

**First Presbyterian Church of Carbondale
Order of Worship for Sunday 5/24:
7th Sunday of Easter (Year A)**



Prayer in Preparation

Redeeming God,
you call us to be one with you,
as you are one with Christ.
As his perfect love casts out our fear,
and changes it to love,
unite us by your Spirit of peace,
that we may be one with you,
as you are one with Christ. Amen.

Ministry of the Church

One: We thank God for these opportunities for fellowship and service.

All: Thanks be to God!

JOYS AND CONCERNs

One: We give thanks to God for these blessings.

All: Thanks be to God!

One: For all these people and all who are in need

All: Please hold your people near, O God!

Prelude: "Sonatina" arr. J. Jones

Kathy Manfredi, pianist

Gathering for Worship

Leader: Let the righteous be joyful!

Let them rejoice before God.

All: Let us all be jubilant with joy!

Leader: Sing to God, all peoples of the world.

Sing praises to God most high.

All: From the sanctuary of heaven,

God gives life and renews the face of the earth.

Leader: Let the righteous be joyful!

Let them rejoice before God.

All: Let us all be jubilant with joy!

Hymn: #35 Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty v. 1

Praise ye the Lord the Almighty, the King of creation
O my soul praise him, for he is my rock and salvation
All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near
Join me in glad adoration!

Call to Confession:

Leader: Brother and sisters,
God not only desires our repentance,
but longs to offer us forgiveness.
Therefore, cast all your anxiety on God,
because God cares for you eternally.

Prayer of Confession

Leader: Let us pray...

All: Loving God,
we confess that we do not always bring honor and
glory to your name.
We are rebellious and weak;
we flee before your goodness.
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us by the grace and
mercy of Christ,
that we may rise up again in peace to love and
serve your world. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: Sisters and brothers, the Spirit of God is resting on you, to restore, support, and strengthen you. Therefore, be at peace in the One who forgives and loves you; rise up and give God thanks.

All: Thanks be to God.

Giving of the Peace

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you all!

All: And also with you!

Response: #282 Glory to God Whose Goodness Shines on Me

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. (2x)

Children's Sermon

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Leader: Spirit of Glory, Spirit of God,
 bless us with a word of life this day
 to restore, support, and strengthen us
 as we seek to be one with you. **Amen.**

Ministry of Music

Carlyn Zimmermann, et al.

New Testament Lesson:

Acts 1:6-14

Minister: ⁶So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" ⁷He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." ⁹When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. ¹¹They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

¹²Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. ¹³When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. ¹⁴All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

Minister: The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Proclamation of the Word: "Underrated?"

Affirmation of Faith: The PCUSA Confession of 1967 (Section 9.08)

Leader: Let us confess our faith together...

All: In Jesus of Nazareth, true humanity was realized once for

all.

Jesus, a Palestinian Jew, lived among his own people and shared their needs, temptations, joys, and sorrows.

He expressed the love of God in word and deed and became a brother to all kinds of sinful men and women.

But his complete obedience led him into conflict with his people.

His life and teaching judged their goodness, religious aspirations, and national hopes.

Many rejected him and demanded his death.

In giving himself freely for them, he took upon himself the judgment under which everyone stands convicted.

God raised him from the dead, vindicating him as Messiah and Lord.

The victim of sin became victor, and won the victory over sin and death for all.

Minute for Mission: Hero Support and Pentecost Offering Cindy Buys

Sentences:

Leader: Jesus said to the Father,
 All mine are yours, and all yours are mine.
 Therefore, let us offer to God this day
 our lives and labors in service of Christ's love.

Please, as you are financially able, continue to contribute to the life and ministry of the church through your gifts. Give through direct deposit or by sending checks in the mail.

***Doxology: #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

Leader: Glorious God, everything that is given to us rains forth out of the abundance of your love, even Jesus Christ our Lord.

Bless these gifts and our lives together that all we are and all we offer give glory to you; in the name of Christ, who is the way, truth, and life. **Amen.**

Hymn: #35 Praise Ye the Lord the Almighty

v. 2

**Praise ye the Lord who o'er all things
 So wondrously reigneth
 Shelters thee under his wings
 Yea, so gently sustaineth!
 Hast thou not seen
 How thy desires e'er have been
 Granted in what he ordaineth?**

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Minister: God inspires us to pray, hears our prayers, and answers our prayers.

All: Alleluia! Amen!

Minister: Let us pray...

Silent Prayer

Minister: Let us pray together the Lord's Prayer...

**All: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
 your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
 Give us today our daily bread.**

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

**For the kingdom, the power,
 and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

Hymn: #35

Praise Ye the Lord the Almighty

v. 3

**Praise ye the Lord!
 O let all that is in me adore him.
 All that hath life and breath
 Come now with praises before him!
 Let the amen
 Sound from his people again
 Gladly for aye we adore him!**

Charge

Minister: Sisters and brothers, God loves and cares for each of us. Therefore, cast all anxiety on God, and keep alert,

so that we may remain steadfast in faith with Christ, who supports and strengthens us in all things.

Blessing

Minister: May the abundance of God bless you,
the strength of Christ keep you,
and the Spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God,
shine upon you forever.

All: Alleluia!

Postlude: "Praise to the Lord the Almighty" arr. Bruce Greer

Thought for the Day



Household Prayer: Morning

Delivering God,
you have safely brought me to this new day.
Keep me free from all dangers, perils, and troubles.
By the power of your Spirit,
strengthen my focus as I seek to follow Christ
and to humbly serve your truth. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

Redeeming God, by your mighty hand
you have safely brought me to this night,
and for this and all other mercies, I give you thanks.
Post your angels around me this night
that I may rest in peace. Amen.