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Seventh Sunday of Easter

Sunday, May 16, 2021

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude

Prière à Notre-Dame

L. Boëllmann

Welcome and Announcements

Hymn: For the Beauty of the Earth

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For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,
for the love which from our birth over and around us lies, *refrain*

Refrain: Lord of all, to Thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's delight,
for the mystic harmony linking sense to sound and sight, *refrain*

For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth, and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild, *refrain*

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 1:15-17, 21-26

Gospel Lesson: John 17:6-19

New Testament Lesson: 1 John 5:9-13

“Being the Church that SERVES”

Peter Thompson

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Hymn: Called as Partners in Christ's Service

Beecher

Called as partners in Christ's service, called to ministries of grace,
we respond with deep commitment fresh new lines of faith to trace.
May we learn the art of sharing, side by side and friend with friend,
equal partners in our caring to fulfill God's chosen end.

Christ's example, Christ's inspiring, Christ's clear call to work and worth,
let us follow, never faltering, reconciling folk on earth.

Men and women, richer, poorer, all God's people, young and old,
blending human skills together gracious gifts from God unfold.

So God grant us for tomorrow ways to order human life
that surround each person's sorrow with a calm that conquers strife.

Make us partners in our living, our compassion to increase,
messengers of faith, thus giving hope and confidence and peace.

Prayers of the People

Call to Offering

Offertory Anthem

Awake, My Heart

J. Marshall

*Awake, my heart, and render, To God thy sure defender,
Thy Maker, thy preserver, A song of love and fervor.
Confirm my deeds and guide me: My day, with thee beside me,
Beginning, middle, ending, Will all be upward tending.
My heart shall be thy dwelling, With joy and gladness swelling;
Thy word my nurture given, To bring me on toward heaven.*

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

Menuet Gothique

L. Boellmann

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.

First Pres Presents ONLINE Concert. Enjoy a special Evensong musical offering featuring the men and women of the St. John's choir. They are preparing for a weeklong choral tour in England this summer. This concert will offer them the opportunity to practice with a different organ and at a different location. Cory Whittier will serve as the accompanying organist for this concert. Check it out on www.fpclly.org!

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: Through your generous and faithful support, we were able to raise over \$3,300 to provide bibles to children and youth of this church community. That equals over 150 bibles and 26 FULL sponsorships. Thank you!

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 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.