

The Presbyterian Church on Edisto Island
Sunday, May 16, 2021
7th Sunday of Easter
10:00 AM

Printed words to music and prayers are to use as silent meditation during the service.

“Gathering in God’s presence...

Ringing of the Hour

Words of Welcome and Announcements

Jim Murray

Prelude

Holy Ground

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*We are standing on holy ground,
And I know that there are angels all around;
Let us praise Jesus now;
We are standing in his presence on holy ground.*

A Call to Worship for 2 Voices

Voice 1: O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good!

Voice 2: His steadfast loves endures forever.

*Voice 1: Let us pray: We are grateful to have come to this day, a day to celebrate,
rejoice, and gather.*

Voice 2: We praise you for place and space, for safety and connection.

*Voice 1: Be in our midst now, as we worship and draw us closer to
you, that we may become one.*

Voice 2: Draw us closer to your Word, that we may become wise.

*Voice 1: Draw us closer to your world, that we may serve and love you as you guide
us to do.*

Voice 1 & 2: In your holy name, we pray. Amen.

Instrumental Hymn

We Gather Together

Kremser

*We gather together to ask the Lord’s blessing;
He chastens and hastens His will to make known;
The wicked oppressing now cease from distressing,
Sing praises to His name; He forgets not His own.*

*Beside us to guide us, our God with us joining,
Ordaining, maintaining His kingdom divine;
So from the beginning the fight we are winning;
Thou, Lord, wast at our side; All glory be Thine!*

*We all do extol Thee, Thou leader triumphant,
And pray that Thou still our defender wilt be.
Let thy congregation escape tribulation;
Thy name be ever praised! O Lord, make us free!*

Silent Prayer of Confession

Lead us home, O God, when we wander lost in wildernesses we were sent to or those of our own making. Like errant children, we stray from the safety of our heavenly parent. We hear your voice calling, but go our own way. We remember your teachings, but instead follow the foolish desires and whims of our hearts. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us home, where we will follow your paths and do the work you have for us. Amen.

Musical Response

Lord, Have Mercy

Kyrie Eleison

*Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison.
Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison.*

*Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.*

Assurance of Pardon

God meets us where we are. Christ accepts where we have been. The Advocate moves us beyond this place. Through Father, Son, and Spirit, we are forgiven and empowered to live new lives as faithful disciples, knowing God's welcome in this place and everywhere. Thanks be to God. Amen.

Musical Response

Glory to God Whose Goodness Shines on Me

Glory to God

*Glory to God, who goodness shines on me,
And to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
And the 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.
World without end, without end. Amen.
World without end, without end. Amen.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.*

Hearing God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

The Scripture Read:

Psalm 107:1-9, 32

- ¹ O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
for his steadfast love endures forever.
- ² Let the redeemed of the Lord say so,
those he redeemed from trouble
- ³ and gathered in from the lands,
from the east and from the west,
from the north and from the south.
- ⁴ Some wandered in desert wastes,
finding no way to an inhabited town;
- ⁵ hungry and thirsty,

their soul fainted within them.
⁶ Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble,
and he delivered them from their distress;
⁷ he led them by a straight way,
until they reached an inhabited town.
⁸ Let them thank the Lord for his steadfast love,
for his wonderful works to humankind.
⁹ For he satisfies the thirsty,
and the hungry he fills with good things.
³² Let them extol him in the congregation of the people,
and praise him in the assembly of the elders.

Joshua 3:1-6, 11-13, 4:1-7

Early in the morning Joshua rose and set out from Shittim with all the Israelites, and they came to the Jordan. They camped there before crossing over. ² At the end of three days the officers went through the camp ³ and commanded the people, "When you see the ark of the covenant of the Lord your God being carried by the levitical priests, then you shall set out from your place. Follow it, ⁴ so that you may know the way you should go, for you have not passed this way before. Yet there shall be a space between you and it, a distance of about two thousand cubits; do not come any nearer to it." ⁵ Then Joshua said to the people, "Sanctify yourselves; for tomorrow the Lord will do wonders among you." ⁶ To the priests Joshua said, "Take up the ark of the covenant, and pass on in front of the people." So they took up the ark of the covenant and went in front of the people. Joshua then said, "the ark of the covenant of the Lord of all the earth is going to pass before you into the Jordan. ¹² So now select twelve men from the tribes of Israel, one from each tribe. ¹³ When the soles of the feet of the priests who bear the ark of the Lord, the Lord of all the earth, rest in the waters of the Jordan, the waters of the Jordan flowing from above shall be cut off; they shall stand in a single heap."

When the entire nation had finished crossing over the Jordan, the Lord said to Joshua: ² "Select twelve men from the people, one from each tribe, ³ and command them, 'Take twelve stones from here out of the middle of the Jordan, from the place where the priests' feet stood, carry them over with you, and lay them down in the place where you camp tonight.'" ⁴ Then Joshua summoned the twelve men from the Israelites, whom he had appointed, one from each tribe. ⁵ Joshua said to them, "Pass on before the ark of the Lord your God into the middle of the Jordan, and each of you take up a stone on his shoulder, one for each of the tribes of the Israelites, ⁶ so that this may be a sign among you. When your children ask in time to come, 'What do those stones mean to you?' ⁷ then you shall tell them that the waters of the Jordan were cut off in front of the ark of the covenant of the Lord. When it crossed over the Jordan, the waters of the Jordan were cut off. So these stones shall be to the Israelites a memorial forever."

Reflection

The Lord is in the Midst

Rev. Ashley Sanders

Our Response

Prayers of the People & 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.

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Musical Response

Doxology

Old Hundredth

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

Prayer of Dedication

Benediction

Postlude

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!

Halle, Halle

Halle, Halle, Halle – lu-jah!

Halle, Halle, Halle – lu-jah!

Halle, Halle, Halle – lu-jah!

Hallelujah! Hal-le-lu-jah!

...sending in God's name."

Leading Worship:

Liturgy – Jim Murray

Electric Wind Instrument – Susan Frick

Music Director – Sheri Melton

Pastor – Ashley Sanders

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