

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

MAY 13, 2018

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

11:00 AM

RINGING OF THE BELL

OPENING VOLUNTARY

NIMROD FROM ENIGMA VARIATIONS
BRYAN LOHR, ORGAN

EDWARD ELGAR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Christ is risen! He is risen, indeed!

* CALL TO WORSHIP

In the beginning
before time, before people,
before the world began,
God was.

Here and now
among us, beside us,
enlisting the people of earth
for the purposes of heaven,
God is.

In the future,
when we have turned to dust
and all we know has found its fulfillment,
God will be.

Not denying the world, but delighting in it,
not condemning the world, but redeeming it,
through Jesus Christ, by the power of the Holy Spirit,
God was, God is, God will be.

* HYMN

PRAISE TO THE LIVING GOD

"DIADEMATA"

Praise to the living God, the God of love and light,
whose word brought forth the myriad suns and set the world in flight;
whose infinite design, which we but dimly see,
pervades all nature, making all a cosmic unity.

Praise to the living God, from whom all things derive,
whose spirit formed upon this sphere the first faint seeds of life;
who caused them to evolve, unwitting, toward God's goal,
till human-kind stood on the earth, as living, thinking souls.

The **Call to Worship** comes from the Iona Community, an ecumenical Christian community committed to the belief that worship is all that we are and all that we do, both inside and outside the church, with no division into the sacred and the secular.

Praise to the living God, who knows our joy and pain,
who shares with us our common life, the sacred and profane.
God toils where'er we toil, in home and mart and mill;
and deep within the human heart God leads us forward still.

Praise to the living God, around, within, above,
beyond the grasp of human mind, but whom we know as love.
In these tumultuous days, so full of hope and strife,
may we bear witness to the way, O Source and Goal of life.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of love and of grace,
you know the secrets of our hearts:
how blind we are to our own faults,
how swift we are to take for gain,
yet slow to give for others;
how proud we are of our success,
yet grudging in our praise of others.

Forgive us, O God.
Transform us with your love
and send us out to live as renewed people...

(Silence for personal prayer and reflection.)

KYRIE #579

LORD, HAVE MERCY

“ORTHODOX”

Kyrie eleison, Kyrie eleison, Kyrie eleison.
Christe eleison, Christe eleison, Christe eleison.
Kyrie 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.
World without end, without end. Amen.
World without end, without end. Amen.
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.)

A TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

The text of this hymn was written by UCC pastor Curtis Beach and is published in the New Century Hymnal (1996).

During the **Time for Young Disciples**, our youngest ones are invited to come forward for a brief time of conversation with a member of the congregation or the pastor.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING

PSALM 121

PEW BIBLE, OT, P. 539

ANTHEM

EVERYWHERE I GO

NATALIE SLEETH

THE SANCTUARY CHOIR

Everywhere I go, the Lord is near me, if I call upon him, he will hear me,
Never will I fear, for the Lord is near, everywhere I go.
In the dark of night should things alarm me, ever in his sight, no ill may harm me,
I will be of cheer, for the Lord is near, everywhere I go.

He is with me day by day, he will be my strength and stay;
From his path I will not stray but follow in his way.
In the coming days of joy or sadness, I will praise his name with songs of gladness,
For to me it's clear that the Lord is near, everywhere I go.

GOSPEL READING

JOHN 17:6-19

PEW BIBLE, NT, P. 105

SERMON

REV. CAROLINE M. KELLY

RESPONDING TO AND SEALING THE WORD

* HYMN #488

I WAS THERE TO HEAR YOUR BORNING CRY

"WATERLIFE"

BLESSING OF HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

MARISA AURIGEMMA, BEN FISCUS, ADDISON STROUP

MUSICAL RESPONSE

BY YOUR SIDE

J. INGRAM, M. DONEHEY, AND P. LARUE

MIKAYLA AND ZACH DODGE, BEAU HARTMAN, ERIC RINGLER, AND BRYAN LOHR

Why are you striving these days?
Why are you trying to earn grace?
Why are you crying?
Let me lift up your face, just don't turn away.

