

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
6th Sunday of Easter. 10:00 am May 9, 2021

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 98)

Leader: Sing to God a new song,

People: for God has done marvelous things!

Leader: Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth,

People: for God is still doing marvelous things!

Leader: Break into joyful song!

People: Sing praises with lyre and melody and trumpets!

Leader: Let the seas roar and the floods clap their hands!

People: For God is coming to judge the world with righteousness.

Leader: God is coming to judge the world with equity.

People: Sing to God a new song!

*OPENING PRAISE "Lord, the Light of Your Love is Shining"
"I, Love You Lord" (see insert)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving and merciful One, we thank you for the community in which you have placed us, for the brothers and sisters with whom we walk this pilgrim journey. Yet, we confess that we fail to love as you love. We often push aside those whom we believe are the least in your Kingdom, and we fail to see your Kingdom in each other. Forgive us and be patient with us as we try and often fail to understand your command to love. We pray this for the sake of your Kingdom that is both now and not yet.

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

SCRIPTURE READING

SPECIAL MUSIC

SCRIPTURE READING John 15:9-17

SERMON The Rev. Natasha Sudderth-Davis

HYMN "Lord I Want to Be a Christian" (see insert)

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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.

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.

OFFERING

DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*CLOSING HYMN "One Thing Remains" (see insert)

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*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; Dianna Sandonato, liturgist; Leah Metzger, Accompanist; Jeanne Hilgendorf, Elder of the Month. Cover Art: *Hofheinz-Doring, Margret, 1910-1994. Endless Road, from Art in the Christian Tradition, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN.*

Flower Dedication: Flowers this morning are dedicated to the glory of God by Bob and Marne Helberg in loving memory of their mothers, Bonnie Helberg and Marjorie Rettig.



Announcements

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

Monday Morning Yoga

Bible Study Tuesdays at 10 am

Wednesday Night Fellowship 6:00 pm

Prayer Meeting Thursdays 9:30 am in the church office

Mission an Outreach Committee Meeting May 12th at 10 am

Choir Rehearsal May 12th & May 19th at 7:30 pm



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"Endless Road", Margret Hofheinz-Doring

"There aren't any ordinary people in the world; everyone is extraordinary because everyone has been created by God, and is someone to reverence."

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Lord, the Light of Your Love is Shining

Lord, the light of your love is shining. In the midst of the darkness, shining. Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon us Set us free by the truth you now bring us. Shine on me, shine on me.

(Refrain) Shine, Jesus, shine. Fill this land with the Father's glory. Blaze, Spirit, blaze. Set our hearts on fire. Flow, river, flow. Flood the nations with grace and mercy. Send forth your word. Lord, and let there be light.

Lord, I come to your awesome presence. From the shadows into your radiance. By the blood I may enter your brightness. Search me, try me, consume all my darkness. Shine on me, shine on me. **(Refrain)**

As we gaze on your kingly brightness. So our faces display your likeness. Ever changing from glory to glory. Mirrored here may our lives tell your story. Shine on me, shine on me. **(Refrain)**

I Love You, Lord

I love you, Lord. And I lift my voice. To worship You Oh, my soul, rejoice! Take joy my King. In what You hear. Let it be a sweet, sweet sound in Your ear.

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Lord, I Want to be a Christian

Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart, in my heart; Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart. In my heart, in my heart. Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.

Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart, in my heart; Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart. In my heart, in my heart Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart.

Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart, in my heart; Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart. In my heart, in my heart Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart.

Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart, in my heart; Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart. In my heart, in my heart. Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart.

One Thing Remains

Higher than the mountains that I face. Stronger than the power of the grave. Constant through the trial and the change. One thing remains, yes, one thing remains.

(Refrain) Your love never fails. It never gives up. It never runs out on me. Your love never fails. It never gives up. It never runs out on me. Your love never fails. It never gives up. It never runs out on me.

Because on and on, and on, and on it goes. Before it overwhelms and satisfies my soul. And I never, ever, have to be afraid. One thing remains, yes, one thing remains. **(Refrain)**

In death, in life. I'm confident and covered by. The power of your great love. My debt is paid. There's nothing that can separate. My heart from your great love. **(Refrain)**

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*We would like to honor all the mothers
among us and wish each of them a very
Happy Mother's Day. Ushers will
distribute them following worship today.*

