



# First Presbyterian Church



## **Sunday Worship**

Gifts of Women / Mother's Day

9 May 2021

9:30 a.m.

*First Presbyterian at Worship  
Seeking the Faith – Sharing the Spirit – Serving God's People*

## Everyone Is Welcome!



You are invited to join us on our journey of faith! We seek to serve God, to minister to our community, and to love one another. Help us in our quest to become an ever more inclusive church that welcomes all people from all backgrounds, abilities, and identities. Come along and experience the love of God, the grace of Christ, and the communion of the Holy Spirit.

Christian worship joyfully ascribes all praise and honor, glory and power to the triune God. In worship the people of God acknowledge God present in the world and in their lives. As they respond to God's claim and redemptive action in Jesus Christ, believers are transformed and renewed. In worship the faithful offer themselves to God and are equipped for God's service in the world. (*Book of Order*, Directory for Worship W 1.1001)

### **First Presbyterian Church USA of Carbondale Order of Worship for Sunday 5/9/21:**

#### Prayer in Preparation

Loving God, help us to love others  
as Christ has loved us.  
Bring us into the spiritual joy  
of living our lives as your friend,  
and teach us to abide in your love,  
that we may show that love to the world. **Amen.**



#### Ministry of the Church

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

**All: Thanks be to God!**

#### **Where I Saw God Mothering This Week...**

#### 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:** Be Still My Soul (arr. Greg Howlett)

-Saem Lee, pianist

### **Gathering for Worship**

Leader: Sing to our God a new song.  
She has done marvelous things!  
Make a joyful noise to the Lord!  
Break forth into joyous song and sing praises.  
Let the sea roar and all that fills it.  
Let the world and its people sing together for joy!

**All: Let us worship God!**

**Hymn:** #324 For All the Faithful Women

vv. 1-2

**1 For all the faithful women who served in days of old  
To you shall thanks be given, to all their story told  
They served in strength and gladness in tasks your wisdom gave  
To you their lives bore witness, proclaimed your power to save.**

**2 We praise your name for Miriam, who sang triumphantly  
While Pharaoh's vaunted army lay drowned beneath the sea  
For Ruth, who left her homeland and ventured for in faith  
Who pledged to serve and worship Naomi's God till death**

### **Call to Confession**

Leader: We have been called to follow Christ  
by obeying his one commandment:  
that we love one another as he has loved us.  
Let us confess how we have fallen short of that love.

### **Prayer of Confession**

Leader: Let us pray...  
**All: Loving God, we have not loved you  
or each other with our whole hearts.  
Forgive us, we pray,  
and lead us toward wholeness,  
that we may be filled with your joy.  
In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

### **Assurance of Forgiveness**

Leader: Christ loves us so much that he

laid down his life for us and calls us his friends.  
If we can forgive our friends,  
how much more does Christ forgive us!

**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:** Happy Mother's Day!

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### **Prayer for Illumination**

Leader: Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us, O God,  
in the reading of your Word,  
that we would hear what you have to say to us today.  
May your Holy Spirit be poured out upon us;  
through Jesus Christ. **Amen.**



### **Old Testament Lesson**

Psalm 98

Leader: <sup>1</sup>O sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things. His right hand and his holy arm have gotten him victory.

<sup>2</sup>The LORD has made known his victory; he has revealed his vindication in the sight of the nations.

<sup>3</sup>He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel. All the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

<sup>4</sup>Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises.

<sup>5</sup>Sing praises to the LORD with the lyre, with the lyre and the sound of melody.

<sup>6</sup>With trumpets and the sound of the horn make a joyful noise before the King, the LORD.

<sup>7</sup>Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; the world and those who live in it.

<sup>8</sup>Let the floods clap their hands; let the hills sing together for joy

<sup>9</sup>at the presence of the LORD, for he is coming to judge the earth. He will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with equity.

**New Testament Lesson:**

John 10:11-18

Minister: <sup>11</sup>"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. <sup>12</sup>The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. <sup>13</sup>The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. <sup>14</sup>I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, <sup>15</sup>just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. <sup>16</sup>I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. <sup>17</sup>For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. <sup>18</sup>No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father."

Minister: The word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**Proclamation of the Word: "I Am the Good Shepherdess"**

**Affirmation of Faith:** PCUSA Confession of 1967

Section 9.36

**The church gathers to praise God,  
to hear God's word for humankind,  
to baptize and to join in the Lord 's Supper,  
to pray for and present the world to God in worship,  
to enjoy fellowship, to receive instruction, strength, and comfort,  
to order and organize its own corporate life,  
to be tested, renewed , and reformed,  
and to speak and act in the world's affairs  
as may be appropriate to the needs of the time.**

**Hymn:** #324 For All the Faithful Women

*vv. 3-4*

**3 We sing of busy Martha who toiled with pot and pan  
While Mary sat in silence to hear the word again  
We praise the other Mary who hasten to the tomb  
And found her Lord arisen dispelling doubt and gloom**

**4 Lord, hear our praise of Dorcas, who served the sick and poor  
Her hands were cups of kindness, her heart an open door  
O God, for saints and servants, our fervent prayer we raise  
That, faithful in your service, our lives may sing your praise.**

**Minute for Mission:** Celebrate the Gifts of Women

Lauren Bonner

**Invitation to the Offering:**

Leader: Let us show our friendship with Christ  
and our love for our neighbors  
by giving generously so that  
we may bear the lasting fruit of Christ's love.

