



PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
of **MADISON**



May 26, 2024
Ninth Sunday of Easter

ORDER of WORSHIP

THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude

Welcome/Announcements

*** Call to Worship**

L: The world may seem dark and dangerous, but we will not be afraid! We are not alone!

P: Come, let us worship together in joy!

L: The Lord embraces us as family!

P: Come let us sing and praise the Lord with grateful hearts!

(The music for the hymns is in the back of the bulletin.)

*** Opening Hymn**

God Is Here!

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we know that we are not without flaws. And so we confess our sins and failings freely and silently to you now, with honest and contrite hearts. We hold nothing back, offering ourselves to you, just as we are. We pray that you will forgive us, and give us a fresh start. Fill us, Lord, with faith, hope and love. Transform us through your compassion, and make us worthy to be your representatives in the world. We pray these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen.

(A moment of silence is observed.)

Assurance of Pardon

L: Christ died for us while we were still sinners, not waiting for us to become worthy. That shows God's amazing love for us. We can be assured, then, that our sins are all forgiven! Thanks be to God!

P: Thanks be to God! Amen!

*** Congregational Response**

Halle, Halle, Halleluja

Halle, halle, halleluja!

Halle, halle, halleluja!

Halle, halle, halleluja!

Halleluja! Halleluja!

Passing of the Peace

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Children's Message

Prayer for Illumination

God, you have spoken through your Living Word, Jesus Christ. Your Spirit speaks through the Scriptures. Grant us understanding through what we see in Jesus and hear in the Scriptures that we may know your will and follow your way.

First Scripture Reading

Acts 2: 37-47

37 Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, "Brothers, what should we do?" 38 Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. 39 For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him." 40 And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." 41 So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added. 42 They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. 43 Awe came upon everyone because many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. 44 All who believed were together and had all things in common; 45 they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. 46 Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts,

47 praising God and having the goodwill of all the people.
And day by day the Lord added to their number those who
were being saved.

Sermon

With Glad and Generous Hearts

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***Affirmation of Faith**

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of the Father, and will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Gifts of Our Tithes and Offering

Invitation to Offering

Offertory

***Doxology**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Christ all people here below;

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Praise Holy Spirit evermore;

Praise Triune God whom we adore.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Amen!

***Prayer of Dedication and Thanksgiving**

Prayers of the People

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 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 glory, forever. Amen.

GOING FORTH TO LOVE AND SERVE THE LORD

*** Closing Hymn** *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

Benediction

***Postlude**

*As our time of worship comes to an end, our time of service begins
We are the church, sent out in Jesus’ name,
to be Christ’s body in the world.*

WORSHIP LEADER

Becky Moody

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME

We are delighted to welcome The Reverend Dan Gepford as our guest pastor today. Dan is a retired United Methodist elder in full connection, who has served as pastor in the Andover United Methodist Church, the First United Methodist Church in Toms River, and the Sussex United Methodist Church. Before entering the ordained ministry, he worked as a senior attorney for AT&T for almost thirty years. For over forty years, he has lived in Madison with his wife Marsha, with whom he has two daughters and two grandsons. He and his family were members of the Presbyterian Church of Madison from 1983-1994, and he is delighted and grateful to be asked to speak here today.

MEMORIAL DAY

The church office will be closed on Monday, May 27th in observance of Memorial Day. We wish everyone a very safe and enjoyable holiday weekend.

FELLOWSHIP DINNER

Please join us for an enjoyable night of fun and fellowship (BYOB) on Wednesday, May 29th, at 6:00 pm at the Firehouse Italian Restaurant, 15 Central Avenue, Madison. Please RSVP to Jim Burnet at jimburnet@gmail.com or to Megan Peterson at meganpeterson006@gmail.com.

PASTOR SEARCH UPDATE

Session is serving as the search committee for a new covenant supply pastor. We have created a job description that has been posted on a job website for the 15 presbyteries that serve the greater New York City and Philadelphia metro region, including all of New Jersey. We have created our Ministry Discernment Profile which is posted on the national Church Leadership Connection website. We will have guest pulpit supply pastors. The Presbytery Committee on Ministry has appointed a Session moderator so that Session can continue to do business.

If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact any member of Session: Jim Burnet, Stephanie Haedrich, Mary-Anna Holden, Becky Moody, Megan Peterson, and Yorgi Vlamis.

PRAYER LIST

- Aida for good outcomes on her current journey
- Loretta for a successful surgery, pain relief, and faith throughout her journey
- Mari's mom recovering from a stroke and Mari her caregiver
- Sue Murr Haas recovering from hip replacement surgery
- Kiarnan who recently moved to a group residential facility
- Linda who is undergoing cancer surgery
- Pat Howard who may need back surgery
- Evelyn Dowling who is recovering from surgery for tears in her retina
- Jim Kakalettris, father of Jennifer Kakalettris Boyar, who is continuing recovery from recent surgery
- Larry who is receiving new treatment for cancer
- Father of Madison Patrolman Capillas as he continues his rehabilitation from burns
- Bill, father of Sara Burnet, and for his wife, Jeri Ann
- Zoelle, diagnosed with a serious form of breast cancer
- Philip, who recently moved to Sunrise Assisted Living
- Ongoing war between Ukraine and Russia; continuing work toward peace; continuing release of captured soldiers from both sides
- Continuing loss of life in Gaza from ongoing war between Israel and Hamas; release of hostages held by Hamas and work toward peaceful ending
- Pat for a new job
- Esther for healing as she goes through cancer treatment
- Len who is battling cancer
- Ed for continued healing from a serious leg break
- Ben who is back in middle school after cancer treatment

