

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

May 21, 2023

Ascension Sunday

10:00 AM

*Please stand if you are comfortable standing.

LITURGIST: Joan Callecod

PRELUDE *He's Got the Whole World In His Hands* Arr. Sharon Elery Rogers
FPC Bell Choir

WELCOME

PASSING the PEACE & ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT HYMN *You Are Welcome Here*

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively)

One: Jesus Christ has come into heaven and is at God's right hand— with angels, authorities, and powers in submission to him.

All: Since we have a great high priest who has gone into heaven— Jesus, the Son of God—let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. Let us praise his holy name!

One: Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!

All: Blessing, glory, wisdom, thanks, honor, power, and strength be to our God forevermore!

One: Alleluia, Amen!

All: Alleluia! Amen!

***HYMN #260** *Alleluia! Sing to Jesus* Hyfrydol

CALL TO CONFESSION (One)

While we claim to celebrate the ascension of our Lord, the way we live proclaims our lack of faith in his power to deal with the world, to heal the world. Let us confess the incongruity between our faith and practice. Let us pray.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Almighty God, you have raised Jesus from death to life, and crowned him Lord of all. We confess that we have not bowed before him, or acknowledged his rule in our lives. We have gone along with the ways of the world, and failed to give him glory. Forgive us, and raise us from sin, that we may be your faithful people, obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ, who rules the world and is head of the church, his body.

SILENT CONFESSION

DECLARATION OF PARDON (responsively)

One: Hear the good news of the gospel: If anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world. In Christ, we are forgiven!

All: Thanks be to God.

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

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*Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me, and to the Son,
whose grace has pardoned me and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.
World without end, without end. Amen. (3X)
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Pentecost

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 47

ANTHEM

Inside Your Kingdom

Timothy G Bushong

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 24:44-53

SERMON

"Why He Left"

HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to the Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

One: The Lord be with you

All: And also with you

One: Lift up your hearts

All: We left them to the Lord

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise

Sanctus

Hymn #552

Holy, Holy, Holy

Land of Rest

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Prayer

Words of Institution

Prayer

Distribution of the Elements

Communion

Communion Music

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and Lord's Prayer ("debts")

OFFERING of OUR TITHES and GIFTS

Offertory

Verse

Giovanni Maria Trabaci

***Doxology (Unison) Hymn #606**

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

***Prayer of Dedication**

***HYMN #542** *God Be with You Till We Meet Again* God Be With You

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE HYMN # 80** *Trees of the Field* (*clap) The Trees of The Field

You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace;
the mountains and the hills will break forth before you; there'll be shouts of joy,
and all the trees of the field will clap, will clap their hands.
And all the trees of the field will clap* their hands**; the trees of the field will clap*
their hands**; the trees of the field will clap their hands** while you go out with joy.

POSTLUDE *Prelude in F* Johann Krebs

IN OUR PRAYERS: All those adversely affected by war and all acts of violence, all victims of hate crimes, Michelle McDonald, Kat Nic, Bonnie Stearns, Linda Myers, Ken Oman, Mike Carver, Jan McLaughlin, Dean Clark (son of Mary Clarke), the LGBTQIA+ Community, all victims of abuse, racial inequalities, those picking up and trying to recover from surgery and loss.

This is a MORE LIGHT Presbyterian Church!

A "More Light" Presbyterian church welcomes lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender persons to full participation in the life, ministry, and witness of the congregation. We work to expand the inclusiveness of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)



There are no closed doors here.
Christ Welcomes All Here!

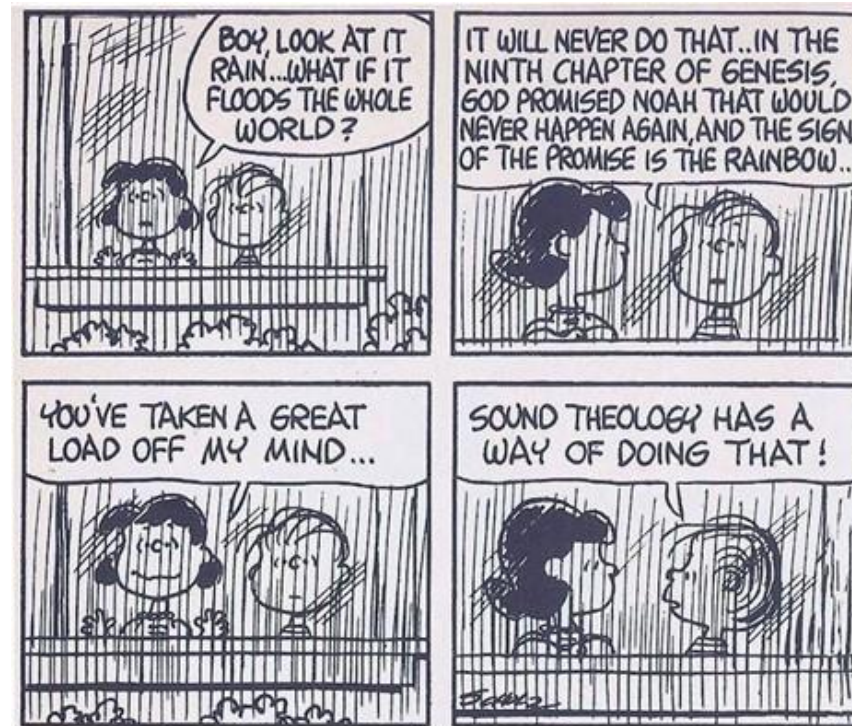
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"Why He Left"

