

MAY 3, 2020

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP



SECOND
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

11 AM

"A new chapter lies ahead of us. It is a time that begs for leadership from those who are guided by the values of selflessness and love."

—Rev. Chris Henry

Next Sunday, May 10

11 a.m. (LiveStream)
Rev. Christopher A. Henry
"Beyond Clichés:
Seeking A Deeper Faith:
God Helps those
Who Help Themselves"

BEYOND CLICHÉS: SEEKING A DEEPER FAITH



EVERYTHING HAPPENS FOR A REASON

Romans 8:18-25, 38-39

A welcoming community of faith where Jesus Christ transforms lives



Welcome! We are so glad to have you with us in worship this morning. If you are worshipping with us for the first time, we welcome you into this new sense of sanctuary – friends joined through Livestream, on Facebook, and at home on TV. We are indeed a community of faith and we are most grateful to still share in fellowship, together.

Worship Leaders

Rev. Christopher A. Henry
Senior Pastor

Rev. Jasiel Hernandez
Lake Fellow in Parish Ministry

Rev. Gracie H. Payne
Lake Fellow in Parish Ministry

Dr. Michelle Louer
Director of Music and Fine Arts

Sanctuary Choir

Dr. John Allegar
Organist
Assistant Director of Music and Fine Arts

May 3, 2020 – Fourth Sunday of Easter

We Come Together as God's People

Prelude

Toccatina in F Major, BWV 540

J.S. Bach
(1685-1750)

Welcome

Rev. Christopher A. Henry

Call to Worship

Rev. Jasiel Hernandez

One: With the gift of a new day,

All: **we are reminded again of the goodness of God.**

One: So, we have gathered in God's presence,

All: **to offer our gratitude to God and offer our lives in faithful response.**

One: Let us worship God.

Prayer of Adoration

Opening Hymn #276

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

FAITHFULNESS

1. Great is Thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther,
 2. Sum - mer and win - ter, and spring - time and har - vest,
 There is no shad - ow of turn - ing with Thee;
 Sun, moon, and stars in their cours - es a - bove
 Thou chang - est not, Thy com - pas - sions they fail not;
 Join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness
 As Thou hast been Thou for - ev - er wilt be.
 To Thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.

Refrain

Great is Thy faith - ful - ness! Great is Thy faith - ful - ness!
 Morn - ing by morn - ing new mer - cies I see;
 All I have need - ed Thy hand hath pro - vid - ed;
 Great is Thy faith - ful - ness, Lord, un - to me!

Moments of Confession and Assurance

Merciful God,

we pray for peace - not just the absence of conflict, but shalom.

We pray for the relief that fills our souls when we do what we are supposed to do.

We want to do what is right, and sometimes we do; but even then our motives are seldom pure, our efforts are flawed, and our hearts are torn between love and fear.

The struggle to be faithful is complicated; so, we pray for peace.

In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

Response of Praise

Alleluia! Alleluia! Give Thanks

ALLELUIA NO. 1



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give thanks to the ris - en Lord.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give praise to His Name.

Passing of the Peace

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

We Experience God's Word

Time with Children

Prayer for Illumination

Katherine Ellis

First Lesson

Deuteronomy 30:19-20

Anthem

Eternal Light, Shine in My Heart
(recorded in service October 14, 2019)

K. Lee Scott
(b. 1950)

Eternal light, shine in my heart;
Eternal hope, lift up my eyes;
Eternal pow'r, be my support;
Eternal wisdom, make me wise.

Eternal life, raise me from death;
Eternal brightness, help me see;
Eternal Spirit, give me breath;
Eternal Savior, come to me:

Until by your most costly grace
Invited by your Holy Word,
At last I come before your face

God, who commanded the light to shine in the darkness
has shined in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge
of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

Second Lesson

Romans 8:18-25, 38-39

Sermon

Rev. Christopher A. Henry

“Everything Happens for A Reason”

“For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen.”
(ROMANS 8:24)

We Give Thanks to God

Affirmation of Faith

(from *The Iona Abbey Worship Book*)

Rev. Gracie H. Payne

**With the whole church, we affirm that we are made in God's image,
befriended by Christ, and empowered by the Spirit.**

**With people everywhere, we affirm God's goodness at the heart of humanity,
planted more deeply than all that is wrong.**

**With all creation, we celebrate the miracle and wonder of life,
the unfolding purposes of God, forever at work in ourselves and the world. Amen.**

Call to Generosity

Offertory

Largo (from Violin Sonata No. 3 in C Major), BWV 1005
Wendy Muston, harp

J.S. Bach
(1685-1750)

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

**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.**

We Go Forth to Serve

Closing Hymn #298

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

IN BABILONE



1. There's a wide-ness in God's mer-cy, Like the wide-ness of the sea;
2. For the love of God is broad-er Than the mea-sures of the mind;



There's a kind-ness in God's jus-tice, Which is more than lib-er-ty.
And the heart of the E-ter-nal Is most won-der-ful-ly kind.



There is no place where earth's sor-rows Are more felt than up in heav-en;
If our love were but more faith-ful, We would glad-ly trust God's Word;-



There is no place where earth's fail-ings Have such kind-ly judg-ment given.
And our lives re-flect thanks-giv-ing For the good-ness of our Lord.

Charge and Benediction

Postlude

We All Believe In One God, BWV 680

J.S. Bach

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(and all other days of the week!)**

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HOW YOU CAN HELP NOW**



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News Within the Church Family

Deaths:

Dottie Englehart

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