

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
June 2, 2019

THE CHURCH GATHERS

Chiming of the Hour
Introit "All People That on Earth Do Dwell" arr. R.J. Hughes
Welcome and Announcements

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

Choral Call to Worship "I Know That My Redeemer Liveth" J. Martin

*RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

Terry Turner, Liturgist

Leader: We come to this place of prayer...
People: **for here we can bring our hopes and dreams, our hidden fears and doubts, reflected in our words and deeds.**

Leader: We come to this place of grace...
People: **for here we learn compassion and joy. We discover how deeply we are loved.**

Leader: We gather with all these people called the church, First Presbyterian Moultrie...
People: **to be blessed by God's indwelling Holy Spirit, and to live and love as Jesus taught us.**

*Opening Hymn #358 "God Will Take Care of You" C.D. Martin/W.S. Martin

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

Caught in our sin, we do not see the lives we lead, O Lord our God. Every day there are times when we ignore you, your hopes and dreams for us. Unknowingly, we ridicule others because of who they are, where they live, or because of what they believe, when you call us to love one another. Though we resist admitting it, we seek to live the way we want to live. We turn away from hearing that which you would have us do and be. Forgive our foolishness, O God. Lift us out of our sin. Renew our hearts within us. Give us courage to be the people you have created us to be through our risen Lord Jesus Christ, amen.
(We continue in silence...)

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

One: Friends, hear and believe the gospel:

All: **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Thanks be to God!**

*Joyful Response #137 "The Bond of Love" O. Skillings

*We are one in the bond of love, We are one in the bond of love;
We have joined our spirit with the Spirit of God—We are one in the bond of love.*

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: As God in Christ forgives us, let us forgive one another.
The Peace of Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us share the Peace of Christ.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

WE RESPOND TO GOD WITH OFFERINGS AND PRAISE

The Offering
Offertory "Voluntary on 'Picardy'" A. Rowley

*Doxology

OLD HUNDRETH

*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.*

*Prayer of Dedication

COMMISSIONING SERVICE: YOUTH AND ADULTS ATTENDING MONTREAT

Children 2nd grade or younger may be dismissed to Children's Church.

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Reading: Psalm 97

Anthem "Worthy is the Lamb" P. Choplin

New Testament Reading: John 17:20-26

Sermon "Love: The Reason for Being" Dr. Richard T. Gillespie

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *(The Apostle's Creed)*

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; 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.

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Pastor: The Lord be with You.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Pastor: (Prayer of Thanksgiving)

Words of Institution

Communion of the People

Communion Prayer

*Closing Hymn #318 "Whiter Than Snow" J. Nicholson/W.G. Fischer

*BENEDICTION "Worthy is the Lamb" P. Choplin

*POSTLUDE "Chacone" J. Chambonnières

(*) *We stand as we are able*

*The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to
the glory of God and in honor of
Frank and Marilyn Harrison's
46th wedding anniversary
by Chas, Beth, Catherine, and Allie Cannon*