

****DOXOLOGY #592**

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

****PRAYER of DEDICATION (UNISON)**

Good Shepherd, you spread a table before us. We offer you our gifts, signs of your gracious love and tokens of our grateful hearts. Nourish us at the feast of the Lamb, that we may proclaim to all the world your triumphant love in Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

COMMUNION HYMN #517 “We Come as Guests Invited (Vs. 1 & 3)

THE LORD’S SUPPER

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

INSTRUCTIONS: For communion, an elder will place a piece of bread in your hand, please hold for all to take together. When the elder gives you the cup, take as you receive.

PRAYER after COMMUNION

O God, you have so greatly loved us, long sought us, and mercifully redeemed us. Give us grace, that in everything we may yield ourselves, our wills, and our works, a continual thank-offering to you, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

****HYMN of SENDING #151** “Crown Him with Many Crowns”

****CHARGE and BENECTION**

****RESPONSE** “We Give the Love of God” Diemer

****POSTLUDE** “The Heavens Are Telling” Beethoven

PASTORS: Rev. Bob Thomson and Rev. Diana Hartman
MUSIC DIRECTOR: Becky Tish **ORGANIST:** Eleanor Lane
CHILDREN’S AND YOUTH MINISTRY DIRECTOR: Ashley Braisted
Special Music: 1st Five - Kevin Bohnenblust, Ernie and Melinda Brazzale, Cori Cooper, and Eleanor Lane
GUEST ORGANIST: Natalie Hales

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May 2, 2021 ~ 10:00 a.m.

Worship Service Theme: “Jesus Christ Our High Priest”

5th Sunday of Easter / White: Symbolizes the Purity of Christ

****Those who are able are invited to stand.**

PRELUDE “Let Us Break Bread Together” Traditional

GREETINGS, ANNOUNCEMENTS and PASSING of the PEACE

GATHERING AROUND the WORD of GOD

INTROIT “Enter into the House of the Lord” Diemer

CALL to WORSHIP Psalm 96 *Marilyn Ham*

Leader: Sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth.

People: **Sing to the LORD, praise his name; Proclaim his salvation day after day.**

Leader: Declare his glory among the nations

People: **For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised.**

Leader: Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name. Let us pray ...

PRAYER of PRAISE (UNISON)

We praise you, God our Father, that in Jesus Christ you came to us with grace and forgiveness, and that, by your Holy Spirit, you move us to repent and receive your love. Though we are sinners, you are faithful and worthy of all praise. We praise you, great God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

****HYMN of PRAISE #144**

“Alleluia, Sing to Jesus”

****CALL TO CONFESSION**

In spite of God’s love for us and gift of love to us, we often act in destructive and hateful ways. We close our hearts to God and disobey God’s law. Together let us confess our sin.

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****PRAYER of CONFESSION (UNISON)**

Almighty God, we confess how hard it is to be your people. You have called us to be the church, to continue the mission of Jesus Christ to our lonely and confused world. Yet we acknowledge we are more apathetic than active, isolated than involved, callous than compassionate, obstinate than obedient, legalistic than loving. Gracious Lord, have mercy upon us and forgive our sins. Remove the obstacles preventing us from being your representatives to a broken world. Awaken our hearts to the promised gift of your indwelling Spirit. This we pray in Jesus' powerful name. (A time for silent personal confession) Amen.

****ASSURANCE of PARDON**

Through Jesus Christ forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you. In Christ we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace. Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel, in Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Amen.

****GLORIA PATRI #579**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost: As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.

LISTENING for the WORD of GOD

PRAYER for ILLUMINATION

Marilyn Ham

Lord, your Word was in the beginning before the world even began, it was with you and it was you. Allow us today to open your Word and know you better. Give us eyes to see, ears to hear, and hearts open to your Spirit as we seek you. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Psalm 67 (pg. 460)

The Word of the Lord

Marilyn Ham

Thanks be to God

ANTHEM

“How Firm a Foundation”

arr. Parker

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Hebrews 4:14-5:6 (pg. 973)

TIME for CHILDREN

(Children may go upstairs for Sunday School)

CONFIRMATION

****CONFESSION of FAITH** Apostles' Creed — Traditional Version
I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

WELCOME

All: We, the members of First Presbyterian Church, welcome you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. We promise to encourage and nurture you in your faith in Jesus Christ, in word and deed, and with love and prayer. May the Peace of Christ be with you.

CONFIRMATION BLESSING

Andrew Thomson

INTERPRETATION of the WORD

“Jesus Christ Our High Priest”

Rev. Bob Thomson

RESPONDING to the WORD of GOD

****HYMN OF RESPONSE #355** “Hear the Good News of Salvation”

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.

RESPONSE

“Amen”

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GIVING OF OURSELVES to GOD: Our Gifts and Offerings

With thankfulness we give in gratitude and joy. With prayerfulness we give in sacrifice and love. With hopefulness we give in commitment to God. You may place your offering in the offering plate as you leave, donate through our website, or send your offering through the mail.

OFFERTORY

“Joshua Fit the Battle of Jericho”

arr. Ron Swim