



A CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

May 29, 2022
11:00 AM
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

This is the day the Lord has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

PRELUDE

Piano Sonata No 8, Op 13. 2. Adagio cantabile

Ludwig van Beethoven

*CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 47

Tom Lee, 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 #263

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!

CALL TO CONFESSION

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

RESPONSE TO GOD'S FORGIVENESS HYMN #437 You Are the Lord, Giver of Mercy!

You are the Lord, giver of mercy!

You are the Christ, giver of mercy!

You are the Lord, giver of mercy!

We Share God's Word

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Ephesians 1: 15:23

Acts 1: 1-11

SERMON

"Why do you stand looking up into heaven?"

Rev. Debbie Osterhoudt

We Respond to God's Word

ANTHEM

This is My Song
Peggy Vaughan, soprano

Jean Sibelius

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Philippians 2: 1-11

"If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

Who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death - even death on a cross.

Therefore, God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

And every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

THE OFFERING

Offertory

Prelude

Maurice Ravel

***Hymn of Dedication No. 606**

Doxology

***Prayer of Dedication**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING 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 #338**

O Beautiful for Spacious Skies

(The text of this hymn was written by Katharine Lee Bates in 1893 after she visited Pike's Peak and the Chicago Columbian World Exposition where she was inspired by the "amber waves of grain and purple mountain majesties; and alabaster cities gleam." She was a graduate and professor of literature at Wellesley College in Massachusetts. Bates was active in a variety of social justice issues including housing for women and the peace movement which emerged after WWI.)

***BENEDICTION**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #549**

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

Mouvements Perpétuels 1. Assez modéré

Francis Poulenc

(The congregation is invited to sit in quiet reflection until after the postlude.)

***You are invited to stand.**

Hearing assistance devices are available on the credenza in the narthex or from an usher.

Join us for coffee and fellowship on Sundays in the fellowship hall from 9:45 – 10:45, before worship.

Worship Leadership Rev. Debbie Osterhoudt, Preacher Tom Lee, Liturgist

Peggy Vaughan, Music Director John Holter, piano Chancel Choir Ushers: Christina Brizendine, Chris Dennis

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