Why are you looking for love?
Why are you still searching as if I'm not enough?
To where will you go child?
Tell me where will you run, to where will you run?

*'Cause I'll be by your side wherever you fall
In the dead of night whenever you call
And please don't fight these hands that are holding you.
My hands are holding you.*

Look at these hands at my side.
They swallowed the grave on that night,
When I drank the world's sin,
So I could carry you in and give you life.
I wanna give you life.

Together with our recent High School Graduation Celebration, this **blessing** is part of the Milestones Ministry curriculum, which helps us recognize and name how God is present in these important events and in our everyday lives.

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, CONCLUDING WITH 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.

INVITATION TO OFFERING

MUSICAL OFFERING

LEAN ON ME

BILL WITHERS

FPC YOUNG ADULT GROUP AND MEMBERS OF THE SANCTUARY CHOIR

Sometimes in our lives we all have pain, we all have sorrow,
But if we are wise, we know that there's always tomorrow.

*Lean on me, when you're not strong
And I'll be your friend,
I'll help you carry on.
For it won't be long
'Til I'm gonna need
Somebody to lean on.*

Please swallow your pride, if I have things you need to borrow,
For no one can fill those of your needs that you won't let show.

*You just call on me brother (sister,) when you need a hand.
We all need somebody to lean on.
I just might have a problem that you'll understand.
We all need somebody to lean on.*

If there is a load you have to bear that you can't carry,
I'm right up the road. I'll share your load if you just call me.
If you need a friend, call me...

* 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

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

* HYMN #543

GOD, BE THE LOVE TO SEARCH AND KEEP ME

"GREEN TYLER"

Released in 1972
by American
singer-songwriter
Bill Withers, *Lean
On Me* was
written after
Withers moved to
Los Angeles, and
found himself
missing the strong
community ethic
of his hometown,
Slab Fork, West
Virginia.

*** CLOSING RESPONSES**

In work and worship
God is with us.
Gathered and scattered
God is with us.
Now and always
God is with us. Amen.

*** SUNG BENEDICTION #306**

BLEST BE THE TIE THAT BINDS

DENNIS

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

*** CLOSING VOLUNTARY**

*POMP AND CIRCUMSTANCE, OP. 39, NO. 1
BRYAN LOHR, ORGAN*

EDWARD ELGAR

* 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

Preacher.....Rev. Caroline Kelly
Liturgist.....Ann Kellermeyer
Director of Music Ministries.....Bryan Lohr
Musicians.....The Sanctuary Choir
Sound TechnicianJoe Aurigemma
Ushers.....Barbara Leasure and Kathy Dowell

OUR STAFF

Teaching Elder/Pastor.....Rev. Caroline M. Kelly
Director of Music MinistriesBryan Lohr
Executive Administrative Assistant.....Brittany Jackson
Sexton.....Zach Dodge
Sound Tech/Security.....Joe Aurigemma
Sunday Worship Child Care Providers..... Addy and Jonathan Dayton

THE SESSION

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

Class of 2019: Shirley Giarritta, Gary Hendrickson, Phil Mills, and David Stickler

Class of 2020: Chelsea Boor, Jeff Getty, Pam Jan, and Joe Weaver

Clerk of Session.....Jeff Getty
Moderator.....Caroline Kelly

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

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. After the Time for Young Disciples, children may go to the nursery for a Bible lesson or remain in the sanctuary. 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.

THE PRAY-GROUND is a special space in the sanctuary for our youngest children and their families. All families are welcome to come and sit in the right front pews with their children seated on the rug. This front row seat will allow God's youngest children to participate in the service in a place where they can see and hear best. There will be activities provided so that their little hands are kept busy while participating in worship. "Jesus said to them, 'Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. Truly I tell you, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it'" (Mark 10:14-15).

