



Central Presbyterian Church

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6th Sunday of Easter

Welcome

Announcements

Please take a quiet moment to prepare your heart for worship.

Prelude *“Holy Spirit, Faithful Guide”* Hughes

Prayer of Preparation *(for your personal use, during Prelude)*

May the love we experience today in worship restore us, revive us, and refresh us. God, use our broken selves as tools of hope and love on this day. Lord, we love You. Thank You for loving us. It is in Your name, we pray. Amen.

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

***Call to Worship – From Psalm 98:1-6**

L: O sing to the Lord a new song, for He has done marvelous things. His right hand and His holy arm have gained Him victory.

P: **The Lord has made known His victory; He has revealed His vindication in the sight of the nations.**

L: He has remembered His steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel. All the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

P: **Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises.**

L: Sing praises to the Lord with the lyre, with the lyre and the sound of melody.

P: **With trumpets and the sound of the horn, make a joyful noise before the King, the Lord.**

***Hymn** *“Rise Up, O Men of God!”* **RED #461**

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Tender God, forgive us for our half-hearted faith that loves only when it is easy, and reaches out only to those who are like us, that ignores Your less convenient commandments and fails to bear fruit anyone would rejoice in. How can a faith like that conquer the world? Nourish us again, to blossom with whole-hearted faith that abides in Your love and shines forth with joy. Through the grace of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

(Time of silence for personal reflection)

Assurance of Pardon

The Peace

L: Peace be with you.

P: And also with you.

***Gloria Patri**

“Glory Be to the Father”

PH #579

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Time with Young Disciples

New Testament Reading I

Acts 10:44-48

New Testament Reading II

1 John 5:1-6

Gospel Reading/Sermon Reading

John 15:9-17

Sermon

“Love One Another!”

Pastor Ryan

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***Affirmation of Faith – From Philippians 2**

“Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though He was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied Himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross.

Therefore, God also highly exalted Him and gave Him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.” Amen.

***Hymn**“*They’ll Know We Are Christians by Our Love*”SF #2223

Prayers of the People/Pastoral Prayer

L: God of Mercy,

P: hear our prayer.

The Lord’s Prayer

Celebration of the Lord’s Supper (Insert)

The Great Thanksgiving

Sharing the Bread and Cup

(Wine is in the outer circle of the trays)

Offering

Offertory “*Fill Me Now*” Smith

***Doxology** PH #591

Prayer of Thanksgiving

**BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD
INTO THE WORLD**

***Hymn** “*I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord*” PH #441

***Charge and Blessing**

Postlude “*God is Ascended*” Blake

Please be seated for the Postlude.

Worship Leader: Pastor Ryan Edgecombe

Greeter/Usher: Sherri Roberts

Liturgist: Dan Stephenson

Communion Steward: Pat Claussen

Organist: Emma Lou Denton

***Please stand, if able** CCLI License #2716138

Hymnals: PH-blue hard cover; Red-red hard cover; SF-small blue soft cover

*Call to Confession, Prayer of Confession, Assurance of Pardon, and Prayer of Illumination taken from “*The Presbyterian Outlook*.”