



100 Years
1924-2024

6th Sunday of Easter
Presbyterian Heritage Sunday
May 5, 2024
10:00 AM

Rev. Kathryn Morgan, Pastor
Megan Prescott-Ezickson, Director of Music Ministry
Jeanne Richards, Liturgist
Joe Dougherty, Bagpiper

WELCOME!

We hope you experience the grace of God while you worship with us.

Thank you to those serving today.

Bagpiper: Joe Dougherty

Couters: Kathy Wike, Ted Hidell

Liturgist: Jeanne Richards

Ushers: Bob & Eileen Simons, Guy Richards

WOW Jr. Aide: Sue Ulmer

WOW Aide: ?

WOW Teacher: Kristen Manderachi

WOW Jr. Teacher: Kayla Murphy

Helpful Worship Information

Children's activity bags for use during worship are in the tie-dye bags next to the table in the Narthex. Please *clean out and return bags* after the service.

Child care for infants and young children under age 6 is provided during the service in our nursery. The nursery is located on the Main Floor, in the Rabbit Hill classroom next to the Lounge, beginning at 9:45 to 11:15AM.

Blue Prayer Request Cards are available in the pew racks and on the table in the Narthex. If you would like to request prayers, please fill one out and the ushers will collect them during our first hymn.

Please keep these members and friends in your prayers:

Anne Branton, Dana Catania, Felicia Clapper, Jim Harrington, Gussie Logue,
Lisa Neff, Aletha Sciubba, Rose Marie Sharkey, Mary Smith, Nora Smith



GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME

LIFE IN THE CHURCH

PRELUDE

Bagpipes

* CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We come to join with all the earth in praise:

All: to sing a new song to the Lord, who has done marvelous things, who has shown us steadfast love and faithfulness.

One: We praise the Lord with joyful noises joining the symphony of the earth:

All: the roar of the ocean, the call of the birds, the wind across the hills, people in every corner of the globe.

One: On this sabbath day of rest and gladness,

All: we greet you with joy, our living God!

* HYMN 515 *I Come with Joy*, verses 1, 4 & 5

CHILDREN'S TIME

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.

The Prayer of Confession and the Absolution are from 1539; they were used by both John Calvin at Geneva and John Knox in Scotland.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, eternal Father, we acknowledge and confess to you that we were born in unrighteousness. Our life is full of sin and transgression; we have not gladly believed your Word nor followed your holy commandments. For your goodness' sake and for your name's sake, be gracious unto us, we pray, and forgive us all our sin, which is very great. Let each of us come before the face of the Lord, confessing our own faults. (Continue in silent confession.)

ASSURANCE AND ABSOLUTION

This saying is true and we should believe it: that Christ Jesus came into the world to

rescue sinners. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, that we might be dead to sin and alive to all that is good. To all those who repent, therefore, I proclaim to you the forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

* **GLORIA PATRI** 580 *Glory Be To The Father (Scottish Chant)*

PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

All: **And also with you.**

INVITATION TO GRATITUDE

GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

Bagpipes

* **DOXOLOGY** 606 *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (Unison)

Generous God, we bring you our offerings today, and ask that you bless them that they might be spent in ways that honor you. Bless the tasks we will undertake this week that we might be coworkers in your coming kingdom. Bless the hours of our week - 167 until we meet again - that our lives may be our offering to you. Bless us to be blessings in this world. Amen.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING Acts 10:44-48 *(NRSV, adapted)*

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, "Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

SCRIPTURE READING John 15:9, 11-15a *(NRSV, adapted)*

Jesus said, "As God has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends

if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends.

MEDITATION

Rev. Kathryn Morgan

* HYMN 726 *Will You Come and Follow Me* (traditional Scottish tune Kelvingrove)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION

HYMN 507 *Come to the Table of Grace*, verses 1 & 2

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Leader: The Lord be with you

All: And also with you.