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Week of May 21 thru May 28

SUNDAY	10:00 a.m.	Worship w/Communion
	11:15 a.m.	Refreshments & Fellowship in Fellowship Hall
	11:30 a.m.	Deacons' meeting in the Green Lounge
	4:00 p.m.	Girl Scouts in Green Lounge
	7:00 p.m.	Meditation Group in the FH
MONDAY		OFFICE IS CLOSED
	7:00 p.m.	Green Team in the Green Lounge
TUESDAY	1:00 p.m.	Book Group in the Green Lounge
	7:00 p.m.	Christian Nurture meeting
		Membership meeting
	6:00 p.m.	Overeaters Anonymous in the Green Lounge
	8:00 p.m.	A.A. in the Fellowship Hall
WEDNESDAY	9:00 a.m.	Sorting Clothes in the Deacons' Shop
	12:00 p.m.	BULLETIN DEADLINE EVERY WEDS.
	6:00 p.m.	Outlook meeting
THURSDAY		Tammy is on vacation
	9:30 a.m.	Deacons' Shop is open to the public
	4:00 p.m.	Trumpet Lessons
	6:00 p.m.	Girl Scouts in the Green Lounge
	8:00 p.m.	Meditation Group in the Green Lounge
FRIDAY		Office is closed for holiday
SATURDAY	10:00 a.m.	PW Spring Gathering @ Simpson Gardens
SUNDAY	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service/Pentecost/Communion

Church Directory - Information updating for the new church directory has been going well. If you are a member and have not yet updated your information, you can find your preprinted form and update directions on the table in Fellowship Hall. Blank forms are also available for completion by friends of our church who would like to be included in our directory. A final photo session will be scheduled for a Sunday in August. Please let Susan Dunn know if you still need a photo (419-308-3491, sudunn@gmail.com).

Ushers are still needed for Sundays in June and July. If you would like to volunteer for a Sunday, either sign up on the sheet in Fellowship Hall or email Susan Dunn (sudunn@gmail.com)

Presbyterian Women Spring Gathering

Spring is finally here and it is time for PW's spring gathering! We have planned a morning program at Simpson Gardens on Saturday, May 27, 10 am -12:00 pm. The program features Phil Hollenbaugh our local expert on Hostas and the designer of the award winning Hosta garden at Simpson Gardens. Phil will share his knowledge of Hostas and how his development of the garden led to the American Hosta Society awarding it the designation of an American Hosta Display Garden. Coffee and sweets will be provided before the program. There will be a brief business meeting following the program. **Please RSVP to Nancy Hess at nhess1581@yahoo.com or call 419-806-4788.**



Do you have some time to help the FPC gardeners? We could use some help watering and weeding in the courtyard and north side of the church. It doesn't take much time, and is a lovely reason to spend some time outside while also keeping the church looking wonderful. If you can help, please talk to Bob Callecod (419) 352-9453 or bcallecod@gmail.com.

UPCOMING EVENTS IN JUNE

- **Liturgy Lessons – Curious about why we do what we do or say what we say in worship?** How about at weddings, funerals, baptisms and the like? Then come to our June class series as we walk through the liturgical year, worship, and special church events. The classes with Pastor Jeff will be held after church on June 4th, 11, and 18th. Grab some coffee and a treat downstairs after worship then bring it up to the Library for our class and discussion. All are welcome to attend.
- **Summer Movie Series** – We will be starting a Summer movie series and discussion with Pastor Jeff! One Friday night each month in June, July, and August we will be viewing a movie and having a discussion about how the applies to our own lives and our faith. June's movie feature will be **Disney Pixar's "UP"** on Friday June 16th @ 6:30 pm in the Movie Cave.
- Our Church has the honor of helping to host two big events this June, **Rainbow Rally on June 10th** and the **Juneteenth Celebration on June 17th**. Our building and parking lot will be used by the events and we hope you will help us support the events by showing up, being a greeter, or working our tent/booth! See June's newsletter for more information.

*HYMN #260

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

Hyfrydol

1. Alleluia! Sing to Jesus; his the scepter, his the throne; Alleluia! his the triumph, his the victory alone! Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion thunder like a mighty flood: "Jesus out of every nation has redeemed us by his blood."
2. Alleluia! Not as orphans are we left in sorrow now; Alleluia! He is near us; faith believes nor questions how. Though the cloud from slight received him, when the forty days were o'er, shall our hearts forget his promise: "I am with you evermore"?
3. Alleluia! Bread of angels, here on earth our food, our stay; Alleluia! Here the sinful flee to you from day to day. Intercessor, friend of sinners, earth's redeemer, hear our plea where the songs of all the sinless sweep across the crystal sea.
4. Alleluia! King eternal, Lord omnipotent we own; Alleluia! Born of Mary, earth your footstool, heaven your throne. As within the veil you entered, robed in flesh, our great high priest; here on earth both priest and victim in the eucharistic feast.

*HYMN #542

God Be with You Till We Meet Again

God Be With You

1. God be with you till we meet again; loving counsels guide, uphold you with a shepherd's care enfold you: God be with you till we meet again.
2. God be with you till we meet again; unseen wings protecting hide you, daily manna still provide you: God be with you till we meet again.
3. God be with you till we meet again; when life's perils thick confound you, put unfailing arms around you: God be with you till we meet again.
4. God be with you till we meet again; keep love's banner floating o'er you; smite death's threatening wave before you: God be with you till we meet again.

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