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Third Sunday of Easter

Sunday, April 18, 2021

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude

Air I

G. F. Handel

Welcome and Announcements

Hymn: Christ Is Alive!

Truro

Christ is alive! Let Christians sing. The cross stands empty to the sky.
Let streets and homes with praises ring. Love, drowned in death, shall never die.

Christ is alive! No longer bound to distant years in Palestine,
but saving, healing, here and now, and touching every place and time.

Christ is alive, and comes to bring good news to this and every age,
till earth and sky and ocean ring with joy, with justice, love, and praise.

Prayer of the Day and the Lord's Prayer

Doxology: Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Old Hundredth

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

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

New Testament Lesson: Acts 3:12-19

Gospel Lesson: Luke 24:36-49

New Testament Lesson: 1 John 3:1-7

"Being the Church that Knows God"

Peter Thompson

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Hymn: Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

I Want to be a Christian

Lord, I want to be a Christian in-a my heart, in-a my heart, Lord, I want to be a Christian in-a my heart.
In-a my heart, In-a my heart, Lord, I want to be a Christian in-a my heart.

Lord, I want to be more loving in-a my heart, in-a my heart, Lord, I want to be more loving in-a my heart.
In-a my heart, In-a my heart, Lord, I want to be more loving in-a my heart.

Lord, I want to be more holy in-a my heart, in-a my heart, Lord, I want to be more holy in-a my heart.
In-a my heart, In-a my heart, Lord, I want to be more holy in-a my heart.

Lord, I want to be like Jesus in-a my heart, in-a my heart, Lord, I want to be like Jesus in-a my heart.
In-a my heart, In-a my heart, Lord, I want to be like Jesus in-a my heart.

Prayers of the People

Call to Offering

Offertory Anthem

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Arr. D. Carter

Thomas Cass, soloist

*Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heaven to earth come down,
Fix in us Thy humble dwelling, All Thy faithful mercies crown!
Jesus, Thou art all compassion, Pure, unbounded love Thou art;
Visit us with Thy salvation, Enter every trembling heart.*

*Breathe, O breathe Thy loving Spirit Into every troubled breast!
Let us all in Thee inherit, Let us find that second rest;
Take away the love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be;
End of faith, as its beginning, Set our hearts at liberty.*

*Come, Almighty to deliver, Let us all Thy life receive;
Suddenly return, and never, Nevermore Thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing, Serve Thee as Thy hosts above,
Pray, and praise Thee without ceasing, Glory in Thy perfect love*

*Finish, then, Thy new creation; Pure and spotless let us be;
Let us see Thy great salvation Perfectly restored in Thee;
Changed from glory into glory, Till in heaven we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before Thee, Lost in wonder, love, and praise.*

WE GO OUT IN GOD’S SERVICE

Prayer of Dedication and Benediction

Choral Benediction: God Be with You Till We Meet Again

Be with You

God be with you till we meet again, By His counsels guide, uphold you,
With His sheep securely fold you; God be with you till we meet again.

Postlude

Trumpet Tune in D Major

D. N. Johnson

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

Interested in growing closer to God and others? How about learning more about FPCLY? We believe we are here to worship, grow, love, and serve. We welcome any opportunities to build relationships with one another and would love to walk alongside you in God’s gift of life. Conversations, coffee, and church tours can be arranged by calling the church office (434-384-6231). Peter will look forward to hearing from you and talking with you soon.

WALK WITH GOD will meet today at 4:30pm in the front parking lot. All are invited and encouraged to come be inspired with a brief devotional and friendly walk to the end of Peakland Place and back to the church.

FACE IT. Family Centered Event Intentionally Together. Join us THIS AFTERNOON, April 18 at 4:00pm in the front parking lot to worship God in song and energizer/dance, a message, and other fun activities!

Pastoral Care and Prayers: If you have an emergency and need to talk with Peter, please call him directly. Members Helping Members are also available by phone.

Pastor on Call:

Peter Thompson (336) 269-7270

Members Helping Members for April:

Brenda Sanzone (434) 384-0416 Persis Tinsley (434) 384-1547

Bible Sponsorship Program: Give the gift of God’s word to the children and youth of this church community through our Bible Sponsorship Program. A full sponsorship is \$125 and provides a child/youth with six age-

appropriate bibles from birth through high school graduation. This spring, if you give a full sponsorship, you will also receive three FPCLY masks free!

Office and Facility Update: Session has approved the opening of offices and facilities back for small groups and committee meetings. Please contact the church office to reserve space and time. All who attend are asked to continue with wearing masks, signing in, and following all check-in protocols. Session continues to reassess local Covid impact and looks to begin plans for reopening the Sanctuary for worship soon.

Giving to FPCLY: Visit www.fpcly.org or upload the Give+ app on your phone. Every gift makes a difference!

“Rooted and Reaching” Capital Project Update:

1. We have now raised over \$2.65 Million in pledges to date! Just under \$350,000 shy of our goal of \$3 Million to do everything outlined in the Campaign Focus. Booklets and Brochures with more information are available in the church office.
2. The Steeple Replacement project is underway led by Bill Perkins and Sutton Tinsley. This week, the steeple was removed in three parts. We have kept the cross from the top of the spire. We look forward to early May when the new steeple will be put into place! Stay tuned for details on a steeple dedication!
3. The Organ Renovation project has been affirmed by Session and contracted with Foley-Baker. Rob Cleland and Cory Whittier are serving as project coordinators. Members from the Foley-Baker team were in the organ chambers last week taking measurements and working in the space. Construction is scheduled to start early in 2022. The construction phase will be 12 to 14 months from start to finish.
4. Other projects are in the planning stages with more information to come.

Annual Stewardship Campaign Status: We have now received 185 pledges totaling close to \$634,000 for our 2021 Operating Budget! Thank you to all who have turned in their pledge. Annual Stewardship packets and pledge cards were passed out concurrently with the Capital Projects Campaign visits, so if we have missed you in any way, please know that was not our intention and let us know. We want to include everyone. If you would like to initiate a date and time for a visit, we invite you to call the church office at 434-384-6231, or email at office@fpcly.org.