



Christ Is Rising!

May 21, 2023—10:30 AM
Seventh Sunday of Easter



A Hybrid Worship Experience In-Person and Online

Today's worship team—Music Director: Jayne McDonough; Guest accompanist: Mary Snyder; Worship Leader: Barbara Cain; Message: Larry Moyer; Production: Max Moran

WELCOME!

WORSHIP YOUR WAY!

So glad you're here today. Enjoy worship with your neighbors and be spiritually energized.

Be Involved

Be involved in doing good, for at the proper time good things will result if we do not give up.
Galatians 6:9



WORSHIP PREVIEW

While Pastor Kevin is recuperating, we welcome Larry Moyer to the pulpit today with his message “It’s Commencement Time”.

One of the chief rites of passage in our society is commencement. No matter whether it’s a graduation from Kindergarten or high school or college; they all follow the same tradition. Jesus’ commencement speech to the disciples held a different scenario. Just as Jesus challenged his disciples to spread the word throughout the world, He challenges us to do the same.

MUSIC PREVIEW

While Jayne is away with the Sweet Adeline’s this weekend, we welcome Mary Snyder to the piano to play for our service. Thank you to Mary for stepping in today!

Following the message we will sing *Christ is Risen! Shout Hosanna!* In commenting on this late 20th century text, the author has stressed his intention to affirm the social implications of an Easter faith: “Christian peace and justice action finds its wellspring, not in moral zeal or guilty conscience, but in the resurrection”.

Our sending hymn is *My Faith Looks Up to Thee*. Originally a poem of private reflection, this text was offered to the composer when he asked the author if he had written anything that could be set to music for a new hymn and tune collection. This was the first tune written for these words and has proved the most enduring.

GREETING OF WORSHIPPERS: REV LARRY MOYER (10:24)

COUNTDOWN TO WORSHIP (10:25)

PRELUDE: MARY SNYDER (10:27)

WELCOME: REV LARRY MOYER (10:30)

Call to Worship (Responsive): Barbara Cain (10:32)

Sing to God

Sing praises to God's name

Sing to God O kingdom of the earth

Sing praises to the Lord

Let us worship God

God Welcomes All (unison): (1-10:33)

God welcomes all, strangers and friends;

God's love is strong and it never ends.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (UNISON):

Open our eyes, open our hearts. May we hear
your Word read and proclaimed so that our
lives and our witness will be strengthened.
Amen.

FIRST READING: ACTS 1:6-14

So when they had come together, they asked
him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore
the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for
you to know the times or periods that the
Father has set by his own authority. But 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.” When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They 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.”

Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day’s journey away. When 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. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

MESSAGE FOR KIDS

PRAYER FOR FAMILIES

GOSPEL READING: JOHN 17:1-11

After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, “Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

“I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine;

and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.”

MESSAGE: IT'S COMMENCEMENT TIME - REV LARRY MOYER
PRAYER AND SILENT REFLECTION

MUSIC: CHRIST IS RISEN! SHOUT HOSANNA! - BLUE #104

1. Christ is risen shout Hosanna
Celebrate this day of days
Christ is risen hush in wonder
All creation is amazed
In the desert all-surrounding
See a spreading tree has grown
Healing leaves of grace abounding
Bring a taste of love unknown.

2. Christ is risen raise your spirits
From the caverns of despair
Walk with gladness in the morning
See what love can do and dare
Drink the wine of resurrection
Not a servant but a friend
Jesus is our strong companion
Joy and peace shall never end.

3. Christ is risen earth and heaven
Nevermore shall be the same
Break the bread of new creation
Where the world is still in pain
Tell its grim demonic chorus
Christ is risen get you gone
God the First and Last is with us
Sing Hosanna everyone.

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

(10:54)

Confession is a mirror by which we see ourselves more clearly. Let us offer our prayers to God.

PRAYER OF FORGIVENESS (UNISON)

We confess, O God that too often we have our heads in the clouds. We are more comfortable with dreaming of the world as we wish it would be instead of working with you to bring that wish to reality. At times, we find it difficult to claim the power you have given us. Surely you have others more capable to be your witnesses? And so, we continue to gaze heavenwards. Jolt us out of our complacency, God. Remind us to get a move on. Remind us we have work to do with you. Give us your energy, courage, and

vision to be your witnesses to the end of the earth.

