

W CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

5th Sunday of Easter
April 29, 2018

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Welcome

Brad Clayton

Prelude

Highland Cathedral
by Ulrich Roever

Joe Ashcraft
Rod Gorby

*Call to Worship (*responsive*)

Jill David

Sing praises to the Lord,

And give thanks to God's holy name.

The Lord has turned our sorrow into dancing; sing to the Lord without end.

And give thanks to the Lord forever.

Eternal and ever present God,

Sustain and excite our gathered community;

Come, silent Spirit, and embrace us.

**Let the words we see, hear, speak, and sing be transformed by the Word
made flesh, that our worship may be wholly Yours, Lord God.**

*Hymn No. 465

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

Call to Confession

Jill David

Prayer of Confession

O Lord, forgive us when we fail to respond to Your call with faith.

Through Your Spirit we stand in the assurance of Your acceptance.

Forgive us when we are shackled by our narrow understandings of discipleship
and clouded sense of purpose.

Through Your Spirit we are drawn into the illumination of Your empowering love.

Forgive us when we are frightened of the future or pull back from the demand of
Your calling.

**Forgive us when we fail to sense Your presence in our past, to acknowledge Your
grace in the present moment, and to trust You for our future.**

(silent reflection)

Merciful God,

**Through Your Spirit we offer ourselves in discipleship. We stand together as Your
disciples. We seek renewed and renewing faith. Touch us now with Your Spirit, Lord.**

Amen.

Kyrie

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Declaration of Forgiveness

*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. Amen.

*The Passing of the Peace

Jill David

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

(During the Passing of the Peace, children are invited to come forward for the time with our young disciples.)

Proclamation of the Word

Prayer With Our Young Disciples

Trinity Whitley

(After the children's time, K-2nd graders may follow their leaders to Room 207 for Children's Worship.

Parents are welcome to take 3-5 year olds to the playground for Children's Enrichment.)

Scripture Lesson

Acts 16:25-34 (*pew Bible p. 900*)

Brad Clayton

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Jailhouse Religion

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Response to the Word

*Hymn No. 846

Fight the Good Fight

Offering

Offertory

Come Ye Faithful, Raise the Anthem

Chancel Choir

by Howard Helvey

Come, ye faithful, raise the anthem, cleave the skies with shouts of praise; sing to Him who found the ransom, Ancient of eternal days, God of God, the Word incarnate, whom the heaven of heaven obeys.

There, for us and our redemption, see Him all his life-blood pour! There He wins our full salvation, dies that we may die no more; then, arising, lives forever, reigning where He was before.

High on yon celestial mountains stands His sapphire throne, all bright, midst unending alleluias bursting from the sons of light; Zion's people tell His praises, victor after hard-won fight.

Laud and honor to the Father, laud and honor to the Son, laud and honor to the Spirit,
ever Three and ever One, consubstantial, co-eternal, while unending ages run.

Prayer of Dedication (*responsive*)

Jill David

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

*Doxology

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

*Affirmation of Faith

The Apostle's Creed

Trinity Whitley

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 at 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 & The Lord's Prayer

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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.

*Hymn No. 837

What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine

Sending Out Into the World

*Charge & Benediction

Brad Clayton

*Choral Response

Amen

Hymnal p. 601

*Postlude/Recessional

Celtic Alleluia
by Fintan O'Carroll

Joe Ashcraft
Rod Gorby

You are invited to follow the bagpiper to Fellowship Hall for Spring for Faith.

Finger foods, fellowship and more bagpipe music

*Live Simply, Love Generously, Serve Faithfully, Speak Truthfully, Pray Daily,
and Leave Everything Else to God*

Spring for Faith. The Second Annual *Spring for Faith* is today immediately after worship. Join us for yummy food and fun activities for the entire family as we share the wonderful ministries of Faith Presbyterian Church and celebrate the wondrous and varied contributions our church and its members make to our community. "Travel" to the various Faith destinations in Fellowship Hall, see what your church is up to, and get ideas how you too can be a faithful servant in God's work. Bring a hearty appetite and be ready to join in the fun!

Faith and Art. The Presbyterian Women invite you to join in an hour-long interactive workshop that encourages us to engage with our faith through art. We will collaborate through reflective activity to create worship art for display in the Sanctuary. The workshop is Sunday, **April 29**, at 4 p.m., in the Fellowship Hall. Please RSVP with Elaine Youngblood, elaine.youngblood@mediacombb.net, or 850-629-1005. There is no charge for this event.

Wednesday Night Alive. Last week was the last Wednesday Night Alive for this semester; it will resume in late August.

Mission Team. If you weren't able to make it to the mission luncheon, it's not too late to support our Key West mission team. Visit the bulletin board outside the Parlor and take a star with a donation item on it. Bring items by June 17 to the church office. Questions? Contact Trinity, trinity@faithpcusa.org.

Taize Prayer Service. Invite a friend to begin their weekend with a beautiful Taize Prayer Service on Friday, **May 4**, at 6 p.m., in the Sanctuary!

Visiting Missionaries. Rev. Tim Wood from Sports Outreach Institute in Mexico, one of our partner missionaries, will share a ministry update in the Parlor next Sunday, **May 6**, at 9:30 a.m. All are welcome to attend.

Presbyterian Women Spring Luncheon is Sunday, **May 6**, 11:45 a.m., in Fellowship Hall. Cost is \$10. Please RSVP to Kelly Hutchinson, 850-320-3448, kellykhutchinson@yahoo.com. All women welcome!

Graduating? If you or your child are graduating from high school or college, we would love to include that information in our **May 20** Baccalaureate Service. Please send the following information to shannon@faithpcusa.org by **May 1**: name, parents' names, school attended, post-graduation plans, school awards and/or accomplishments, statement to the church, and a photo.

Memorial Day Volunteers Needed. Please consider volunteering to deliver several (2 -3) meals on wheels lunches on Memorial Day, **May 28**. Each year, Faith gives the regular Meals on Wheels volunteers a break. If you can help deliver this year, please contact Scott or Ann Ford, 850-386-1844. If no answer, please leave your name and number. Thank you!

Bottles for Babies. Sunday, **May 13** (Mother's Day) is our annual Bottles for Babies drive to assist the Pregnancy Help & Information Center (PHI). Faith will provide empty baby bottles on Mother's Day. The following week, we ask Faith members to return the bottles with change/coins/paper money/checks inside the bottles as a donation to the PHI Center. Please consider participating in this annual drive.

Faithful Trippers. You are invited to join a group of senior adults from Faith and Christ Presbyterian as they journey on **May 17** to Wakulla Springs. The group will leave from Faith at 9:30 a.m., and take a river boat tour followed by lunch at the Lodge. The trip costs \$9 plus lunch. Bus seating is limited, so you are encouraged to sign up now, by contacting Kristin Corbin, 294-6835, kbc2012@rocketmail.com.

Stewardship Update

Budget YTD: \$386,688
Received YTD: \$399,925
Spent YTD: \$352,722



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