

White Memorial Presbyterian Church

The Service for the Lord's Day

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Liturgical Color – Green

July 5, 2020

10:30 AM

The Church Gathers

Prayer for Preparation: *As the darkness recedes, open my eyes to the gift of this day; help me to trust you with all that it will hold. In the hours to come, as my plans are interrupted, tune my ear to the sound of your voice, my eye to the movement of your Spirit, my heart to the strength of your desire, that I might glimpse your hidden graces and be strengthened in your service, for I would be your instrument. Amen.*

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

One: Beloved of God, the winter is past, the flowers appear on the earth and the time of singing has come.

All: **Let us lift our voices in praise to our Creator.**

Hymn:

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Prayer of Adoration

Confession and Pardon

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

All: **Lord, we marvel at the thought of a well-fitted yoke, a burden scaled to match our frames; we do not know how to rest in the promise of such labor. Some of us are weary from unceasing responsibility; others find no welcome in the marketplace. We confound your vision for our common life. Forgive our blind striving, our stifled concern, the judgments we cast on others. Make yourself known to us in the silence. Shape your children for the commonwealth of your love. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.** *(Please observe a moment of silent confession).*

Declaration of Forgiveness

One: Sisters and brothers, hear this gospel word: Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. I declare to you now, in the name of Jesus Christ, that your sin is forgiven. You have been freed for service in his name.

All: Thanks be to God!

Hearing God's Word

Prayer of Illumination:

All: Merciful God, in this moment of stillness, wash us clean of our presumptions. Receive us as your weary children. Then, by the power of your Spirit, bless us with a word that revives, for we pray in the name of Jesus, your living Word. Amen.

Scripture Reading Matthew 11:16–19, 25–30

One: This is the Word of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon:

“Come, All, Rest”

Rev. Ed Johnson

Responding to the Faith

Affirmation of Faith

Apostles' Creed

All: I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Hymn of Response: *Jesus Loves Me*

Sharing of Joys and Concerns
Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

The Reception of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

Prayer of Dedication

We Gather At Our Lord's Table

Hymn

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

The Invitation to the Table

The Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

One: God is here.

All: **God's Spirit is with us.**

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: **We lift them up to God.**

One: Let us give thanks to God.

All: **It is right to give our thanks and praise**

One: We give thanks to you, creating God, breath of all being; the earth is yours and all that is in it, and all who dwell therein. You founded it upon the seas and made it firm upon the deep. You planted seeds in fertile ground, to rise and sing your praise.

All: **Glory to you forever.**

One: You formed us from the earth and planted goodness in our souls that we might love like you. You called us to live your law of harmony and to long for your commands. Yet, when our disordered cravings bowed down our spirit, you did not leave us low, but bent down to meet us and grow us up again. Therefore we lift our voices in thanksgiving, for you have wondrously made us. By water and your life-giving Spirit, you have more wondrously remade us to join the song of all creation and forever sing your praise:

All: **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of goodness and life,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

One: We give you thanks, O God, that you sowed your Word in Jesus, to grow your kingdom here on earth and draw us ever near. Jesus planted mercy wherever he went, to reap a greater righteousness. He shared bread with outcasts and sinners and healed the brokenhearted.

All: Glory to you forever.

One: We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave to his friends, and said, Take, eat, this is my body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. After supper Jesus took the cup, said the blessing, gave it to his friends, and said, drink this, all of you: this cup is the new covenant in my blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

All: Glory to you forever.

One: Remembering his dying and rising, we offer you this bread and cup, and ourselves in grateful service. Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts and all your people here today. Breathe your Spirit over all creation that together we may cultivate peace in every corner of the world. Then bring us to that blessed mountain where with the meek and pure in heart we will live forever in blessedness as we taste the fruits of heaven.

All: Glory to you forever.

One: Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, by the inspiration of your Life-giving Spirit, we worship you, Creating God, in songs of endless praise.
Blessed are you, now and forever. **Amen.**

The Words of Institution

Prayer after Communion (*Unison*)

All: Loving God, we thank you that you have fed us in this sacrament, united us with Christ, and given us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet in your eternal kingdom. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Going Out in God's Name

Hymn of Commitment

O Beautiful for Spacious Skies

The Charge and Benediction

Postlude

Prayer Concerns: Pam Denning; Forest Johnson; Ted and Linda Penny and her sister, Lil; family of Michelle Hare; Krista Stuttgart; Mann Johnson; Gladys Turner; Judy Johnson; Jack Reid; Frances Underwood; Paula Alford; Ann Garrett; Troy Byrd; Larry Bell; Angela Byrd; Judy Morris; Don Wright; Connie Montgomery; Kaylan King; ; Ann Johnson; Terri DeMaeyer

Presbyterian mission and Presbyterian disaster Workers; Cindy Correl, Suzette Goss-Geffrard, Mark Hare

Those serving in our military; Joey Dobyns, (Ft. Campbell, KY); Matthew Dunn, (Korea); Cortney Jones, (Ft. Meade, MD); Parker Bough, (Okinawa); 82nd Airborne Division, (Kuwait); Dalton Hayes, (Mexico)

White Memorial Presbyterian Church Mission Statement:

Remembering God's Grace, the mission of
White Memorial Presbyterian Church in Willow Spring is:
Come to be joyous and thoughtful in worship;
Walk with God's guidance into deeper faith and knowledge;
Stretch out to the needy with tangible acts of service;
Be loving and generous with time, talents and treasures;
Go out into the world to welcome and invite.

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