

**First Presbyterian Church**  
Organized May 25, 1822

*With Christ as our Savior and Guide,  
We seek to know God's love and share it  
With each other, our community, and the world.  
We invite you to join us in this journey  
of discipleship!*

Rev. Dr. Gregory L. Glover, Pastor

**Sixth Sunday of Easter**  
**May 17, 2020**

**GATHERING AROUND THE WORD**

PRELUDE

GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE AND GREETING

The LORD be with you.  
**And also with you.**

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

O people, praise our God—the Artist of creation, the Lord of heaven and earth.

**We worship our Maker with resounding praise!**

In God we live and move and have our being; it is the Lord who gives us life and breath.

**God has kept us among the living and not let our feet slip.**

God formed all people to seek the Lord; indeed, our Creator is never far away.

**Bless the Lord, who is faithful to us!**

**Let us worship God!**

\*HYMN #410 “God is Calling Through the Whisper”

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Lord, you said, “If you love me, you will keep my commandments.” And, in the same breath, you promised an Advocate would come to help us. You, Lord, were faithful to your promise. But we have broken your law of love. We have hoarded resources, rather than feeding your**

**sheep. We have stoked competition, rather than kneeling at others’ feet. We have kept silent, rather than testifying to our belief. Forgive us for not showing our love for you by loving one another. Help us obey your commandments and keep us ever faithful to your Word, by the power of your Spirit, who abides with and among us and within us.**

**Now hear our silent, personal prayers of confession...**

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

\*GLORIA PATRI, Hymn #581

**PROCLAIMING THE WORD**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 66:8-20 (p. 459)

SPECIAL MUSIC “There’s Room at the Cross for You”  
*By Ira F. Stanphill/Performed by Dylan May*

CHILDREN’S MOMENT

MUSIC INTERLUDE

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING John 14:15-27 (p.877)

Holy wisdom, holy word.

**Thanks be to God.**

SERMON “Advocate”

**RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

\*HYMN #366 “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *The Confession of 1967 (9.22, adapted)*

**New life in Christ takes shape in a community in which people know that God loves and accepts them in spite of what they are. They therefore accept themselves and love**

**others, knowing that no one has any ground on which to stand, except God’s grace.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

THE OFFERTORY

\*THE DOXOLOGY, HYMN #606

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

\*HYMN #300 “We Are One in the Spirit”

\*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

\*RESPONSE & POSTLUDE

**WORSHIP NOTES**

**Pastor Greg Glover** is today’s Liturgist.  
**Beth Glover** is Interim Director of Music  
**Dylan May** is Interim Accompanist  
**Eric Salyer** is today’s Audio-Visual Specialist.

**\*Please stand if you are able.**

