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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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Madison Presbyterian Church

May 2, 2021 — 10:00 A.M.

5th Sunday of Easter

GATHERING GOD'S PEOPLE

PRELUDE

Plein Jeu

Guilain

WORDS OF WELCOME

INVOCATION

L: Dear God of Glory, come through our gates as we greet you. Enter into our courts as we praise you. Knock on the doors of our hearts that we might admit you.

R: True God, you are the author of our worship; you are the source of our singing. We speak your Words to drive away the distractions that keep us from you. Here in this place, we continue our efforts to be yours. Blessed be everyone who has come here to praise and obey you. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

from Psalm 22

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

L: We've gathered for worship, frazzled from running errands and running out of energy, running out of time and running from problems.

R: Let us breathe, be still and rest in the love of God.

(PAUSE)

L: We've gathered here, yearning to be a people of comfort and peace. Let us open our hearts to the possibilities.

R: We gather in anticipation of being inspired and renewed in our desire to be a people of God, a people of love. Let us worship God!

***HYMN**

I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art

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THE CALL TO CONFESSION

L: There is Light beyond the darkness; Light came to us to save us from our sins. Light is available when we confess, when we repent and change. Take the first step and confess your sins.

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

L: Gracious God, we acknowledge that we participate in the sinfulness of the world.

R: Forgive us, we pray, when we turn away from the needs of others and excuse ourselves. We say we must first look after "our own."

(A moment of silence is observed.)

L: Lord, forgive our spiritual pride that makes assumptions as to who is worthy and who is not worthy to belong to the church of Jesus Christ.

R: We are ashamed of such arrogance. We seek the cleansing of our hearts and an uprising of the fullness of your love. We pray in the holy name of Jesus the Christ. Amen.

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

L: Do not be afraid, or alarmed. Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified for you, who died for you and who has been raised for you is alive! Salvation is yours.

R: Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

HEARING GOD'S WORD

ANTHEM Lead Me, Lord Wesley

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SCRIPTURE LESSON Acts 8:26-40 (See text following.)

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

R: Thanks be to God.

THE MESSAGE Obedience Is Essential

RESPONDING IN FAITH

***HYMN** Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether 529

***THE APOSTLES' CREED** 35

OFFERTORY Trio Guilain

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THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

The Invitation

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Words of Institution

The Communion of the People

The Closing Prayer

Loving God, we are filled with gratitude for this moment, for this meal and for the fellowship of believers. Lord, help us to live as changed people, *because* we have shared this Living Bread. Through Christ our Lord, we pray. Amen.

***HYMN** Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing 546

***BENEDICTION**

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE** How Can I Keep from Singing?

POSTLUDE Grand Jeu Guilain

LITURGIST—Connie Huntington

USHERS—Susan Ohlendorf and Amanda Corbin

FELLOWSHIP HOUR HOSTS—Larry and Valecia Crisafulli

I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art

1. I greet thee, who my sure Redeemer art,
my only trust and Savior of my heart,
who pain didst undergo for my poor sake;
I pray thee from our hearts all cares to take.
2. Thou art the King of mercy and of grace,
reigning omnipotent in every place:
so come, O King, and our whole being sway;
shine on us with the light of thy pure day.
3. Thou art the life, by which alone we live,
and all our substance and our strength receive;
sustain us by thy faith and by thy power,
and give us strength in every trying hour.
4. Thou hast the true and perfect gentleness;
no harshness hast thou and no bitterness.
O grant to us the grace we find in thee,
that we may dwell in perfect unity.
5. Our hope is in no other save in thee;
our faith is built upon thy promise free;
Lord, give us peace, and make us calm and sure,
that in thy strength we evermore endure.

Acts 8:26-40

²⁶Then an angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) ²⁷So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship ²⁸and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. ²⁹Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." ³⁰So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" ³¹He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. ³²Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this: "Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth. ³³In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth." ³⁴The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" ³⁵Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. ³⁶As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?" ³⁸He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. ³⁹When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. ⁴⁰But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether

Draw us in the Spirit's tether, for when humbly in your name
two or three are met together, you are in the midst of them.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Here we touch your garment's hem.

As disciples used to gather in the name of Christ to sup,
then with thanks to God the giver break the bread and bless the cup,

Alleluia! Alleluia! so now bind our friendship up.

All our meals and all our living make as sacraments of you,
that by caring, helping, giving, we may be disciples true.

Alleluia! Alleluia! We will serve with faith anew.

Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

Lord, dismiss us with your blessing; fill our hearts with joy and peace;
let us each, your love possessing, triumph in redeeming grace.

O refresh us, O refresh us, traveling through this wilderness.

Thanks we give and adoration for your gospel's joyful sound;
may the fruits of your salvation in our hearts and lives abound.

Ever faithful, ever faithful to your truth may we be found.

Savior, when your love shall call us, from our struggling pilgrim way,
let no fear of death appall us, glad your summons to obey.

May we ever, may we ever reign with you in endless day.

PRAYER LIST

Congregation: Mark Andreasen, Sharon Auxier, Dennis and Karen Bessenecker, Shannon Glass, Sandy Gold, Mary Louise Grimes, Bob and Pat Hughes, Al Huntington, Betty King, Denise Leiske, Lexi Moderau, Beth Orrill, Alicia Ricketts, Pam Sandoz, Jennifer Saroka, Ted Skrypak, Staci Torres, Sondie Williams, Greg Ziesemer.

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Family and Friends: Anne and Ralph Armand, Karen Ault, Cher and Carah Jo Austin, Steve Baker, Michelle Barlow, Michael Busching, James Callahan, Becky Chase, children separated from their parents, Marie Cross, Jeff Daghir, Andrew Damm, Angel Dart, Jordan Davis, Phillip Eades, Steve Facemire, Shirley Griffith, Chuck Hale, Milly Harness, Sarah Hull, Curtis Jacobs, Heidi Kendall and family, Joni Lanham, Jeff Lineburg (Janet Castor's twin brother), Madison Correctional Facility, Madison State Hospital, Shane Mason, Yolanda Modley, Margie and Frank Moller (Connie Huntington's sister and brother-in-law), Ashley Pollert, Bob Rouse, Janet Savage (Cathy Owsley's sister), Jeff, Janna and Rachel Schmidt, John Schutte (Carole Hanson's son-in-law), Dan Shearer, Laryssa Smith, Joe Stilwell, Jody Sullivan, Trey Taylor, Kenneth Thompson (Harriette Parton's grandson), Rodney Thompson, Jean Trillet (Jim Grant's sister), Staci Turner, Warren (friend of Bob and Judith Glass), Dawson Whitaker, Laurel Lyn Wiest, Kyle Wilson.

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MPC Rotating Prayer Calendar for the Week of May 2

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“We are part of the Family of God! As a Christian family, we seek to practice the generous hospitality of Jesus Christ, who welcomes all. As a worshipping family, we seek to enhance and expand our experience of God in worship.

As a family of Christ’s disciples, we seek to grow in our understanding of God’s grace and God’s claim upon our lives. As a mission-oriented family,

we express our faith in action. As an historic Presbyterian family in a contemporary setting, we are rooted and grounded in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) as we strive to remain relevant to the needs of our community.

As the joyful children of God, we live in faith, hope and love!”

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