

First Presbyterian Church Worship Bulletin 5.25.25
6th Sunday of Easter

Gathering Music

Welcome & Announcements

Prayer of the Day

Living God, on the first day of the week you brought to birth a new creation through the glorious resurrection of Jesus Christ. Fill us with the hope and joy of new beginnings, so that we may share the good news of your liberating, life-giving power with all the world; through Christ our Savior, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and always.

Remembering our Baptism

Remember your baptism
and be thankful.

Prelude *Thine is the Glory* Arr. Hayes/Gaspard

***Call to Worship**

Listen, I will tell you a mystery!

We will not all die, but we will all be changed.

Thanks be to God,

who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ!

***Hymn of Praise** *Thine is the Glory* #122

*1 Thine is the glory,
Risen, conquering Son;
Endless is the victory
Thou o'er death hast won.
Angels in bright raiment
Rolled the stone away,
Kept the folded grave clothes
Where Thy body lay.*

Refrain:

Thine is the glory,

*Risen, conquering Son;
Endless is the victory
Thou o'er death hast won.*

*2 Lo! Jesus meets us,
Risen from the tomb;
Lovingly He greets us,
Scatters fear and gloom.
Let the church with gladness
Hymns of triumph sing,
For the Lord now liveth;
Death hath lost its sting. [Refrain]*

*3 No more we doubt Thee,
Glorious Prince of life!
Life is naught without Thee;
Aid us in our strife.
Make us more than conquerors
Through Thy deathless love;
Bring us safe through Jordan
To Thy home above. [Refrain]*

Laying Our Burdens Before Christ

For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. Friends, trusting that we have already received the gifts of forgiveness and salvation, let us lay our burdens before Christ as we confess our sins together.

Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered the power of sin and death. We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death. We overlook the poor and the hungry, and pass by those who mourn; we are deaf to the cries of the oppressed, and indifferent to calls for peace; we despise the weak, and abuse the earth you made. Forgive us, God of mercy. Help us to trust your power to change our lives and make us new, that we may know the joy of life abundant given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord. Amen.

Prayer Song *He Is Exalted*
He is exalted, the king is exalted on high;
I will praise him!
He is exalted, forever exalted
And I will praise his name!
He is the Lord, forever his truth shall reign;
Heaven and earth rejoice in his holy name.
He is exalted, the King is exalted on high.

Sing the Faith #2070

Silent Reflection and Confession

***Proclamation of the Gospel**

Hear the good news! Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us. Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace. Amen.

***Passing the Peace of Christ**

As those made new in the light of the Risen Christ, let us offer light and peace to one another.

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Let us share the peace of our Risen Lord.

***The Gloria Patri**

Prayer for God's Wisdom

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.

Scripture Reading 1 Cor 15:50-58

Message Your Labor is Not in Vain

***The Apostles' Creed**

Do you believe in God, the Father almighty?

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

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

**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 to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

***Hymn of Response**

I Danced in the Morning #302

*1. I danced in the morning when the world was begun,
and I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun,
and I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth.
At Bethlehem I had my birth.*

Refrain:

*Dance, then, wherever you may be;
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.
And I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,
and I'll lead you all in the Dance, said he.*

*2. I danced for the scribe and the Pharisee,
but they would not dance, and they would not follow me;
I danced for the fishermen, for James and John;
they came with me and the Dance went on. [Refrain]*

*3. I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame,
the holy people said it was a shame;
they whipped and they stripped and they hung me high;
and they left me there on a cross to die. [Refrain]*

*4. I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black;
it's hard to dance with the devil on your back;
they buried my body and they thought I'd gone,
but I am the Dance and I still go on. [Refrain]*

*5. They cut me down and I leapt up high,
I am the life, that'll never, never die;
I'll live in you if you'll live in me;
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he. [Refrain]*

Prayers of the Community and Lord's Prayer page 16 in the hymnal

Offering Our Gifts and Ourselves to God

Offertory *Simple Gifts* Arr. Mark Hayes

***Doxology** #592 Tune

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Christ all people here
below; Praise Holy Spirit evermore; Praise Triune God whom we adore.
Amen.*

***Prayer of Dedication**

God of all goodness and grace, receive the gifts we offer; and grant that our
whole life may give you glory and praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

***Benediction**

Postlude *Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow
(Old Hundreth) Arr. Michael Burkhardt*

Remembering in Prayer

Praise and Thanksgiving: *(Lord, hear our praise):* Allthose who have served to protect the nation.

Ministry of the Church in the Community: Neighbors Together

Healing and Encouragement *(Lord, hear our prayer):*

Homebound: Ernie, Wayne, Connie S, Shirley

For those seeking healing and comfort: The friends and families of Carlene and Russ as they mourn their passings, Debbie, Allen, Alan, Christery, Jason, Tracey, Amy, Rita, Jan, Jimmy and family, Aunt Nanny, Chris, Judi, Nancy, Chrystal, Bennie, Terry, Matt & Ellie, Tim, Cindy, Greg, Ebel family, Denny, Marsha, Eric, Shelby, John, Matthew, Dan, Jan P, Fred, Preston, Ron, Fox, Grandma Ida, Brenda's friend Cade, Kimberly & Chris, Gene, Dorothy, Shannon, Ross, George, Corban, Ukraine.

For Our World: For Peace

Looking Ahead...

Centering Prayer group meets every Monday at noon in the Parlor. For more information, contact David Ebel.

A Potluck Luncheon for Women of the congregation will be held at noon on June 7th in the PFC. Details will follow.

Church Picnics will be at Riverside Park at 6PM on June 4, July 2, and August 6

On-line donations are now being accepted. If you wish to support the church ministry by donating with your credit or debit card, click on the “Give Now” link on the church webpage, www.fpclagrande.org, or use the QR code.

