

SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 7, 2017

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

11:00 AM

RINGING OF THE BELL

OPENING VOLUNTARY

PSALM 23
BRYAN LOHR, ORGAN

EMMA LOU DIEMER

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL INTROIT

A JOYOUS PSALM
THE SANCTUARY CHOIR

EUGENE BUTLER

I give thee thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart,
O God, I sing thy praise and give thanks unto your name,
for thy love, for thy steadfast love and faithfulness.

Alleluia!

All the kings of the earth shall praise thee, O Lord.
They have heard the words, the words of thy mouth
and shall sing of the ways, they shall sing of the ways of the Lord.

Alleluia!

Sing praise, sing praise to our God!

* CALL TO WORSHIP

God is our guide and our companion, supplying us
with all our needs.

God refreshes us beside still waters and restores
our souls.

Worship God with glad and generous hearts.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow us all the
days of our lives.

And God will always keep us in the goodness
of God's love.

* HYMN #802

THE KING OF LOVE MY SHEPHERD IS

"ST. COLUMBA"

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God, forgive us our sins. Forgive us the times when we have done things we should not have done and the times we have not done the things we should have done. You ask that we love others as you love us. Yet, we find it hard to love those who are different than ourselves. We have not been overly concerned about injustice as long as it didn't affect our lives. Let the power of the Holy Spirit be present in us. Forgive us in the name of the living Christ. Amen.

(Time for silent reflection and prayer)

The **opening voluntary** is a character piece for organ, based on the composer's 1943 vocal setting of Psalm 23. A trailblazing composer in nearly every medium, Ms. Diemer, now 89 years old, resides in Santa Barbara, California.

In composing **A Joyous Psalm**, the American composer, Eugene Butler, was inspired by jazz harmonies and the words of Psalm 138.

We lead the acts of **confession and assurance of forgiveness** from the baptismal font, since it is at baptism that we first receive the promises of forgiveness and rebirth.

KYRIE ELEISON #579

LORD, HAVE MERCY

“ORTHODOX ”

Kyrie eleison, Kyrie eleison.
Christe eleison, Christe eleison.
Kyrie eleison, Kyrie eleison.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

* RESPONSE #582

GLORY TO GOD, WHOSE GOODNESS SHINES ON ME

“GLORY TO GOD”

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

World without end, without end. Amen. *(repeat twice)*
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

* PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
And also with you.

(Please greet one another with signs of peace.)

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING

PSALM 23

PEW BIBLE, OT, p. 474

ANTHEM

IN HEAVENLY LOVE ABIDING

DEBORAH GOVENOR

THE SANCTUARY CHOIR

In heavenly love abiding, no change my heart shall fear;
and safe is such confiding, for nothing changes here.
The storm may roar around me, my heart may low be laid;
But God is round about me, and can I be dismayed?

Wherever he may guide me, no want shall turn me back;
My shepherd is beside me and nothing shall I lack.
His wisdom ever waketh, his sight is never dim;
He knows the way he taketh, and I will walk with him.

Green pastures are before me, which yet I have not seen;
Bright skies will soon be o'er me where darkest clouds have been.
My hope I cannot measure, my path to life is free;
My savior has my treasure, and He will walk with me.

GOSPEL READING

JOHN 10:1-10

PEW BIBLE, NT, p. 97

SERMON

REV. ANN V. ATKINS

RESPONDING TO AND SEALING THE WORD

Deborah Govenor is a composer, music editor, and teacher living in Bar Harbor Maine. Today's anthem is her setting of a text by Anna Waring, a 19th century English poet and philanthropist.

INVITATION TO OFFERING

MUSICAL OFFERING

I HEARD THE VOICE OF JESUS SAY

JOHN B. DYKES

ERIC RINGLER, TENOR

(The text for the offertory may be found in the hymnal, #182)

* AT THE PRESENTATION *PRAISE GOD, FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW* "LASST UNS ERFREUEN"

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures high and low;

Alleluia, alleluia!

Praise God, in Jesus fully known:

Creator, Word, and Spirit one.

Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

COMMUNION HYMN #523

YOU SATISFY THE HUNGRY HEART

"BICENTENNIAL"

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Hallelujah, thanks and praise, ever living God,

Worker of wonders, maker of miracles,

Author of all life and giver of life eternal!

Out of chaos and fear, you bring beauty and hope.

Out of despair and death, you create courage and new life.

And so, with the risen Christ, who makes all things new

By the power of his resurrection,

we join in the song of a new day, to sing your praise, saying:

SANCTUS

JOHN L. BELL

THE SANCTUARY CHOIR

Translation from Latin:

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts,
heaven and earth are full of thy glory,
glory be to thee, O Lord most high.

Blessed are you, gracious God

And holy is your son, our Lord,

whom you sent among us, as one of us,

to show us the way to love,

The word "thanksgiving," in its Greek-derived form, "Eucharist," is the most widely used description for the Sacrament of the Meal. Other ways are "Lord's Supper," which emphasizes the sense of fellowship we enjoy as we gather, or "Holy Communion," which emphasizes our intimate spiritual relationship with Christ.

