

**MERRITT ISLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
**Leading in Worship: Rev. Christina Greenawalt and Leslie Neihouse**

**May 2, 2021**

*Fifth Sunday of Easter*  
*Facebook Live Stream*

**10:00 a.m.**

Gathering Music

Prelude: *Let Us Build A House*

Words of Welcome

Rev. Greenawalt

Call to Worship (**responsive**):

Liturgist

One: Sing to God a new song,

**All: for God has done marvelous things!**

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

**All: for God is still doing marvelous things!**

One: Break into a joyful song!

**All: Sing praises with lyre and melody and trumpets!**

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

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

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

**All: Sing to God a new song!**

Praise Hymn:

**He Reigns**

*It's the song of the redeemed rising from the African plain,*

*It's the song of the forgiven drowning out the Amazon rain.*

*The song of Asian believers filled with God's holy fire.*

*It's every tribe, every tongue, every nation, A love song born of a grateful choir.*

**Chorus: It's all God's children singing glory, glory, hallelujah, He reigns, He reigns,**

*It's all God's children singing glory, glory, hallelujah, He reigns, He reigns.*

*Let it rise above the four winds, caught up in the heavenly sound.*

*Let praises echo from the towers of cathedrals, to the faithful gathered underground.*

*Of all the songs sung from the dawn of creation, some were meant to persist.*

*Of all the bells rung from a thousand steeples, none rings truer than this. **Chorus***

*And all the powers of darkness tremble at what they've just heard,*

*Cause all the powers of darkness can't drown out a single word. **Chorus***

Call to Confession

Liturgist

Prayer of Confession (**unison**):

**God of mercy, we confess that we have not borne the fruit of the Spirit. We have not loved others as you have**

**loved us. We have denied the promises of baptism and cut ourselves off from you. Forgive us, restore us, that we**

**may abide in your love and live out your mercy, for the sake of Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon:

Liturgist

One: Do you feel it – there, deep down in your hearts? God's love is alive, beating, breathing – in you!

**All: Because God abides in us, we can live for others, allowing God's love to bear fruit in us. Thanks be to God, we are forgiven! Amen.**

Response to Assurance:

**We Will Glorify**

*We will glorify the King of Kings, we will glorify the Lamb,*

*We will glorify the Lord of Lords, who is the great I Am.*

*Lord Jehovah reigns in majesty, we will bow before his throne,*

*We will worship him in righteousness, we will worship him alone.*

Passing of the Peace (**responsive**):

*Written by the Rev. Bruce Reyes-Chow*

One: May we receive and offer the peace Christ offers.

**All: The peace of Christ be with you.**

One: And also with you.

**All: The peace of Christ be with our neighbors, our friends, and our families.**

One: And also with you.

**All: The peace of Christ be with the stranger, our enemies, and those who are feared.**

One: And also with you.

**All: The peace of Christ be with the world and all of God's beloved.**

One: And also with you.

**All: Sisters, brothers, siblings in Christ, hear the Good News that in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ we are forgiven and made new.**

One: Let us be at peace with ourselves and with all we meet.

**All: Amen.**

Prayer for Illumination

Liturgist

Scripture Lesson:

1 John 4:7-21

Liturgist

One: This is the Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Special Music

*I Can Hear Your Voice*

Caroline Fjeldheim, soloist

Gospel Lesson:

John 15:1-11

Rev. Greenawalt

One: This is the Gospel of the Lord. **All: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Message:

*Abide in me, and I in you...*

Rev. Christina Greenawalt

Hymn # 319:

**Shout To The North**

*Men of faith, rise up and sing of the great and glorious King.*

*You are strong when you feel weak; in your brokenness complete.*

**Chorus:** *Shout to the north and the south; sing to the east and the west.*

*Jesus is Savior to all, Lord of heaven and earth.*

*Rise up, women of the truth; stand and sing to broken hearts.*

*Who can know the healing pow'r of our awesome King of love? **Chorus***

*We've been through fire; we've been through rain;*

*We've been refined by the power of your name*

*We've fallen deeper in love with you. You've burned this truth on our lips. **Chorus***