SILENT REFLECTION

HEAR THE WORDS OF ASSURANCE

We are God's people

Created, loved and forgiven.

The God of all grace has called us by name.

God will restore, support, strengthen and establish us.

It is good news to celebrate.

We are forgiven!

THE GLORIA

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

GIFTS OF GRATITUDE

(10:57)

To God we give in thankful response for all the gifts God has given us. The money we give is but one way we say "thank you". The morning offering will be received. Your gift may be placed in the donation boxes, mailed to the office, or given online anytime. Thank you!

THE DOXOLOGY

(10:58)

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise God all creatures here below; praise
God above the heavenly host, praise Father,
Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

PRAYER OF GRATITUDE

Good and gracious God, the money we place in plates or give online we pray will be used to bring your kingdom to earth. May our gifts strengthen this congregation to be more faithful, more present and more daring in our community and to the ends of the earth. Amen

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Happy birthday to Ann
Griffith (5/21).
Emily Sasso (5/24).
Anniversary blessings to
George & Beverly Greger (5/28).

Community News:

Cape Classical Artists Concert TODAY

The Beverly Trio

Sunday May 21, 3:00 pm

Spring Presbyterian Church

Oboist Tom Heinze, violist Harold Levin, and cellist
Gayle Morgan Klaber offer an exciting program of

original compositions as well as favorite works arranged for this unique combination of instruments.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:

Pastor Kevin is in our prayers as he continues healing at home. The prayers, cards and expressions of love and support mean so much to him and Melissa.

Chuck's Brother Michael cancer free and completing treatments! Ruth Traber on passing of Daughter in law, Janet. John Stalford is in hospice care at home with his family, he welcomes cards and calls and possibly a visit(call first). Linda's daughter-in-law has good news, her tumor has shrunk to half it's size and surgery is a better possibility! Holland family on passing of daughter Amanda. Glenn-parathyroid surgery. Larry's neighbor, Jacqueline-brain surgery; Tom Hamilton, Jim McCaughey's cousin recovering from auto accident . Rebecca Busch, breast cancer, Carmela, Lenore. Todd, Elaine's friend-lungs. Mary Wender, liver failure. George Barsby recovering at home. Paul Haggy. Laurie Johnson. Michael with ALS. Rev. Doug Madden and Rev. Reeder (surgery). Lloyd and Sharon Posnikoff, Eileen and David Word. Those on hospice: John Stalford, Bob Fite, Gertrude Hess. For healing: Susan Dehart in physical

therapy, Eileen Stalford improving. In the Community- the passing of Deptford Police Officer Robert Shisler.

Those undergoing cancer treatment: Gerri Mills, Robin B, Carmela G, Mike, Kim, Glenn, Steve, Rickey, Lorraine, Kate, Candy, and Dr. Regina.

PRAYER

Following Jesus' example of praying for his disciples, we are bold to pray for your children and for ourselves. May our prayers give voice to the hurts of our hearts and the commitments of our souls. May we with honesty acknowledge the world as it is and pray for your guidance as we your disciples work for the world you desire.

We offer this prayer in the name of the one who taught us to pray by saying together,

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

FRESH EXPRESSION OF COMMUNITY - BARBARA CAIN

Once we were strangers,
Now we are neighbors.

Once we were strangers,
Now we are friends.

MUSIC: MY FAITH LOOKS UP TO THEE - BLUE #383

1. My faith looks up to Thee
Thou Lamb of Calvary, Saviour divine
Now hear me while I pray
Take all my guilt away
O let me from this day, Be wholly Thine.

2. May Thy rich grace impart
Strength to my fainting heart, My zeal inspire
As Thou hast died for me
O may my love to Thee
Pure warm and changeless be, A living fire.

BENEDICTION - REV LARRY MOYER

May your eyes cast heavenward give you the
courage and energy to be about the work God
has laid at your feet.

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the
love of God and the fellowship of the Holy
Spirit, rest, remain and abide with you today
and all days.

And all of God's people say: **Amen.**

POSTLUDE: MARY SNYDER

So glad you've joined us. Please share your worship experience with others on our YouTube channel, Facebook, and Instagram. View worship at any time on our YouTube page. Invite others to join you next week.

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5. *My Faith Looks Up to Thee*; Ray Palmer/ Lowell Mason: CCLI Song #43334