



Erwin Presbyterian Church

Sixth Sunday of Easter * May 5, 2024 * 11:00 a.m.
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Prelude
Ethan Thomas, organist

Meirionnydd

arr. David Paxton

Welcome and Announcements

The Rev. Dr. Ramy Marcos

Introit

Sweet, Sweet Spirit

Green Hymnbook #391

*** Call to Worship**

Betty Stevens

Leader: We come to join with all the earth in praise:

**All: to sing a new song to the Lord,
who has done marvelous things,
who has shown us steadfast love and faithfulness.**

Leader: We praise the Lord with joyful noises
joining the symphony of the earth:

**All: the roar of the ocean,
the call of the birds,
the wind across the hills,
people in every corner of the globe.**

Leader: On this sabbath day of rest and gladness,

All: we greet you with joy, our living God!

***Hymn**

To God be the Glory

Green Hymnbook, #56

Call to Confession

Betty Stevens

Leader: There is nothing that can separate us from God's love. Therefore, let's confess our sins, trusting that God will forgive us and help us transform our lives.

Prayer of Confession

Betty Stevens

All: 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, in which 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.

(Please take a moment of silent confession)

Assurance of Pardon

Betty Stevens

Leader: Hear the Good News! The only one who could judge us calls us friends. Jesus chose us over his own life, so let us choose Jesus in the life we have now. By the power of the Spirit, our sins are washed away, and we are made new. Let us live as God's forgiven children. Alleluia! Amen.

All: Thanks be to God.

***Gloria Patri**

Red Hymnbook, #546

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, Amen.

***The Peace**

The Rev. Dr. Ramy Marcos

Pastor: Jesus said, "My peace I give to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not let them be afraid." May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

All: And also with you.

Pastor: Please take a moment to greet one another and share the peace of Christ.

First Scripture Reading- John 18: 15-18, 25-27

Betty Stevens

¹⁵ Simon Peter and another disciple were following Jesus. Because this disciple was known to the high priest, he went with Jesus into the high priest's courtyard, ¹⁶ but Peter had to wait outside at the door. The other disciple, who was known to the high priest, came back, spoke to the servant girl on duty there and brought Peter in.

¹⁷ "You aren't one of this man's disciples too, are you?" she asked Peter.

He replied, "I am not."

¹⁸ It was cold, and the servants and officials stood around a fire they had made to keep warm. Peter also was standing with them, warming himself. ...

²⁵ Meanwhile, Simon Peter was still standing there warming himself. So they asked him, "You aren't one of his disciples too, are you?"

He denied it, saying, "I am not."

²⁶ One of the high priest's servants, a relative of the man whose ear Peter had cut off, challenged him, "Didn't I see you with him in the garden?"²⁷ Again Peter denied it, and at that moment a rooster began to crow.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Anthem

I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord

Prayer for Illumination

The Rev. Dr. Ramy Marcos

Second Scripture Reading- John 20:11-18

The Rev. Dr. Ramy Marcos

¹⁵ When they had finished eating, Jesus said to Simon Peter, “Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?”

“Yes, Lord,” he said, “you know that I love you.”

Jesus said, “Feed my lambs.”

¹⁶ Again Jesus said, “Simon son of John, do you love me?”

He answered, “Yes, Lord, you know that I love you.”

Jesus said, “Take care of my sheep.”

¹⁷ The third time he said to him, “Simon son of John, do you love me?”

Peter was hurt because Jesus asked him the third time, “Do you love me?” He said, “Lord, you know all things; you know that I love you.”

Jesus said, “Feed my sheep.” ¹⁸ Very truly I tell you, when you were younger you dressed yourself and went where you wanted; but when you are old you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will dress you and lead you where you do not want to go.” ¹⁹ Jesus said this to indicate the kind of death by which Peter would glorify God. Then he said to him, “Follow me!”

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Sermon

**Transformed by the Resurrection
V. Restoring Relationships: Peter**

The Rev. Dr. Ramy Marcos

Introduction

First,

Second,

Third,

Conclusion

***Declaration of Faith (The Apostles' Creed)**

Betty Stevens

Leader: Let's declare our faith.

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

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, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.

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.