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**\*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: Holy God, in Christ you have chosen us to be your friends  
and to know your will in the world.  
Therefore we pray in Jesus' name  
that these tithes and offerings  
spread your love near and far. **Amen.**

**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...

**Dear Lord, You walk beside us, each moment of each day.  
You know us by name, see each joy and sorrow.  
You created within us a gentle capacity to love and nurture.  
You gave us understanding and patience in a troubled world.  
You laid upon us the responsibility to carry and care for new life.  
You released us to run and dance, to sing and create.**

**You crafted in us sharp minds  
that are able to solve problems and see possibilities.  
You desire each of us to live life to the full,  
embracing your love for us and extending grace to others.  
You gave your life so that we could walk free  
to build your kingdom on earth as in heaven.  
We lay our lives before you and trust in your unfailing love.  
Guide us, Heal us, Touch us, And lead us,  
To reflect more and more of you life within our own...**

*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: #366 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling**

*vv. 1-4*

**1 Love divine, all loves excelling,  
Joy of heaven, to earth come down,  
fix in us thy humble dwelling;  
all thy faithful mercies crown.  
Jesus, thou art all compassion;  
pure, unbounded love thou art;  
visit us with thy salvation;  
enter every trembling heart.**

**2 Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit  
into every troubled breast;  
let us all in thee inherit;  
let us find the promised rest.  
Take away the love of sinning;  
Alpha and Omega be;**

**end of faith, as its beginning,  
set our hearts at liberty.**

**3 Come, Almighty, to deliver;  
let us all thy life receive;  
suddenly return, and never,  
nevermore thy temples leave.  
Thee we would be always blessing,  
serve thee as thy hosts above,  
pray, and praise thee without ceasing,  
glory in thy perfect love.**

**4 Finish then thy new creation;  
pure and spotless let us be;  
let us see thy great salvation  
perfectly restored in thee:  
changed from glory into glory,  
till in heaven we take our place,  
till we cast our crowns before thee,  
lost in wonder, love, and praise.**

### **CHARGE AND BLESSING**

Minister: Live in the joy of Christ's love  
and in all the marvelous things that God is doing!  
May the righteous fairness of God,  
the loving friendship of Christ,  
and the gift of the Holy Spirit go with you all.

**Postlude:** Praise to the Lord (arr. James Koerts)

### **Moment of Reflection:**

"It takes courage and strength to be empathetic, and I'm very proudly an empathetic and compassionate leader. I am trying to chart a different path, and that will attract criticism, but I can only be true to myself and the form of leadership I believe in."                    - *Jacinda Ardern, prime minister of New Zealand*



### ***Household Prayer: Morning***

Holy One, I begin today breathing in your love for me,  
for others, and for the world.  
Keep me mindful of all the marvelous things  
you are doing around and within me today.  
Help me to feel my friendship with Jesus  
and his confidence in me.  
Maintain in my heart the image of myself as a tree,  
bearing the fruit of Christ's love everywhere I go today. Amen.

### ***Household Prayer: Evening***

God, you are both judge and friend.  
Even as I review my day,  
I give it over to you.  
I let go of the good, the bad, and the in-between,  
trusting in your care for me.  
I am content this night to abide in your love.  
I breathe in your joy and your peace.  
Whatever I need, I ask of you in Jesus' name. Amen.

**Worship Assistant:** Lisa Hollabaugh

Next Week: Jane Swanson

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 12, 2021**

Wednesday Afternoon Bible Study at 3:30pm

**SUNDAY, MAY 16, 2021**

Sunday worship via Zoom at 9:30am. Sign in early for fellowship.

<p><b>Pastor Kerry's Office Hours</b> <b>Monday-Thursday 10:00am-2:00pm</b></p>
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*If you would like a call or a visit—or if you know someone who needs a visit—  
please let Kerry or one of the Deacons know.*

## Announcements

**Faith Dialogues:** This week we continue a 4-part series called **Presby 101**. It's for potential new members and those wanting to brush up their general presbyteriosity.

**Snider Hill Workday:** Saturday 5/22 at 9:00am

Our **Pentecost** worship on Sunday 5/23 will be in-person outdoors on the Greenspace and available via Zoom! Communion will be shared.

Sunday 6/27 is the **Pride Drive-By Caravan** commemorating the Stonewall riots.

**Southern IL Pride Fest** weekend, celebrating the LGBTQIA+ community, is scheduled for 9/24-26. Mark your calendars!

## Joys and Concerns

### **Pray for God's grace, mercy & help:**

- Covid19 Pandemic patients and the ongoing vaccination efforts
- Social unrest and political polarization
- Those in the destructive path of natural disasters
- Those who are homeless, hungry, and in harm's way
- For the victims of mass shootings and hate crimes
- For those in shelters on the southern border

### **Ongoing Concerns:**

Each week we pray for one of the faith communities that participate in the Carbondale Interfaith Council. This week the council asks us to please pray for: **For Kids' Sake**

The Mission/Ministry we are praying for this month is: **Personnel Committee**

### **Remember to pray for:**

- Our National, State, Regional, and Community Leaders
- Students, faculty, and staff at school
- Our nation in midst of continuing violence
- Our world, in the midst of terrorism

- Refugees in Europe
- Resolution to the migrant dilemma
- Homeless, unemployed and those without adequate health care
- Missionaries in Africa and everywhere
- Service men and women

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