

* indicates please stand, if able

BOLD indicates ALL read

(G) indicates use green songbook, "Sing! A new creation"

Children's Worship Bulletins are available; an usher can assist you



WE BID ALL who have come to worship a warm welcome in the name of Jesus Christ! If you do not have a church home, we invite you to become part of this community of faith and learn about what it means to follow Jesus Christ. Please join us for worship Sunday mornings at 10:45. Sunday school precedes worship at 9:30. Find more information at: www.firstprescarlisle.org.

~ ANNOUNCEMENTS ~

TODAY WE WELCOME TO THE PULPIT AND THANK THE REV. BILL BECK.

TODAY'S FLOWERS are presented by the George and Henry Stuart Trust to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Laura J. and Walter Stuart, Jr.

PLEASE REMAIN after worship for a time of conversation and light refreshments in Fellowship Hall.

TODAY, serving in worship:

Reader: Fred Seltzer

Greeters/Ushers: Susan Palyo; Anne Roberts-Samsel; Carlton Walker

Fellowship Hosts: Bruce & Kathy Mulvey

Video Recorder: Joe Shane

Audio Recorder: Ray Thomas

THIS WEEK, in our prayers:

* in the presbytery: Greencastle; Rev. Dr. Robert Cook, Interim

* in the community: St. John's Episcopal (on the Square)

* in the congregation (at random): Jon & Jane Black

THIS WEEK, in the life of the church: Pastor Tony is away through May 3rd. During his absence, you may address pastoral needs/concerns to Rev. Bill Beck at (717) 385-0703.

NEXT SUNDAY.....SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER.....MAY 5th

> **9:15 AM:** Prayer, in the sanctuary

> **9:30 AM:** Education hour

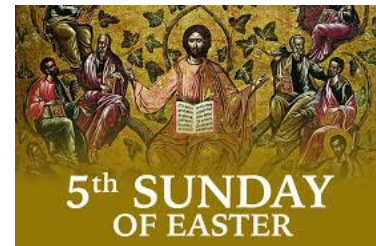
> **10:45 AM:** Worship; Sermon, "Complete Joy;" Scripture, John 15:9-17

> **After worship:** Fellowship Time



MAY 4th

CHURCH RUMMAGE SALE, 8 AM-2 PM. There's still time to find those treasures to sell in support of our local missions! Bring them to the church this week by Friday (Fellowship Hall). No large furniture pieces or baby furniture please. Volunteers are still needed to make this event a success. Please sign up in Fellowship Hall. **PLUS, THERE'S A BAKE SALE!** We need donations of homemade baked goods that will be individually wrapped, e.g., cookies, cookie bars, brownies. NO cakes or pies! Please have them at the church **no later than Friday, 1 PM.**



Members of the Congregation, Ministers

The Rev. Anthony D. Lorenz, Pastor

The Rev. Jon A. Black, Pastor Emeritus

Debby Madden, Educator Emerita

Arthur Thompson, Organist; Ron Richcreek, Music Director

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April 28, 2024

10:45 a.m.

Fifth Sunday of Easter

ORDER FOR WORSHIP

GATHERING

PRELUDES

Hymn of Promise Sleeth
Nettleton Haan
Westminster Abbey Partita Powell

~ GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS ~
+ MINUTE FOR MISSION +

Sarabande Young

* CALL TO WORSHIP

As I enter into this time of worship, I pause to be still;
to breathe slowly,
to re-center my scattered senses upon the presence of God.

**Come Holy Spirit to my mind, I receive your comfort.
Come Holy Spirit to my heart, I receive your peace.
Come Holy Spirit to my soul, I receive the Father's love for me.**

* HYMN #21 (G) – “We Will Glorify”

CONFESSION and FORGIVENESS

Rend your heart and not your garments.
Return to the Lord your God,
for He is gracious and compassionate,
slow to anger and abounding in love. (Joel 2:13)

**Father God, would you remind me now
of the ways in which I have sinned this week
through negligence, through weakness,
or my own deliberate thought.
I take a moment to confess my sins before You now.**

(pause and pray . . .)

**Loving Lord Jesus, thank you for bearing my sins
in your body on the cross.
By your wounds I am healed
and by your blood I am cleansed.
I receive your forgiveness now.**

* RESPONSE #579 – “Gloria Patri”

* PASSING THE PEACE

PROCLAIMING

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**May the Scriptures I am about to hear
not be disjointed words heard from a distance,
or words typed neatly on a page.
Your Word, O Lord, has power to soften hearts
and change lives. I submit myself to Your Word today. Amen.**

FIRST LESSON Micah 6:6-8 (O.T., p. 866)
(The Word of the Lord; **thanks be to God!**)

CHOIR ANTHEM “On Holy Ground” Larson
*Today's anthem is presented by the Presbyterian Women to honor the
memory of Jane Thompson. It was first sung in worship October 5, 2003.*

SECOND LESSON Matthew 13:44-46 (N.T., p. 15)
(The Word of the Lord; **thanks be to God!**)

SERMON “What Does It Cost?” The Rev. Bill Beck

* HYMN #267 (G) – “Will You Come and Follow Me”

* From “A BRIEF STATEMENT OF FAITH” (PC-USA)

**We trust in God the Holy Spirit,
everywhere the giver and renewer of life.
The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith,
sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God
and neighbor, and binds us together with all
believers in the one body of Christ, the Church.
The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and
apostles rules our faith and life in Christ
through Scripture, engages us through the Word
proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism,
feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of
salvation, and calls women and men to all
ministries of the church.**

**In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives
us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness
among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,
to unmask idolatries in Church and culture,
to hear voices of peoples long silenced, and to
work with others for justice, freedom and peace.
In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,
we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and
to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for
God's new heaven and new earth, praying,
“Come, Lord Jesus!”**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER (p. 16, blue hymnal)

GIVING THANKS

OFFERING OURSELVES

Offertory *Mixolydian Tune* Uehlein

* RESPONSE #592 – “Praise God”

* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**O God our Father,
all our lives You have carried us by grace.
We have blessings we do not deserve.
We have some scars, but they helped us to learn.
It is nothing short of a miracle that we are here.
It is not coincidence and it is not luck;
we know it comes from above.
Help us to live with open hearts.
Help us to live like we know who You are.
We pray that we will never get over what You've done.
And we pray, too, for boldness, courage,
and compassion to share our stories of Your grace
with others so that they also may see
and experience Your miracles in their lives.
We ask it all in the name that is above all names,
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

SENDING

* HYMN #43 (G) – “Lord, Be Glorified”

* BENEDICTION

* CLOSING RESPONSE #21 (G) (verse 4) – “We Will Glorify”

**“Hallelujah to the King of kings,
hallelujah to the Lamb;
hallelujah to the Lord of lords,
who is the great I Am.”**

* POSTLUDE *Come, Thou Almighty King* Hustaad

The Postlude is not an instruction to leave. It is a call to reflect on how you experienced God's presence and heard His voice in this morning's worship. Please sit quietly until the organist has completed the Postlude.