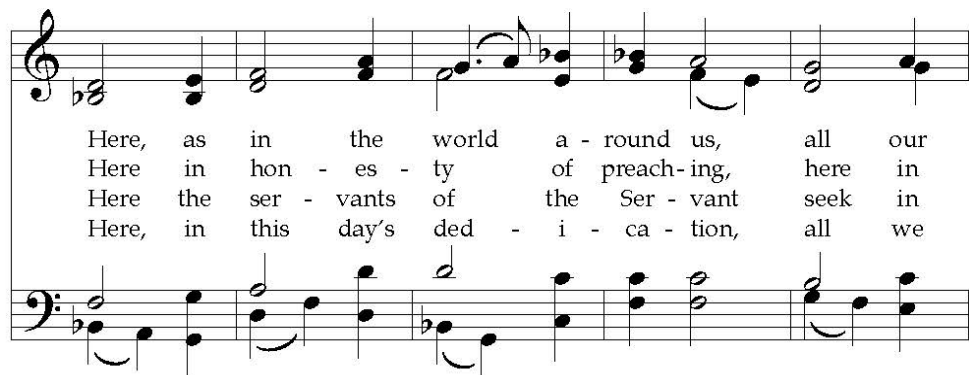
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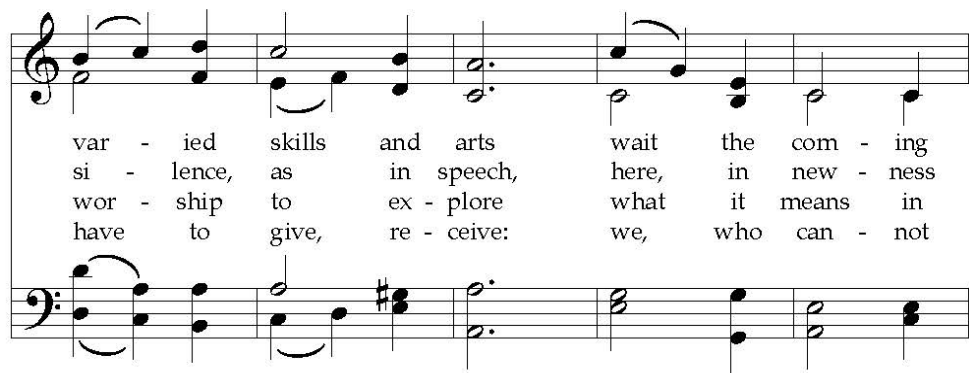
1 God is here! As we your peo - ple meet to
 2 Here are sym - bols to re - mind us of our
 3 Here our chil - dren find a wel - come in the
 4 Lord of all, of church and king - dom, in an

of - fer praise and prayer, may we find in
 life - long need of grace; here are ta - ble,
 Shep - herd's flock and fold; here as bread and
 age of change and doubt keep us faith - ful

full - er mea - sure what it is in Christ we share.
 font, and pul - pit; here the cross has cen - tral place.
 wine are tak - en, Christ sus - tains us as of old.
 to the gos - pel; help us work your pur - pose out.



Here, as in the world a - round us, all our
 Here in hon - es - ty of preach - ing, here in
 Here the ser - vants of the Ser - vant seek in
 Here, in this day's ded - i - ca - tion, all we



var - ied skills and arts wait the com - ing
 si - lence, as in speech, here, in new - ness
 wor - ship to ex - plore what it means in
 have to give, re - ceive: we, who can - not



of the Spir - it in - to o - pen minds and hearts.
 and re - new - al, God the Spir - it comes to each.
 dai - ly liv - ing to be - lieve and to a - dore.
 live with - out you, we a - dore you! We be - lieve!

611 Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee



- 1 Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!
 2 All thy works with joy sur-round thee; earth and heaven re-flect thy rays;
 3 Mor-tals, join the hap-py cho-rus which the morn-ing stars be-gan.



Hearts un-fold like flowers be-fore thee, o-pen-ing to the sun a-bove.
 stars and an-gels sing a-round thee, cen-ter of un-bro-ken praise.
 Love di-vine is reign-ing o'er us, join-ing all in heav-en's plan.



Melt the clouds of sin and sad-ness; drive the dark of doubt a-way.
 Field and for-est, vale and moun-tain, flower-y mead-ow, flash-ing sea,
 Ev-er sing-ing, march we on-ward, vic-tors in the midst of strife.



Giv-er of im-mor-tal glad-ness, fill us with the light of day.
 chant-ing bird and flow-ing foun-tain, call us to re-joyce in thee.
 Joy-ful mu-sic leads us sun-ward in the tri-umph song of life.



NOTES

**WELCOMING ALL
AS A LOVING COMMUNITY
CENTERED IN CHRIST,
GROWING IN FAITH,
SERVING IN JOY, AND
LIVING IN GRATITUDE**

Staff

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Sunday Service 10:15 am

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