

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY:
SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
MAY 9, 2021 11:00 AM

OPENING VOLUNTARY

PRELUDE ON 'MY SONG IS LOVE UNKNOWN'
BRYAN LOHR, ORGAN

RALPH VAUGHN-WILLIAMS

11:00 AM

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

LOVE LIFTED ME FROM 'MISA BREVIS ON GOSPEL TUNES'
BRYAN LOHR, ORGAN

SAM BATT OWENS

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Sing to the Lord a new song, for the Lord has done marvelous things!
God's salvation and steadfast love have been made known, so make a joyful noise to the Lord!
Sing praises to the Lord with lyre and trumpets and the sound of the horn.
Let the sea roar and all that fills it; the world and all who live in it!
Let the floods clap their hands; let the hills sing together for joy at the presence of the Lord.
For the Lord will judge the world with righteousness and the peoples with equity.

Let us pray...

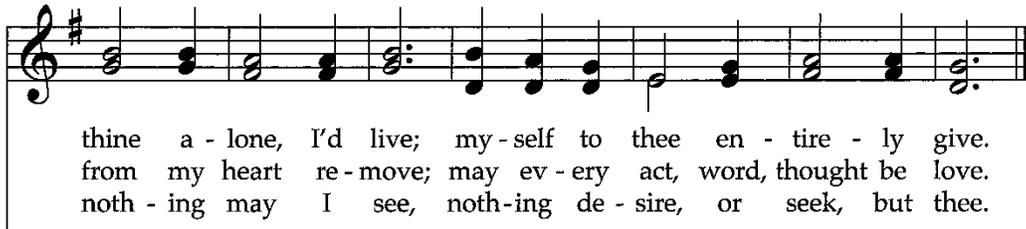
Loving God, you call us to be the caring community of your servants. As we worship this day let us fully comprehend how deeply you love us. And then grant us the willingness to love others as we have been loved, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

* HYMN # 703

JESUS, THY BOUNDLESS LOVE TO ME

"ST. CATHERINE"

1 Je - sus, thy bound - less love to me no thought can
2 O grant that noth - ing in my soul may dwell, but
3 O Love, how gra - cious is thy way! All fear be -
reach, no tongue de - clare; O knit my thank - ful heart to
thy pure love a - lone; O may thy love pos - sess me
fore thy pres - ence flies; care, an - guish, sor - row melt a -
thee, and reign with - out a ri - val there! Thine whol - ly,
whole, my joy, my trea - sure, and my crown! All cold - ness
way wher - e'er thy heal - ing beams a - rise. O Je - sus,



thine a - lone, I'd live; my - self to thee en - tire - ly give.
 from my heart re - move; may ev - ery act, word, thought be love.
 noth - ing may I see, noth - ing de - sire, or seek, but thee.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Ever present God, we confess our unloving attitudes and actions. We expect others to adhere to standards from which we exempt ourselves. We insist that others should keep the commandments even as we excuse our own failures to abide by them. We discount the needs of others and fail to offer ourselves and our resources to help meet them. Forgive us, O God, and cleanse us from our destructive ways. Free us to love as you have loved us, not just with words but with actions, through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

I CORINTHIANS 13

13 If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. ² And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. ³ If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast,^[a] but do not have love, I gain nothing.

⁴ Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant ⁵ or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; ⁶ it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. ⁷ It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

⁸ Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. ⁹ For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; ¹⁰ but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. ¹¹ When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. ¹² For now we see in a mirror, dimly,^[b] but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. ¹³ And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

ANTHEM

SWEET HOUR OF PRAYER
 NANCY HODGES, PIANO

ARR. LARRY SHACKLEY

SECOND READING

JOHN 15:9-17

⁹ As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. ¹⁰ If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹ I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

¹² “This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³ No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. ¹⁴ You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵ I do not call you servants^[a] any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. ¹⁶ You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. ¹⁷ I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

* HYMN #203

JESU, JESU, FILL US WITH YOUR LOVE

"CHEREPONI"

Refrain *capo 3rd* F C7

Je - su, Je - su, fill us with your love; show
us how to serve the neigh-bors we have from you.
1 Kneels at the feet of his friends, si - lent - ly wash - es their
2 Neigh-bors are wealth-y and poor, var - ied in col - or and
3 These are the ones we should serve; these are the ones we should
4 Lov - ing puts us on our knees, will - ing to wash oth - ers'
feet, Mas - ter who acts as a slave to them.
race; neigh-bors are near us and far a - way.
love; all these are neigh-bors to us and you.
feet; this is the way we should live like you.

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

(Each petition will conclude with "God of new life..." to which the congregation will respond "Hear our 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 #754

HELP US ACCEPT EACH OTHER

"BARONITA"

1 Help us ac - cept each oth - er as Christ ac - cept - ed us;
2 Teach us, O Lord, your les - sons, as in our dai - ly life
3 Let your ac - cep - tance change us, so that we may be moved
4 Lord, for to - day's en - coun - ters with all who are in need,



teach us as sis - ter, broth - er, each per - son to em - brace.
 we strug - gle to be hu - man and search for hope and faith.
 in liv - ing sit - u - a - tions to do the truth in love;
 who hun - ger for ac - cep - tance, for jus - tice and for bread,



Be pres - ent, Lord, a - mong us and bring us to be - lieve
 Teach us to care for peo - ple, for all, not just for some,
 to prac - tice your ac - cep - tance un - til we know by heart
 we need new eyes for see - ing, new hands for hold - ing on:



we are our - selves ac - cept - ed, and meant to love and live.
 to love them as we find them, or as they may be - come.
 the ta - ble of for - give - ness, and laugh - ter's heal - ing art.
 re - new us with your Spir - it; Lord, free us; make us one!

* BENEDICTION

* RESPONSE AFTER BENEDICTION #750

GOODNESS IS STRONGER THAN EVIL

"GOODNESS IS STRONGER"

Goodness is stronger than evil; Love is stronger than hate.
 Light is stronger than darkness; Life is stronger than death.
 Victory is ours, victory is ours! Through him who loves us.
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POSTLUDE

A FESTIVE TRUMPET TUNE
 BRYAN LOHR, ORGAN

GILBERT M. MARTIN

* 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. Walt Peters
 Liturgist..... Hans Killus
 Director of Music Ministries.....Bryan Lohr
 Musicians.....Nancy Hodges, Piano
 Audio/Video Technicians.....Joe Aurigemma and Eric Ringler
 Ushers.....Charlene Lelinski and John Mullan

Worship Notes

Today we welcome back our guest preacher, the Rev. Walt Peters, to the pulpit. He served congregations in Macon, GA; Tampa, FL, and Augusta, GA, before coming to First Presbyterian in Westminster in 1999, being honorably retired by Baltimore Presbytery in October of 2013. In retirement he is an active participant in the Wild Wild West Ministry Group. He and his wife Rebecca reside in Hagerstown. They have three grown children and two grandchildren. "Fun fact - while in college, Walt was one of the two "bear trainers" at Baylor University, regularly taking adult black bears (yes, real bears!) to football games and other university athletic functions."

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY: We wish all of the women in our congregation a Happy Mother's 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.

CHILDREN IN 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 our mothers, Jane Adams and Audrey Mills, women we not only loved but truly admired, by Kim and Phil Mills. **There are currently flower openings on May 16th, May 23rd, 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.

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 2, 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	\$64,241.00
Pledge Balance Promised Year-to-Date	\$67,716.00
Over/(Under)	\$(3,475.00)

MISSION

RULING ELDERS: AARON HENDRICKSON & LAURA FISCUS

PENTECOST OFFERING: On **Pentecost Sunday, May 23**, the congregation will have the opportunity to donate to the Pentecost Offering, one of four special offerings of the Presbyterian Church (USA).

40% of what our church donates goes to help support The Family Junction here in Cumberland. This organization provides the resources parents need to strengthen their relationships with their children. Their parenting curriculums stress active parent involvement, successful communication skills, appropriate boundaries, practical discipline methods, age-appropriate expectations, nurturing techniques and stress relief. Their goal is enriching the relationship between parent and child through effective communication, common-sense parenting skills and positive discipline.

The remaining 60% is used to support children-at-risk, youth, and young adults through ministries of the Presbyterian Mission Agency.