

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

Seventh Sunday of Easter
Commemorating Memorial Day
May 24, 2020

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE

GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE AND GREETING

The LORD be with you.
And also with you.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

We have gathered—new followers and lifelong disciples, the powerful and the powerless, those who have too little and those who have too much.

We have gathered, for we are one in Christ.

We have come—seekers and skeptics, sinners and saints, the poor in spirit and the rich in faith.

We have come, for we are eager to hear God's word.

We are here, together.

Let us glorify the one true God.

Let us worship God!

*HYMN #611 "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord Jesus, you long for us to be one, just as you and the Father are one. But we gravitate toward those who think like us, behave like us, pray like us, because it is easier than looking beyond difference to discover what is good

and kind and faithful in those we call the other. Even in our houses of worship, we are slow to reach across the aisle to embrace siblings in faith with whom we hold little in common. Forgive us, we pray. Wash us in the waters of our baptism, so that, with one mind, we might continue the work you gave us to do.

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 I Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11 (p. 986)

SPECIAL MUSIC Charlsie DeLoach

CHILDREN'S MOMENT Charles Van Otten

MUSIC INTERLUDE "Jesus Loves Me"
Performed by Charles Van Otten

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING John 17:1-11 (p. 879)

Holy wisdom, holy word.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON "This Is Eternal Life"

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*HYMN #816 "If Thou But Trust in God to Guide Thee"

*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 #649 "Amazing Grace"

*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.**