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. **If you are visitor, please fill out the "Welcome to First Presbyterian Church" card in the pew rack and put it in the offering plate when it comes by during the service.**

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

WORSHIP BROADCASTS ON YOUTUBE: To view worship services live or to view taped worship services, go to www.youtube.com (First Presbyterian Church of Cumberland Live Stream) or go to our website <http://www.fpc-cumberland.org/> and click on "click here to view our worship service" located at the bottom of the home page.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS: The flowers in the sanctuary this morning are given to the Glory of God in loving memory of her mother Jane Adams, who may not have given birth to her, but gave her life, by Kim and Phil Mills. **Please contact Michael Levitas or the church office if you would like to sponsor flowers for a special occasion like a birthday or anniversary or in memory or honor of someone. You may specify live or silk flowers. Silk flower money will be directed to the Special Ministries Fund.**

THE WESTMINSTER RINGERS from Westminster, MD will perform on Sunday, May 20, 2018 from 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm at Grace United Methodist Church, [30 S. Mineral St., Keyser, WV 26726](http://www.fpc-cumberland.org/). A freewill offering will be taken.

ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE

RULING ELDERS: AGNES YOUNT & PAM JAN

ANNUAL GIVING YEAR-TO-DATE:	as of May 6, 2018
Total 2018 Pledges Promised	\$222,725.00
Pre-paid pledges	\$ 11,275.00
<u>2018 Pledge Balance Promised</u>	<u>\$211,450.00</u>
Pledge Balance Received Year-to-Date	\$ 80,801.00
Pledge Balance Promised Year-to-Date	\$ 71,813.00
Over/(Under)	\$ 8,987.00

SUNDAY ATTENDANCE

May 7, 2017	May 6, 2018
70	69

MISSION

RULING ELDERS: JUDY STERN & PHIL MILLS

PENTECOST OFFERING: Next Sunday we will have the opportunity to contribute to the Pentecost Offering. Ten percent of monies donated supports the “Educate a Child, Transform the World” national initiative, which was affirmed at the 221st General Assembly (2014). The goal of this initiative is to motivate and inspire Presbyterians to better the lives of one million children by 2020.

WORSHIP & MUSIC

RULING ELDERS: CAROLYN MATHEWS & DAVID STICKLER

NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 20TH is Pentecost. Please help us celebrate the gift of the Spirit by wearing something **red**. We will ordain and install to the session Laura Fiscus, Josh Gilhart, Aaron Hendrickson, and Agnes Yount (Class of 2021); and Cathy Levitas (Class of 2020).

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK:

MONDAY, MAY (14)

9:00 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN
4:45PM ADMIN & FINANCE MEETING IN THE PARLOR
6:00PM CHORAL SOCIETY REHEARSAL

TUESDAY, MAY (15)

9:00 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN

WEDNESDAY, MAY (16)

9:00 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN
10:30 AM STAFF MEETING IN THE PASTOR'S OFFICE
6:00 PM COVENANT BIBLE STUDY IN THE MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM
7:00 PM N.A. GROUP MEETING IN THE HERITAGE ROOM
7:30 PM SANCTUARY CHOIR REHEARSAL

THURSDAY, MAY (17)

9:00 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN
6:00 PM CHORAL SOCIETY REHEARSAL
7:00 PM SESSION MEETING IN THE HERITAGE ROOM

FRIDAY, MAY (18)

9:00 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN
7:30 PM CHORAL SOCIETY CONCERT

SATURDAY, MAY (19)

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

SUNDAY, MAY (20)

9:45AM ADULT BIBLE STUDY & 2-5 YEAR OLD CLASS: AN ILLUSTRATED COMPASSION
11:00AM SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY: PENTECOST SUNDAY
SERVICE OF ORDINATION & INSTALLATION
3:00 PM CHORAL SOCIETY CONCERT