



A CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

May 16, 2021
11:00am
Ascension Sunday

PEACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Grow in Grace, Live in Peace, Serve the Lord

We Gather as God's People

RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

This is the day the Lord has made.
Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

PRELUDE

Crown Him With Many Crowns
Chima Enwere, piano

(Arr. Jerry Ray)

*CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 47

Christopher Dennis, liturgist

Clap your hands, all you peoples; shout to God with loud songs of joy. For the Lord, the Most High, is awesome, a great king over all the earth.

God has gone up with a shout, the Lord with the sound of a trumpet. Sing praises to God, sing praises to our King.

God is king over the nations; God sits on his holy throne.

The princes of the peoples gather as the people of the God of Abraham. For the shields of the earth belong to God; he is highly exalted.

*HYMN #267

Come Christians, Join to Sing

Come, Christians, join to sing: Alleluia! Amen! Loud praise to Christ our King: Alleluia! Amen!

Let all, with heart and voice, before his throne rejoice; praise is his gracious choice: Alleluia! Amen!

Come, lift your hearts on high: Alleluia! Amen! Let praises fill the sky: Alleluia! Amen!

He is our guide and friend; to us he'll condescend; his love shall never end: Alleluia! Amen!

CALL TO CONFESSION

Trusting in the love of God to make all things new, let us confess our sin to God and our neighbor.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Merciful God, we confess that it is difficult for us to wait for anything. We want instant answers and immediate gratification of our desires and completion of our goals. We are more acquisitive than grateful. We forget and neglect the amazing gifts and blessings you have already bestowed on us. We do not take time simply to enjoy being in your presence, singing your praises, delighting in your love. Forgive us for our arrogant, selfish pride and our neglect of values and relationships that would supply all we really need. Forgive us when we would rather procrastinate in responding to your call for discipleship. Forgive us when we would rather set the agendas for service rather than becoming attentive to your Holy Spirit moving among us. Hear now our silent individual confessions.

(Silent Prayer)

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see everything has become new!

We are ambassadors for Christ, for God has reconciled us through him!

SPECIAL MUSIC

There's Something About That Name

(Improvised Arrangement
by Chima Enwere)

We Share God's Word

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 1: 1-11

SERMON

Left Behind

Reverend Debbie Osterhoudt

We Respond to God's Word

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

From "A Brief Statement of Faith"

In life and death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.

Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world.

God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

With believers of every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

SOLO

Hail the Day that Sees Him Rise
Peggy Vaughan, soprano

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PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE AND OUR 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 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.

We Go Forth As God's People

*HYMN #263

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

All hail the power of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall; bring forth the royal diadem,
and crown him Lord of all! Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all!

Let every kindred, every tribe on this terrestrial ball to him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all!
To him all majesty ascribe and crown him Lord of all!

O that with yonder sacred throng we at his feet may fall! We'll join the everlasting song,
and crown him Lord of all! We'll join the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all!

*BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

May the Love of the Lord

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May the love of the Lord rest upon your soul.
May God's love dwell in you, throughout every day.
May God's countenance shine upon you and be gracious to you.
May God's Spirit be upon you as you leave this place.

POSTLUDE

What a Day That Will Be

(Improvised Arrangement
by Chima Enwere)

*You are invited to stand.

Worship Leadership Debbie Osterhoudt, Preacher Christopher Dennis, Liturgist
Peggy Vaughan, Music Director & Soloist Chima Enwere, piano Ron Skinner, audio & video
Ushers: Joanne Lang, Kelly McLean, Carla Smith Joanne Lang, Worship Ministry Team Chair

We are delighted to welcome Chima Enwere as our guest pianist today. An alumnus of the University of North Carolina at Pembroke (UNCP), Chima graduated with the Bachelor of Arts in Music with Music Industry Emphasis degree. He also holds a certificate in entrepreneurship as part of his undergraduate studies. Chima is Director of Music Together of Fayetteville, an early childhood music and movement program for children from birth through age eight—and the grownups who love them!

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN 2021-2024 Thank you to everyone who has pledged to the Capital Campaign to date. If you would like to support this effort and have not yet had the opportunity to turn in your pledge, pledge cards are available on the table in the narthex. Funds received for this Capital Campaign are dedicated to three building costs, as determined by Session: monthly payments of principal and interest; savings for repairs and maintenance; reduction of the principal balance of the loan. Our goal is \$75,000 paid over a three year period.

Please prayerfully consider your pledge and contributions to this campaign. Thank you for your love of Peace and dedication to its future.

ANNIVERSARY SUNDAY IS JUNE 13. Come join us as we celebrate the anniversary of Peace Presbyterian Church and as we celebrate new life after the pandemic! After our 11:00 am worship we will gather once again under the Peace Oak Tree for a “dinner on the grounds.” We will keep you posted as to the particulars but want you to put it on your calendars now! Rain date will be June 20.

BIBLE STUDY Join us for Bible Study on Wednesdays at 7:00pm via Zoom. We are studying the early Christian Church, using the Book of Acts and a book by Matthew Skinner, professor of New Testament at Luther entitled “Intrusive God, Disruptive Gospel, Encountering the Divine in the Book of Acts.” Come join us and let Gail know in the church office that you want to be added to the Zoom email list!

FOOD DONATIONS Don't forget to bring your food items for the Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina. Items of particular need: protein/meat products, canned fruit and vegetables, easy to open fruit cups and granola bars for children. We carry your donations to the Food Bank each week!