

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

MAY 19, 2019

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE

PRAISE TO THE LORD, THE ALMIGHTY
BRYAN LOHR, ORGAN

J. S. BACH
BWV 650

11:00 AM

RINGING OF THE BELL

CHORAL INTROIT

MY GOD, MY LIFE, MY LOVE
THE SANCTUARY CHOIR

WILLIAM BILLINGS

My God, my life, my love, to thee, to thee I call;
I cannot live if thou remove, for thou art all in all,
for thou art all in all.
I cannot live if thou remove, for thou art all in all.

* CALL TO WORSHIP

PSALM 96:1-2

O sing to the Lord a new song;
sing to the Lord, all the earth.
Sing, and give praise to God's name;
tell the glad news of salvation from day to day.

* HYMN #246

CHRIST IS ALIVE!

"TRURO"

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you
with our whole heart and mind and strength.
We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

In your mercy forgive what we have been,
help us amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be,
so that we may delight in your will
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your holy name...

(Silence for personal prayer and reflection.)

* RESPONSE #555

O LAMB OF GOD

"LAND OF REST"

O Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world;
have mercy on us, Lamb of God, and grant us your peace.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

2 CORINTHIANS 5:17

Friends, hear these words from scripture:
"So, if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation:
everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!"
Friends, believe this good news!
Thanks be to God. 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.)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

A TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

PSALM 148

PEW BIBLE, OT, P. 550

ANTHEM

MORNING HAS BROKEN
THE JOYBELLS

ARR. TAMMY WALDRON

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

RECOGNITION OF THE JOYBELLS

PASTORAL PRAYERS CONCLUDING WITH THE LORD’S PRAYER

Our Father who art 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.

INVITATION TO OFFERING

MUSICAL OFFERING

*PRAISE TO THE LORD, THE ALMIGHTY
 THE JOYBELLS*

ARR. WILLIAM E. GROSS

* AT THE PRESENTATION # 609

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 #451

OPEN MY EYES, THAT I MAY SEE

“OPEN MY EYES”

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

* SUNG RESPONSE #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 FOR ORGAN
 BRYAN LOHR, ORGAN*

JOHN WEAVER

* When this symbol precedes an element of the service, if you are able, please stand.
 Please join in reading or singing those parts of the service printed in **bold**.

This Morning's Worship Leaders

Preacher.....Rev. Dr. James R.M. Young
Liturgist.....Cathy Levitas
Director of Music Ministries.....Bryan Lohr
Director of the JoyBells.....Julie Courtney
Musicians.....The Sanctuary Choir and The JoyBells
Sound TechnicianJoe Aurigemma
Ushers.....Charlene Lelinski and John Mullan

WORSHIP NOTES

The opening voluntary is a setting of the tune commonly sung as *'Praise To The Lord, The Almighty'* as conceived by J. S. Bach (1685-1750) for a cantata of the same name. Originally written as an aria for alto, solo violin, and continuo, Bach later reworked the movement for solo organ, placing the part of the singer in the organ pedals. This tune will be heard later in the service, in an innovative arrangement by contemporary composer William Gross, as we celebrate the ministry of the JoyBells.

William Billings (1746-1800) was a Boston tanner and self-taught musician who was an active and influential composer during the time of the American Revolution. A brash and colorful figure, Billings published 6 book-length collections of anthems and psalm, hymn, and fuguing tunes (canons.) **My God, My Life, My Love**, known as the tune "*Wareham*" is part of the 1781 collection **The Psalm-Singer's Amusement**, the engraving for which was done by Billing's friend, Boston silversmith Paul Revere.

Today's **closing voluntary** is dedicated, with thanks and appreciation, to the music ministry of Julie Courtney and The JoyBells.

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

STAFF VACATION NOTICE: Executive Administrative Assistant Brittany Jackson will be on vacation from May 28th - June 3rd. The church office will be staffed from 9:00AM-12:00PM by office volunteers. Also, please note that the Church office will be CLOSED on Monday, May 27th in observance of Memorial Day.

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 husband, Arthur Hochard, by Martha Jane Hochard. **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.**

NEW E-GIVING OPTIONS NOW AVAILABLE: You now have the option to give via the church website by clicking the Give Now button, from your Realm account or by text message. You can set up one time payments or reoccurring payments as well. Please contact the church office if you have any questions or if you need any assistance.

ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE

RULING ELDERS: AGNES YOUNT & GARY HENDRICKSON

ANNUAL GIVING YEAR-TO-DATE:	as of May 12, 2019
Total 2019 Pledges Promised	\$217,442.00
Pre-paid pledges	\$ 8,592.00
2019 Pledge Balance Promised	\$205,850.00
Pledge Balance Received Year-to-Date	\$ 80,391.00
Pledge Balance Promised Year-to-Date	\$ 76,310.00
Over/(Under)	\$ 4,080.00

SUNDAY ATTENDANCE

May 13, 2018

82

May 12, 2019

71

CONGREGATIONAL CARE & OUTREACH

RULING ELDERS: LAURA FISCUS & JOSH GILHART

MEDIATATION GROUP BEGINNING AT FPC: In response to the interest indicated on the Wellness Assessment earlier this year, Cheri Duncan will be leading a guided meditation group starting in June. If you're interested in participating in this group and would like further information, as well as discuss meeting times, there will be a short information session in the parlor after worship on May 27th. You can also contact Laura Fiscus, Josh Gilhart, or Cheri Duncan to discuss the group.

FAITH FORMATION

RULING ELDERS: JOE WEAVER & ANN KELLERMEYER

BOOK STUDY: The Faith Formation book group is going to read *Colored People* by Henry Louis Gates. He's the host of "Finding Your Roots" on PBS, a Harvard professor, and one of the top historians in the field of black history. Dr. Gates grew up in Piedmont in the 1950s and 60s. The book is a memoir that tells about growing up black and coming of age in our region's heyday. On top of that, it's a good read.

Joe Weaver will be the moderator. The group will meet in the chapel after worship today, May 26, and June 2.

MISSION

RULING ELDERS: PHIL MILLS & PAM JAN

MISSION OUTREACH DINNER: The monthly outreach dinner will be held **next Sunday, May 26th** at **Christ United Methodist Church, 336 Race Street**. Dinner will be served from 4:00-5:30PM. If anyone can volunteer to serve dinner help clean tables, or provide brownies, please let Judy Stern, Phil Mills, or Linda Smith know.

ALL HANDS ON DECK FOR SUMMER LUNCHBOX 2019: Calling all sandwich makers and lunch packers....We will again be making and delivering lunches for eight Fridays this summer ~ **beginning Friday, June 21 and running through Friday, August 9**. Please plan to join us in the Fellowship from 9:30 AM - noon for any or all Friday mornings this summer. We welcome all helpers. Please sign up on the sheets in the side hallway at church or call Cathy Levitas at [301-707-7386](tel:3017077386) for more information.

WORSHIP & MUSIC

RULING ELDERS: DAVID STICKLER & CATHY LEVITAS

PENECOST IS SUNDAY, June 9th. Please help us celebrate the gift of the Spirit by wearing something **red**.

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK:

MONDAY, MAY (20)

9:00 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN
1:30 PM AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

TUESDAY, MAY (21)

9:00 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN

WEDNESDAY, MAY (22)

9:00 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN
7:00 PM N.A. GROUP MEETING IN THE HERITAGE ROOM
7:00 PM SANCTUARY CHOIR REHEARSAL IN THE CHOIR ROOM

THURSDAY, MAY (23)

9:00 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN

FRIDAY, MAY (24)

LEARNING TREES LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

9:00 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN UNTIL NOON

SATURDAY, MAY (25)

6:00 PM N.A. GROUP MEETING IN THE HERITAGE ROOM

SUNDAY, MAY (26)

9:45AM AN ILLUSTRATED COMPASSION: LEARNING TO LOVE LIKE GOD (2-5 YEAR OLDS)
9:45 AM FEASTING ON THE WORD - EARLY ELEMENTARY (K-2ND GRADE)
9:45 AM PERSONALIZED BIBLE STORIES (ADULTS)
11:00AM SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY: FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
12:15 PM BOOK STUDY IN THE CHAPEL
4:00 PM MISSION OUTREACH DINNER AT CHRIST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH