May your splendor cover the whole earth!

Deliver by your power and answer me, so that the ones you love may be safe. -- *Psalm 108:1-6*

*INVOCATION (Opening Prayer)

O Lord, today as we worship you, may we sense your greatness. Help us to see that your ways are best and peace comes from following you. Grant that our worship is acceptable in your sight. **Amen.**

*HYMN BLUE #466 "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

*CALL TO CONFESSION

Come and hear, all you who fear God, and I will tell what he has done for me.

If I had cherished iniquity in my heart, the Lord would not have listened.

But truly God has listened; he has given heed to the words of my prayer.

Blessed be God, because he has not rejected my prayer or removed his staunch love from me.

In the strength of this assurance, let us confess our sins to God. —based on Psalm 66:16, 18-20, NRSV

*CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

O God, you have given us life when we deserved death,

Mercy when our actions demanded judgment,
 Grace when our conduct warranted punishment,
And love when we were self-centered on helping ourselves instead of others.
 Forgive, we pray, our relentless focus on what we want,
Instead may we be grateful for your goodness to us,
 May we give thanks to you for all you do.
Help us to rejoice in your love,
 Sharing it with others,
As we live lives of thanksgiving and grace.

As far as the east is from the west, so far God removes our sins from us. Through Christ we have been made free to a new life through the Spirit.
Thanks be to God. Amen.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

May the peace, love and grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
And also with you.
 Let us greet one another in the name of the Lord.

* INSERT *“Speak O Lord”* (vs. 2)

THE PEOPLE OF GOD HEAR THE WORD

CHILDREN’S SERMON

THE WORD THROUGH MUSIC – ANTHEM *“What Brings Us Together”* Jay Althouse

HEARING GOD’S WORD Colossians 3:16, 17

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and exhorting one another with all wisdom, singing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs, all with grace in your hearts to God. And whatever you do in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

Always rejoice, constantly pray, in everything give thanks. For this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. Do not extinguish the Spirit. Do not treat prophecies with contempt. But examine all things; hold fast to what is good. Stay away from every form of evil.

Now may the God of peace himself make you completely holy and may your spirit and soul and body be kept entirely blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is trustworthy, and he will in fact do this.

Philippians 4:4-7

Rejoice in the Lord always. Again I say, rejoice! Let everyone see your gentleness. The Lord is near! Do not be anxious about anything. Instead, in every situation, through prayer and petition with thanksgiving, tell your requests to God. And the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

MESSAGE *“Giving Thanks”*

*HYMN INSERT *“My Heart is Filled With Thankfulness”*

THE PEOPLE OF GOD RESPOND

THE OFFERING

*LIFTING PRAISE TO GOD – HYMN #593 *The Doxology*

*Unison Prayer of Thanksgiving

O Lord, we come to you with gratitude and thankfulness for your great love and abundant gifts. We now give you a token of our commitment to you, asking that you would use our offering of ourselves and all that we have to further your work in the world. Amen.

RECOGNITION SUNDAY

In the service we wish to honor those who have served God and this congregation in the following areas: Bell Choir, Chancel Choir, Adult & Youth Teachers/Leaders, Bible Study Leaders, Pastor, Child Care, Custodian, Organist, Parish Associate, Bell & Choir Directors, Audio, Visual, PW, Men’s Breakfast, Communion preparers, Session, Deacons, Kitchen committee, Chancel Guild, Worship Leaders, and Cathy’s Closet.

We will be also honoring our high school graduate Lilly Streeter.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

We give you praise and thanks, O Lord that you have called us to be your children. We are grateful for your love that led you to die for us and offer ourselves as your servants to be conduits of your love and grace in the world. With joy we thank you for the ways our congregation has shown your love this week. We praise you for your grace, honor you for your love and rejoice in your mercy. With deepest gratitude we proclaim you God.

[Time for Silent Congregational Prayer]

O God of compassion, we ask that our hearts be moved to show compassion for others. We especially pray for those who have suffered the loss of loved ones, home, food and shelter. We pray for all those who are prisoners, those who suffer addictions, and those who suffer daily. We remember before you the sick and dying, those who are lonely, those who are victims of war, terror, and injustice. We ask for mercy for those who suffer abuse especially those who are enslaved and grace for those who oppress others. We recall all those who have worshipped with us in the past and are unable to do so today.

[Time for Silent Congregational Prayer]

O Lord of the nations, we pray for all those who exercise authority over others. May they remember that their power is granted them to care for their people. May they pursue peace and justice as they seek first your kingdom and your righteousness. Help us all remember we need your love and grace. Grant us the courage to model your mercy to those around us.

[Time for Silent Congregational Prayer]

O Lord Jesus, you are the head of the church, the beginning and the end of all things. Grant to the church universal your mercy as we struggle to follow you. Look we pray with mercy upon the ministry of this congregation which you have called together with grace and kindness. Increase our courage, strengthen our faith, and inspire our witness to all people, even to the ends of the earth.

[Time for Silent Congregational Prayer]

O Gracious God, the source of all love and goodness, bless us with your Spirit as we seek to do your will. May we keep our hearts and thoughts on you through Jesus Christ our Lord who taught us to pray, saying:

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 IN SERVICE

***CLOSING HYMN GREEN #216 "Give Thanks"**

***CHARGE TO THE PEOPLE**

***BENEDICTION**

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly,
Teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom,
Singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs,
With thankfulness in your hearts to God.

And whatever you do,
In word or deed,
Do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus,
Giving thanks to God the Father through him. Col. 3:16-17

BENEDICTION RESPONSE "With Joy We Depart" Hayden Lee

***POSTLUDE**

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***Please rise in body and/or spirit as you are able.**

Please join us for coffee and refreshments in Fellowship Hall after the service.

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