

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY: TRINITY SUNDAY

MAY 30, 2021

11:00 AM

OPENING VOLUNTARY

PRELUDE IN E-FLAT MAJOR
BRYAN LOHR, ORGAN

J. S. BACH

11:00 AM

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

* CALL TO WORSHIP

God the creator is in this place.

The love of God is with us.

Jesus our redeemer is in this place.

The grace of our Lord is in this place.

The Holy Spirit our Sustainer is in this place.

The gifts of the Spirit are with us.

Join together in welcoming the fullness of God's presence.

God the creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer, be with us here and now, always and everywhere.

* HYMN # 1

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY! LORD GOD ALMIGHTY!

"NICEA"

ho - - - - - ly,

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee.
cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
though the eye of sin - ful - ness thy glo - ry may not see,
All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea.

ho - - - - - ly,

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! mer - ci - ful and might - y!
cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,
on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! mer - ci - ful and might - y!

God in three persons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty.

God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
 who wert, and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.
 per - fect in power, in love and pu - ri - ty.
 God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(BASED ON THE APOSTLES' CREED)

Let us confess our historic faith

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Creator God, you set us as stewards over all creation, but we have not always been good stewards.

We have shown little regard for the creatures of the earth. We have ravaged the earth in search of natural resources and left the land stripped bare. We have destroyed habitat and polluted the oceans. In our abuse of the creation you have entrusted to us, we have not honored you.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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.

God of never-ending love, you come to earth that we might be drawn closer to you. You teach us to love you through our love for one another. But we have not always shown this love. The suffering, death, and resurrection of your son, Jesus show us that there is nothing we can lose that you cannot restore. You give us that great gift of grace. Yet we are reluctant to share this grace with others, refusing to forgive sins as you commanded. In our failure to do unto other as you have done for us, we have not honored you.

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

Merciful God, you refuse to give up on us, forever calling us back and forgiving our sins. You provide for us a community of witness and support in the family of your Church. But we have fractured that community and ignored the example of your saints. In our disregard for our brothers and sisters in Christ, we have not honored you.

Forgive us, we pray, and teach us how to sin no more. Amen.

(Silence for personal prayer and reflection.)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

* HUMMED 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.

DIALOGUE FOR TRINITY SUNDAY(ALA LAUREL & HARDY) "WHO'S ON FIRST"

JOSH GIHART AND ERIC RINGLER

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

II CORINTHIANS 13:11-14

¹¹ Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Put things in order, listen to my appeal, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. ¹² Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you.

¹³ The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

ANTHEM

O JESUS I HAVE PROMISED
THE SANCTUARY CHOIR

MYRON CASNER

(LIVE STREAMED FROM WORSHIP ON MAY 5, 2019)

O Jesus, I have promised to serve thee to the end;
Be thou forever near me, my master and my friend.

I shall not fear the battle if thou art by my side,
nor wander from the pathway, if thou wilt be my guide.

O let me hear thee speaking in accents clear and still,
above the storms of passion, the murmurs of self-will;

O speak to reassure me, to hasten or control;
O speak, and make me listen, thou guardian of my soul.

O Jesus, thou hast promised to all who follow thee,
that where thou art in glory, there shall thy servant be;

And Jesus, I have promised to serve thee to the end;
O give me grace to follow, my master and my friend.

SECOND READING

MATTHEW 28:16-20

¹⁶ Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. ¹⁷ When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. ¹⁸ And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."^[a]

SERMON

"LET THE MYSTERY BE"

REV. REBECCA VARDIMAN

* HYMN #295

GO TO THE WORLD!

"SINE NOMINE"



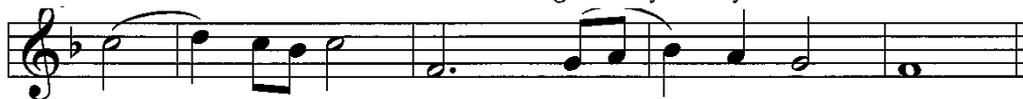
1 Go to the world! Go in - to all the earth.
2 Go to the world! Go in - to ev - ery place.
3 Go to the world! Go strug - gle, bless, and pray;
4 Go to the world! Go as the ones I send,



Go preach the cross where Christ re - news life's worth,
Go live the word of God's re - deem - ing grace.
the nights of tears give way to joy - ous day.
for I am with you till the age shall end,



bap - tiz - ing as the sign of our re - birth.
Go seek God's pres - ence in each time and space.
As ser - vant church, you fol - low Christ's own way.
when all the hosts of glo - ry cry "A - men!"



Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

MORNING OFFERING AND OFFERTORY PRAYER

(The offering is to be placed in the dish at the rear of the sanctuary. We are not passing the plate at this time)

* DOXOLOGY #606

PRAISE GOD, FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW

"OLD HUNDRETH"

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, you heavenly hosts,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

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.