Sung by the choir in its original Latin, John Bell's **Sanctus** was written for the Iona Community, a Christian ecumenical community in Scotland.

to teach us to proclaim your truth
and to lead us into the fullness of life.

Then, as now, you call women and men, girls and boys, young and old,
to be your disciples and to be leaders in your church and our communities.
Help us to be faithful to your calling, to trust your Word, and
to go where you send us and be what you need us to be.

Open our eyes to your presence among us,
as we share the bread and drink from the cup by which Christ
told us to remember him.

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these elements we pray,
strengthening us to be bearers of hope to the world.

We give our thanks to you,
offer ourselves up to you,
and bless your holy name.

All glory and honor are yours, almighty God, now and forever. Amen.

Praying the prayer Jesus taught us, let us say together,

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

*(We will receive communion by intinction; as directed by the ushers,
please come forward using the aisle closest to you,
take a piece of bread from the basket, dip it into the cup,
eat it and then return to your seat using the other aisle.)*

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

BRYAN LOHR, ORGAN

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Gracious God, we give you thanks
that by the witness of your word
and the sharing of this meal
you have opened our hearts and eyes
to the presence of Christ among us.
Now send us forth from this place
by the power of your Spirit
to tell this good news to the world:
The Lord has risen indeed! Amen.

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

* **HYMN #740** *LEAD ME, GUIDE ME* "LEAD ME, GUIDE ME"

* **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

* **SUNG BENEDICTION #306** *BLEST BE THE TIE THAT BINDS* DENNIS
(Please join hands as we sing together.)

**Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love.
The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.**

* **CLOSING VOLUNTARY** *TOCCATA IN NINE* EUGENE BUTLER
BRYAN LOHR, ORGAN

Similar in character to the choral introit, the **closing voluntary** is Mr. Butler's joyously rhythmic Toccata, with a time signature of 9/8.

* When this symbol precedes an element of the service, please rise in body or spirit.
Please join in reading or singing those parts of the service printed in **bold**.

This Morning's Worship Leaders

Guest Preacher Rev. Ann V. Atkins
Liturgist.....Sharon Squires
Director of Music Ministries.....Bryan Lohr
Musicians..... The Sanctuary Choir
Sound Technician.....Joe Aurigemma
Nursery Care Providers.....Ginny Reid and Jessie Gates
Ushers.....Paul and Barbara Aber

Today we welcome back the Reverend Ann V. Atkins as our guest preacher. Ann is a retired United Methodist pastor from the Baltimore-Washington Conference of the United Methodist Church, with 25 years of service in Maryland. She is married to Rev. Hal Atkins, who is currently serving as Pastor for Cresaptown UMC, in Cresaptown, MD. They have one son, Daniel, 24 years old, who is living and working in Baltimore. Daniel and his fiancé, Victoria, will be married next summer in June. Currently, Ann is seeking ways to help people in our community who are struggling with homelessness and poverty. Ann serves on the Local Management Board and serves as an Ally in the Bridges to Opportunities program here in Cumberland. Also, she is very blessed to be the pastor for the Fort Hill football team. In the near future, when Hal retires, they are pleased to say that they will be making Cumberland their home.

MISSION STATEMENT

Empowered by the Holy Spirit, we worship God and proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ by loving our neighbors and promoting peacemaking, justice and care of the earth.

VISION STATEMENT

We strive to be a community grounded in the good news of God's love in Christ where all of God's children are:

- Welcomed and cherished
- Called to worship, learn and grow together in faith, and
- Sent to share God's love and justice with a broken and hurting world.

Adopted by the Session on September 17, 2015

OUR STAFF

Teaching Elder/Pastor.....	Rev. Caroline M. Kelly
Director of Music Ministries	Bryan Lohr
Youth Ministries Coordinator.....	Robby May
Executive Administrative Assistant.....	Brittany Jackson
Sound Tech/Security.....	Joe Aurigemma
Sexton.....	John Brown

THE SESSION

Class of 2017: Sandra Burton, Cindy Corley, Bob Courtney, Ann Kellermeyer and Bryan Wodaski

Class of 2018: Carl Belt, Carolyn Mathews, Judy Stern, Agnes Yount

Class of 2019: Shirley Giarritta, Phil Mills, Bill McElvie, and David Stickler

Clerk of Session.....	Ann Kellermeyer
Moderator.....	Caroline Kelly

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME VISITORS: We are glad you found your way to First Presbyterian Church of Cumberland. For more information about opportunities to worship, learn and serve with us, we encourage you to visit the table outside the church office. You can also learn more about us at www.fpc-cumberland.org and www.facebook.com/First.Pres.Cumberland. Childcare is provided in the nursery. An usher will be glad to direct you there.

CHILDREN IN WORSHIP: While we do provide a nursery for young children, we also welcome you to bring your child with you to worship. We have "worship bags" in the back of the sanctuary that include materials for drawing and coloring, as well as Bible stories and Bible word-find games. In addition, our "Young Children in Worship" pew card contains information about why young children should be encouraged to come to worship and how parents and others can engage them more fully in worship.