Offering

Invitation to the Offering

Betty Stevens

Leader: With gratitude for all God has given us, let us return our offerings to God.

(may the ushers move forward and collect the offering)

Offertory Music

Praise Him! Praise Him!

***Doxology**

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Red Hymnbook, #544

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen**

****Prayer of Dedication***

Betty Stevens

Leader: Generous God, we bring you our offerings today, and ask that you bless them. Bless the money in the plates that it might be saved, stewarded and spent in ways that honor you. Bless the tasks we will undertake this week that we might be coworkers in your coming kingdom. Bless the hours of our week until we meet again that our lives may be our offering to you. Bless us to be blessings in this world.

All: Amen.

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

The Rev. Dr. Ramy Marcos

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Pastor: Friends, this is the joyful feast of the people of God! They will come from east and west, and from north and south, and sit at table in the kingdom of God.

Great Thanksgiving

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

All: and also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Pastor: Holy God, we praise you. Let the heavens be joyful, and the earth be glad. We bless you for creating the whole world, for your promises to your people, and for Jesus Christ in whom your fullness dwells.

Born of Mary, he shares our life. Eating with sinners, he welcomes us. Guiding his children, he leads us. Visiting the sick, he heals us. Dying on the cross, he saves us. Risen from the dead, he gives new life. Living with you, he prays for us.

With thanksgiving we take this bread and this cup and proclaim the death and resurrection of our Lord. Receive our sacrifice of praise.

Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us that this meal may be a communion in the body and blood of our Lord. Make us one with Christ and with all who share this feast. Unite us in faith, encourage us with hope, inspire us to love, that we may serve as your faithful disciples until we feast at your table in glory.

We praise you, eternal God, through Christ your Word made flesh, in the holy and life-giving Spirit, now and forever. Amen

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise. Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might; heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Words of Institution and Breaking of the Bread

Pastor: We give thanks that on the night of his arrest Jesus took bread, and after giving thanks, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take, eat. This is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way he took the cup, saying: This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood, shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me. Great is the mystery of faith:

All: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Pastor: And now with the confidence of the children of God, let us pray:

All: 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, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Communion

Pastor: The body of Christ, given for you.

All: Amen

Pastor: The blood of Christ, given for you.

All: Amen

Prayer after Communion

Pastor: Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit to give ourselves for others in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen

***Hymn**

More Love to Thee, O Christ

Red Hymnbook, #397

***Benediction**

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***Benediction Response**

Shalom

**Shalom to you now, Shalom my friends.
May God's full mercies bless you, my friends.
In all your living and through your loving,
Christ be your Shalom. Christ be your Shalom.**

Postlude

Thine Is the Glory

arr. Lani Smith

Ethan Thomas, organist

Notes:

**Responses with an asterisk indicate standing. Please stand as you are able.*

Sources for Worship Liturgy: The Confession and Offering prayers are based on *The Presbyterian Outlook*.

Welcome Visitors: Welcome! If you are visiting, please fill out one of the green visitor's cards from the pew and put it in the offering plate. We are glad you are here! Hope to see you again soon!

Announcements:

Mothers' Day Celebration – Please join us on Sunday, May 5 immediately following the service for a congregational potluck! We will be celebrating our mothers with a fiesta! If you would like to bring a dish, the sign-up form may be found in the narthex.

If you have any questions, please contact Ellen Sewell.

Mission Trip – Team Meeting on May 5 at 6:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Team members and legal guardians should attend. Please bring health insurance information. Itinerary, packing list and other information will be provided.

Presbyterian Women's Group – Thursday, May 9 at 10 a.m. Refreshments provided by Gail Hood.

2024 Graduates – Please join us on May 12, as we celebrate our graduates during worship service.

Job Opening - We are seeking an administrative assistant for our church. It is a part-time position at 20 hours per week. If you or someone you know is interested, please contact Ellen Sewell by email: smsdd57@gmail.com or phone: (423)220-9169. Thank you!

Lucille Bogart Scholarship – Submission of applications for the Spring Semester is now open. The deadline to submit your application is Friday, May 24, 2024. Please contact Byron Beard with any questions.

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Food Collection – The food pantry item for May is canned fruit.

Elder of the Month – Green Faircloth

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