*Rise up, church with broken wings; fill this place with songs again,*

*Of our God who reigns on high; By His grace again we'll fly. **Chorus***

Prayers of the People/Lord's Prayer

Invitation to the Offering:

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Response:

**Doxology**

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him, all creatures here below.*

*Praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

Prayer of Dedication

**Service of Communion**

Invitation to the Table

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Communion of the People

Prayer After Communion

Closing Hymn:

**Power of Your Love**

*Lord, I come to You, let my heart be changed, renewed, flowing from the grace that I've found in You.*

*And Lord, I've come to know the weaknesses I see in me, will be stripped away by the pow'r of Your love.*

*Hold me close, let Your love surround me; Bring me near, draw me to Your side.*

*And as I wait, I'll rise up like the eagle, and I will soar with You, Your spirit leads me on in the pow'r of Your love.*

Charge and Benediction

Postlude:

*Your Everlasting Love*

## Announcements

**Sunday School:** Please join us any Sunday on Zoom for Sunday School at 9 AM. You may contact Carlos Assemany at [cassemany@hotmail.com](mailto:cassemany@hotmail.com) for a Zoom link.

**Join us for Zoom Fellowship after worship!** We miss having coffee and goodies with our church family, so right after worship, grab a cup and join us on Zoom. Each week we have a discussion question; today's is: "What is something everyone looks 'stupid' doing?" You can email the church office to request a link ([mipresbyterian@gmail.com](mailto:mipresbyterian@gmail.com)).

**Tuesday Night Bible Study:** Join us each Tuesday at 7 PM on Zoom for our "Connecting With Hope and Joy" series, which continues through May 18. The link is emailed out on Tuesdays.

**Weekly Prayer:** Our weekly Virtual Prayer Service via Zoom continues, Wednesday nights at 7:30. Light a candle in a quiet space and join your MIPC family for an evening of prayer and reflection as we share scripture and joys & concerns with each other. We email the link out on Wednesdays but if you don't get it, email [mipresbyterian@gmail.com](mailto:mipresbyterian@gmail.com).

**Having trouble finding the right link to join an MIPC activity on Zoom?** Some people might find it easier just to keep a written list of the Zoom Meeting ID numbers and then join the Zoom meetings in this way:

- Launch the Zoom app on your device at the start time of the event (or a few minutes before)
- Click *Join a Meeting*.
- Type in the Meeting ID number for the event

**Here are the day/time and Meeting ID numbers for regular MIPC Zoom events:**

<u>Event</u>	<u>When</u>	<u>Zoom Meeting ID #</u>
Sunday School	Sunday morning at 9:00 AM	788 588 5074
Coffee & Conversation	Sunday after worship	838 6954 1509
Connecting with Hope & Joy	Tuesday evening at 7:00 PM	861 0838 3922
Evening Prayer Service	Wednesday evening at 7:30 PM	848 8023 3383

**Thank you, Caroline Fjeldheim, John Heenan, Joe Neihouse, Scott Osikowicz, and Leslie Mitchell,** for providing the beautiful music today.

**Happy Birthday to:**

May 5: Don Webster

**Our Prayers are with:\*** Jim Bailey, Andre Koodie, Sophia and Zane Loulaf, Bob & Joan Milvae, Tom Page, Courtney Penderson, Shirley Ruch, Jo Shill, and Debra Smoot.

**Our Sympathies are with:** The Smith and Poland families, following the passing of their beloved Brother-In-Law/Uncle Joe Boccuzzi; and the family and friends of Van Stoner, who died on April 30.

*\* Please contact the office with any additions or subtractions to the prayer list. Names will remain on the list for 4 weeks unless otherwise requested.*

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