FRIENDSHIP PADS: Please locate and sign the red pad in your pew, tear off the sheet and place it in the collection plate during the offering. This important practice allows us to be mindful of new folks and long-time members as well, and is a good way to learn (or remember) the names of those with whom you are seated.

PERSONAL LISTENING DEVICES: (amplifiers) are available in the back of the church for use during worship. Please see an usher for assistance.

WORSHIP BROADCASTS: Our worship services are broadcast live on Sunday mornings by WCBC AM Radio, thanks to the generosity of members and friends. You can sponsor a broadcast (or share a sponsorship with someone) for \$75. If you are interested, please contact Deb Hendrickson or the church office. This morning's broadcast is made possible by the generosity of Deb and Gary Hendrickson. **There are openings to sponsor the radio broadcast on July 2, August 6, 13, and 20.**

SANCTUARY FLOWERS: Please contact Michael Levitas or the church office if you would like to sponsor flowers. You may specify live or silk flowers. Silk flower money may be directed to either the Special Ministries Fund or to our radio broadcast fund, whichever you prefer.

ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE

ANNUAL GIVING YEAR-TO-DATE:		as of April 30, 2017
Total 2017 Pledges Promised		\$241,753.00
Pre-paid pledges		\$ 13,339.00
2017 Pledge Balance Promised		\$228,414.00
Pledge Balance Received Year-to-Date		\$79,760.00
Pledge Balance Promised Year-to-Date		\$76,138.00
Over/(Under)		\$ 3,622.00

SUNDAY ATTENDANCE	May1, 2016	April 30, 2017
	89	92

FAITH FORMATION

SAVE THE DATE: VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: Vacation Bible School will take place the week of **June 20-24**, beginning with supper at 5:30 followed by the program from 6:00-8:00PM. The **theme** is **Rome: Paul and the Underground Church**. For more information and to register, contact the church office.

SAVE THE DATE: FRIDAY, JUNE 9- GETTING A DRIVER'S LICENSE: WHAT'S GOD GOT TO DO WITH IT?

Come find out as we celebrate our youth who are on their way to becoming licensed drivers. Join us for a potluck picnic supper and conversation about the connection between this important rite of passage and our relationship with God, as we gift and bless these soon-to-be licensed drivers. The event will take place at Rocky Gap State Park, White Pine Shelter, starting at 6:00PM.

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK:

SUNDAY, MAY (7)

9:45 AM	ADULT BIBLE STUDY
11:00 AM	SERVICE OF WORD & SACRAMENT: HOLY COMMUNION GUEST PREACHER: REV. ANN ATKINS
12:00 PM	FIRST SUNDAY FOOD & FELLOWSHIP
3:00 PM	CHORAL SOCIETY CONCERT
4:30 PM	YOUTH GROUP MEETING

MONDAY, MAY (8)

9:00 AM	CHURCH OFFICE OPEN
4:45 PM	ADMIN & FINANCE MEETING IN THE PARLOR

TUESDAY, MAY (9)

9:00 AM	CHURCH OFFICE OPEN
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WEDNESDAY, MAY (10)

ANNUAL ELEVATOR INSPECTION

9:00 AM	CHURCH OFFICE OPEN
10:30 AM	STAFF MEETING IN THE PASTOR'S OFFICE
5:30 PM	BRIDGES: GETTING AHEAD CLASS
6:00 PM	COMMUNITY STRENGTHENING COALITION MEETING IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL
6:15 PM	JOYBELLS REHEARSAL
7:00 PM	N.A. GROUP MEETING IN THE HERITAGE ROOM
7:30 PM	SANCTUARY CHOIR REHEARSAL

THURSDAY, MAY (11)

9:00 AM	CHURCH OFFICE OPEN PRESBYTERY MEETING IN MOUNT AIRY, MD (ST. ANDREWS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH)
6:00 PM	FAITH FORMATION AD HOC COMMITTEE MEETING IN THE PASTOR'S OFFICE

FRIDAY, MAY (12)

9:00 AM	CHURCH OFFICE OPEN
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SATURDAY, MAY (13)

9:00 AM	SOUTH DAKOTA LEARNING CAMP TRAINING
6:00 PM	N.A. GROUP MEETING IN THE HERITAGE ROOM

SUNDAY, MAY (14)

ATPCO NAILS GROUP ARRIVES

9:45 AM	ADULT BIBLE STUDY
11:00 AM	SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY: CONFIRMATION SUNDAY YOUNG ADULTS LEAD WORSHIP

****Please note that Rev. Kelly will be away for continuing education from May 1st- May 7th. For pastoral emergencies during her absence, please contact the church office at 301-777-3700 or the Rev. Hans Killius at (240) 803-9933.**



Watch us live on Livestream- Sundays at 11 a.m.

<http://www.facebook.com/First.Pres.Cumberland>

Copies of Pastor Caroline's sermons are available on the church website
at www.fpc-cumberland.org/worship/sermons.