* HYMN #338

O BEAUTIFUL FOR SPACIOUS SKIES

"MATERNA"

1 O beau-ti-ful for spa-cious skies, for am-ber waves of grain,
2 O beau-ti-ful for he-roes proved in lib-er-at-ing strife,
3 O beau-ti-ful for pa-triot dream that sees be-yond the years

for pur-ple moun-tain maj-es-ties a-bove the fruit-ed plain!
who more than self their coun-try loved, and mer-cy more than life!
thine al-a-bas-ter cit-ies gleam, un-dimmed by hu-man tears!

A-mer-i-ca! A-mer-i-ca! God shed his grace on thee,
A-mer-i-ca! A-mer-i-ca! God mend thine ev-ery flaw;
A-mer-i-ca! A-mer-i-ca! May God thy gold re-fine

and crown thy good with *broth-er-hood from sea to shin-ing sea!
con-firm thy soul in self-con-trol, thy lib-er-ty in law!
till all suc-cess be no-ble-ness and ev-ery gain di-vine!

* BENEDICTION

* RESPONSE AFTER BENEDICTION #288

SPIRIT OF THE LIVING GOD

"LIVING GOD"

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

* 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.Rebecca Vardiman
Liturgist.....	Sharon Kazary
Director of Music Ministries.....	Bryan Lohr
Musicians.....	The Sanctuary Choir (Previously recorded)
Audio/Video Technicians.....	Joe Aurigemma and Eric Ringler
Ushers.....	Cathy and Mike Levitas

Worship Notes

Today we welcome back our guest preacher, Rev. Rebecca Vardiman, to the pulpit. She is a native Texan where she taught piano. She attended Wesley Theological Seminary in Washington, DC. In 1993 Rev. Vardiman moved to Allegany county, serving Ellerslie, Frostburg, Centenary, and Zion United Methodist Churches. She was also a staff chaplain at the former Western Maryland Health System. Rev. Vardiman retired in 2017, becoming an Earthkeeper in the UMC, focusing on creation care and education about the environment. She is also helping to form a Braver Angels chapter in Allegany County. She is married to Nelson Cleavenger.

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED: Please note that the church office will be closed tomorrow, May 31st in observance of Memorial Day.

SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE: Next Sunday, June 6th we will be returning to our summer worship schedule with worship beginning at 10:00 AM!

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME: A very warm welcome to everyone who comes to worship with us here at First Presbyterian Church! We are proud of being a “Big Tent Church” where everyone is welcome to join us in worshiping and serving our Lord, Jesus Christ. We welcome and encourage participants from all sexes including the LGBTQ+ community, all political parties, all races, and all walks of life. We welcome you to worship with us.

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.

CHILDREN IN WORSHIP: We 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. 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).

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

SANCTUARY FLOWERS: The flowers in the sanctuary this morning are given to the Glory of God in loving memory of Eugene D. and Bernice L. Munro, by their family and in honor and celebration of Bill and Alleine Courtney's 72nd anniversary on June 4th. **There are currently flower openings on June 6th and June 13th.** 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.

SHARING OF JOYS & CONCERNS: Please use orange prayer request cards in the back of the sanctuary by the bulletins to share any joys and concerns. Place the card in the offering plate once you have completed your request. The ushers will bring them to the pastor during the offering.

OFFERING PLATES: Offering plates are available on the table in the back of the sanctuary. Please deposit your gifts, offerings, and tithes into the plate as you enter or exit the sanctuary.

ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE

RULING ELDERS: GARY HENDRICKSON & CINDY CORLEY

ANNUAL GIVING YEAR-TO-DATE:	as of May 9, 2021
Total 2021 Pledges Promised	\$192,124.00
Pre-paid pledges	\$ 400.00
<u>2021 Pledge Balance Promised</u>	<u>\$191,724.00</u>
Pledge Balance Received Year-to-Date	\$67,326.00
Pledge Balance Promised Year-to-Date	\$71,478.00
Over/(Under)	\$(4,152.00)

FAITH FORMATION

RULING ELDER: JOSH GILHART

FAITH FORMATION SAVE-THE-DATES:

Sunday, June 13th: Worship & Milestone of Remembrance at Rocky Gap State Park

Monday, June 14th- Friday, June 25th: Virtual Community Vacation Bible School (Registration forms can be found on the FPC website.)

Saturday, July 24th: Church Retreat, "Close Encounters of the God-kind"

*More details to come from the Faith Formation Team

MISSION

RULING ELDERS: AARON HENDRICKSON & LAURA FISCUS

The Missions Committee is actively seeking congregation members to serve on our committee. There is no administrative work to do, just bring your passion for helping others, ideas of how we can serve our nation, world, and community, and your time, on the first Tuesday of every month at 5:30 in the Gathering Place. Please join us! For questions and/or interest please contact Aaron Hendrickson, Judy Stern, Georgene McKenzie, Linda Smith, Robin Bissell, or Rolfe Singerman, or just simply show up for any of our meetings. We hope to see you there!