

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
MAY 31, 2020
PENTECOST SUNDAY

PRELUDE/MOMENT OF QUIET REFLECTION

"Kum Bah Yah"

Cheryl Mayhew, organist
Roger C. Wilson

GREETING

Pastor Eric Gale

RINGING OF THE BELL

CALL TO WORSHIP (inspired by Ezekiel 37) (responsive)

Lay Leader: Mark Wisely

L: The Spirit of God has brought us here.

P: The Lord has set us down here, though our bones are tired.

L: Can these dry bones live?

P: Yes! The Breath of God will revive us! The Word of God will awaken us!

L: Today, we come together to experience new life.

All: Let us give thanks to the Life-Giving Spirit of God!

OPENING HYMN *"God, Our Father, We Adore Thee"*

God, our Father, we adore Thee! We, Thy children, bless Thy Name! Chosen in the Christ before Thee, we are "holy, without blame." We adore Thee! We adore Thee! Abba's praises we proclaim! We adore Thee! We adore Thee! Abba's praises we proclaim!

Son Eternal, we adore Thee! Lamb upon the throne on high! Lamb of God, we bow before Thee, Thou hast bro't Thy people nigh! We adore Thee! We adore Thee! Son of God, who came to die! We adore Thee! We adore Thee! Son of God, who came to die!

Holy Spirit, we adore Thee! Paraclete and heav'nly guest! Sent from God and from the Savior, Thou hast led us into rest. We adore Thee! We adore Thee! By Thy grace forever blest; We adore Thee! We adore Thee! By Thy grace forever blest!

Father, Son and Holy Spirit - Three in One! we give Thee praise! For the riches we inherit, Heart and voice to Thee we raise! We adore Thee! we adore Thee! Thee we bless thro' endless days! We adore Thee! We adore Thee! Thee we bless thro' endless days!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

You call us to be your voices in this world and we stay silent. You call us to be your hands in this world and we keep them hidden. You call us to be your feet in this world and we go our own way. When we meet those who are doubting and say nothing, forgive us. When we meet those who need your touch and do nothing, forgive us. When we are called to take up your cross and carry nothing, forgive us. Breathe life into these bones bring freedom to these lives that we might declare with heart and soul and voice that you are our Lord and our God. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE (responsive)

L: The God we serve is the God of life, the God of hope, the God of new beginnings— even for dried-up bones and shattered dreams.

P: That rattling of bones in Ezekiel's vision may be heard as the shackles that once held us down in fear, sin, prejudice, and guilt.

L: God defies these deadly entanglements with the power of life.

P: This we trust, and by this we live. Thanks be to God!

GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost: As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. World without end. Amen.

CHORAL ANTHEM

"The Longer I Serve Him"

Chancel Choir

CHILDRENS MESSAGE

"The Unseen God"

Trish Moore

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE / THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in 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, the power and the glory forever. Amen.

HYMN OF PREPARATION *"Open My Eyes, That I May See"*

Open my eyes that I may see glimpses of truth Thou hast for me; place in my hands the wonderful key that shall unclasp and set me free. Silently now I wait for Thee, ready, my God, Thy will to see; Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine.

Open my ears that I may hear voices of truth Thou sendest clear; and while the wave-notes fall on my ear, everything false will disappear. Silently now I wait for Thee, ready, my God, Thy will to see; Open my ears, illumine me, Spirit divine.

Open my mouth and let me bear gladly the warm truth everywhere; Open my heart and let me prepare Love with Thy children, thus to share. Silently now I wait for Thee, ready, my God, Thy will to see; Open my heart, illumine me, Spirit divine.

MESSAGE

"The Power of Invisible Things"
2 Corinthians 4:16-18

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CLOSING HYMN *"Holy Spirit, Light Divine"*

Holy Spirit, Light divine, shine upon this heart of mine. Chase the shades of night away; Turn my darkness into day.

Holy Spirit, Pow'r divine, cleanse this guilty heart of mine. Long hath sin without control held dominion o'er my soul.

Holy Spirit, Joy divine, cheer this saddened heart of mine. Bid my many woes depart; Heal my wounded, bleeding heart.

Holy Spirit, all divine, dwell within this heart of mine. Cast down every idol throne; Reign supreme, and reign alone.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"Recessional"

Edward H. Wetherill

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS...

Jim Story, recuperating from knee surgery.

The family of Alice Chamblin, fellow bus driver with Kregg Swanson, killed in a hit and run in Cicero, Tuesday, this past week.

Ann James, Laurie Szabo's mom, preparing to move to long-term care.

Jane Rowley, recuperating from shoulder replacement surgery.

Pine Ridge Lakota & Navajo Nation, as the tribal governments struggle through the pandemic with limited medical resources.

The orphans in Zhytomyr, Ukraine, need spiritual support with the shutdown of trade schools and orphanages.

The Governor, State and Local Officials, as the economy begins to reopen.

Businesses, struggling to stay open.

Medical Professionals, who are taking care of those in need.

Those who are feeling isolated, due to Social Distancing restrictions.

FPC Session & Staff, as they consider strategies for re-opening.

MESSAGE NOTES

The power of the Holy Spirit prompts us to see beyond that which is visible!

I. Many of the most powerful _____ on our lives cannot be seen!

II. Paul knew that nothing in this life lasts _____!

III. Only with eyes of _____ can we see and understand what cannot be seen!

IV. Keep in mind that which gives you _____ strength and a

_____ faith!

SCRIPTURE

2 Corinthians 4:16-18 (NLT2)

¹⁶That is why we never give up. Though our bodies are dying, our spirits are being renewed every day. ¹⁷For our present troubles are small and won't last very long. Yet they produce for us a glory that vastly outweighs them and will last forever! ¹⁸So we don't look at the troubles we can see now; rather, we fix our gaze on things that cannot be seen. For the things we see now will soon be gone, but the things we cannot see will last forever.