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# Fifth Sunday after Easter

Sunday, May 2, 2021

## WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude

Prelude No. 5, Op 101

C. V. Stanford

Welcome and Announcements

Hymn: Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

Lobe Den Herren

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!  
O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation!  
All ye who hear, now to His temple draw near; join me in glad adoration!

Praise Ye the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him!  
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him!  
Let the amen sound from his people again; gladly for aye we adore Him.

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 10:44-48

Gospel Lesson: John 15:9-16

New Testament Lesson: 1 John 5:1-6

“Being the Church that WORSHIPS”

Peter Thompson

## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Hymn: The Summons

The Summons

Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?  
Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?  
Will you let my love be shown? Will you let my name be known?  
Will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?

Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?  
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?  
Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare?  
Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?

Will you love the “you” you hide if I but call your name?  
Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?  
Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around,  
through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?

Lord your summons echoes true when you but call my name.  
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.  
In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show.  
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

## Prayers of the People

### Call to Offering

### Offertory Anthem

#### Arise, My Soul, Arise

Amy Pugh, Soloist

D. Forrest

*Arise, my soul, arise; shake off thy guilty fears;  
The bleeding Sacrifice in my behalf appears:  
Before the throne my surety stands,  
Before the throne my surety stands,  
My name is written on His hands.*

*Five bleeding wounds He bears, received on Calvary;  
They pour effectual prayers; they strongly plead for me:  
"Forgive him, oh, forgive," they cry,  
"Forgive him, oh, forgive," they cry,  
"Nor let that ransomed sinner die!"*

*My God is reconciled; His pard'ning voice I hear;  
He owns me for His child; I can no longer fear:  
With confidence I now draw nigh,  
With confidence I now draw nigh,  
And "Father, Abba, Father," cry.  
Arise, my soul, arise!*

### 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

### Postlude on "Coronation"

J. Longhurst

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### 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.

**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 May:

Stannard Preston (434) 851-2414 and Janice Barrett (917) 576-0059

**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.fpclly.org](http://www.fpclly.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@fpclly.org](mailto:office@fpclly.org).