

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
7th Sunday of Easter. 10:00 am May 16, 2021

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 1)

Leader: Happy are they who have not walked in the council of the wicked, nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seat of the scornful.

People: Their delight is in the law of the Lord, and they meditate on his teaching day and night.

Leader: They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither. Everything they do, they prosper.

People: It is not so with the wicked, they are like chaff which the wind blows away.

Leader: Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, nor the sinner in the counsel of the righteous;

People: for the Lord knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked shall be destroyed.

*OPENING PRAISE (see insert)
"Oceans", "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus", "Way Maker"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God, our judge and redeemer, we confess that we have tried to hide from you, for we have done wrong. We have lived for ourselves, and apart from you. We have turned from our neighbors, and refuse to bear the burdens of others. In your great mercy forgive our sins and free us from selfishness, that we may choose your will and obey your commandments; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*GLORIA PATRI

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.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD PROCLAIMED

SPECIAL MUSIC

SCRIPTURE READING

John 17:6-19

SERMON

The Rev. Natasha Sudderth-Davis

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess to the glory of God: Jesus Christ is Lord! Amen.

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.

*CLOSING HYMN "Be Thou My Vision" (see insert)

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Please join us in the fellowship hall immediately following worship as we honor our high school graduates.

*POSTLUDE

***Those who are able, please stand.**

We warmly greet all who have come to worship God. Your presence will enhance our worship experience and our fellowship together. Sincere thanks to each of you for your participation in the service. Glory be to God!

Leading Worship: The Rev. Natasha Sudderth-Davis, Pastor; Sally MacNeill, liturgist; Leah Metzger, Accompanist; Jeanne Hilgendorf, Elder of the Month. **Bulletin Cover Image:** Sheets, Millard, *Word of Life Mural*. from Art in the Christian Tradition, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN.

Announcements

Session Meeting Monday May 17th at 6 pm

Wednesday Night Fellowship May 19th at 6:00 pm- Ice Cream Social. Reservations required and due today, May 16th

Choir Rehearsal May 19th at 7:30 pm

Next Sunday is Pentecost and you are invited to wear red.

Prayer Chain Email Sign-up-Call church office or sign-up Wednesday at Fellowship time

Church Office Closed: The session approved the purchase and installation of new software for the church office. The office will be closed from 9am-12:00 during the week of May 24th-28th for installation and training. The office will be open in the afternoons from 12-4:00.

Prayer Meeting Thursdays 9:30 am in the church office

Monday Morning Yoga

Bible Study Tuesdays at 10 am



Our 2021 Graduating Seniors

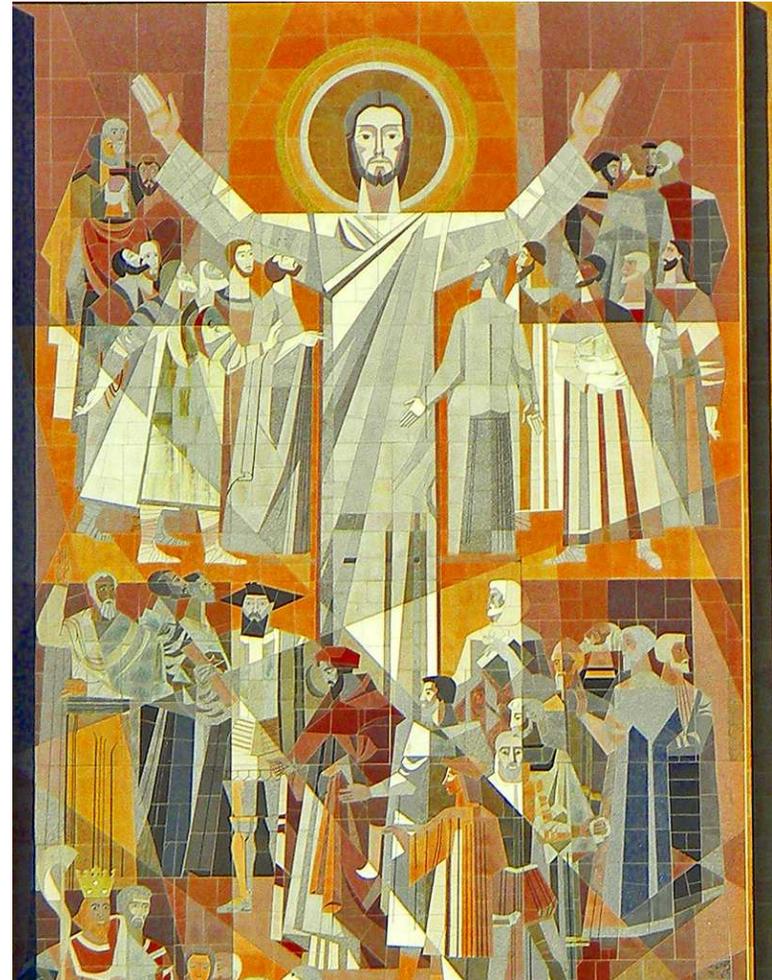
- ❖ Joanie MacNeill
- ❖ Roland Early
- ❖ Mitchell Worthy

May The Lord Bless You and Keep You



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Sheets, Millard, *Word of Life Mural*

Ascension Sunday

Oceans

You call me out upon the waters, The great unknown where feet may fail. And there I find You in the mystery, In oceans deep my faith will stand

Chorus: And I will call upon Your name, And keep my eyes above the waves. My soul will rest in Your embrace, For I am Yours, and You are mine.

Your grace abounds in deepest waters, Your sov'reign hand will be my guide. Where feet may fail and fear surrounds me, You've never failed and You won't start now. **(Chorus)**

Spirit lead me where my trust is without borders, Let me walk upon the waters, Wherever You would call me. Take me deeper than my feet could ever wander and my faith will be made stronger, in the presence of my Saviour. **(Chorus)**

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I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

I have decided to follow Jesus, no turning back, no turning back
I have decided to follow Jesus, no turning back no turning back

The Cross before me the world behind me, no turning back, no turning back. The Cross before me the world behind me, no turning back no turning back.

Way Maker

You are here moving in our midst I worship You I worship You.
You are here working in this place. I worship You I worship You.

Chorus (You are) Way Maker Miracle Worker Promise Keeper.
Light in the darkness my God that is who You are.

You are here touching ev'ry heart. I worship You I worship You.
You are here healing ev'ry heart. I worship You I worship You.
(Chorus)

You are here turning lives around I worship You I worship You.
You are here mending ev'ry heart. I worship You I worship You.
(Chorus)

That is who You are. That is who You are. That is who You are.
That is who You are. **(Chorus)**

Even when I don't see it You're working. Even when I don't feel it You're working. You never stop You never stop working. You never stop You never stop working. **(Chorus)**

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Be Thou My Vision

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me, save that thou art. Thou my best thought, by day or by night, waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word; I ever with thee, and thou with me, Lord. Thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tow'r. Raise thou me heav'nward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.

Riches I heed not, nor vain empty praise; thou mine inheritance, now and always. Thou and thou on-ly, first in my heart, High King of heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of heaven, my victory won, may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heav'n's Sun! Heart of my heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, O Ruler of all.