Leader: We offer you praise dear God and hearts lifted high, for in the communion of your love Christ comes close to us and we come close to Christ. Therefore with the whole realm of nature around us, with earth, sea and sky,

All: We sing to you!

Leader: With the angels of light who envelop us, with the host of heaven and all the saints before us and beside us, with brothers and sisters, north, south, east and west.

All: We sing to you!

Leader: And with our loved ones, separate from us now, who yet in this mystery are close to us,

All: We join in the song of your unending greatness.

HYMN 507 *Come to the Table of Grace* verses 3, 4 & 5

Leader: Blessed is our brother Jesus, who walks with us the road of our world's suffering, and who is known to us in the breaking of bread. On the night of his arrest Jesus took bread and having blessed it he broke the bread and gave it to his disciples, saying, This is my body, given to you.

In the same way he took wine and having given thanks for it he poured it out and gave the cup to his disciples saying, This cup is there new relationship with God, sealed with my blood. Take this and share it. I shall drink wine with you next in the coming Kingdom of God.

Hear us, O Christ, and breathe your Spirit upon us and upon this bread and cup. May they become for us new life, vibrant, healing, renewing and making us whole. And as we take the bread and cup, may we be changed and transformed more nearly Christ-like, loving and caring in the world. The gifts of God for the people of God!

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Gracious God, we praise you for what you have given us here. You have made us

one with all your people in heaven and on earth. You have fed us with the bread of life and renewed us for your service. Now we give ourselves to you; we ask that our daily living may be part of your kingdom, and that our love may be your love reaching out in the life of the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

* HYMN 30 *O God, in a Mysterious Way* (Scottish Psalter 1615)

* BENEDICTION

* SENDING MUSIC

Special thanks to musician Joe Dougherty who played bagpipes for us today!

Announcements

Mission of the Month . . . May's mission of the month is our own Youth

Group's mission trip to Blue Theology in Coastal North Carolina. Blue theology is a place where current science in marine biology meets a theology of creation justice. Each Summer, they host youth groups to engage in experiential learning, service projects, and contemplative practice with God's marine creation. This is a very exciting opportunity for our youth to further develop their faith in relationship to God and God's creation. They can't wait to go in mid July. However, we can't go without your continued support. This year, the cost is \$450 per person. We're hoping to raise as much as we can and encourage our congregation to partially or fully sponsor a youth. You can learn more about where we are going and what we will learn here at bluetheology.com.



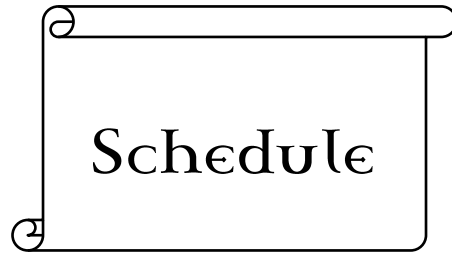
Teachers and aides are needed for the month of May. Please use the links found in our Thursday Weekly Newsletter email to sign up!



Please join us for a fun-filled four days in the summer! Our VBS is for children four-years-old to going into 5th grade and will happen June 24-27, from 9:15-11:45 AM. The cost is \$10 per child or \$20 per family (in cash or check). We hope you can join us! Use this link <https://forms.gle/kg35cwSmCRa1Ln6X9> also found in Thursday's Weekly Newsletter email to sign up! We also need volunteers to help out. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Kristen Manderachi, kmmaze@hotmail.com, or Anna Greene, annadgreene@gmail.com.



Women's Circle Lunch . . . The next Women's Luncheon is this Tuesday, May 7, at 12:15 in Lambert Hall. All women are welcome. Bring your lunch and a friend! Please contact Jeanne Richards for more information, jrhop11@yahoo.com, 610-308-7437.



Schedule

Today, Sunday, May 5

10AM Worship
11AM Coffee Cove ~ Shortbread Sharing
1PM Phila Freedom Chorus Rehearsal ~ FH
2-4PM Cub Scouts ~ LH
6:30PM Tower Youth

Monday, May 6

7-8:30PM Boy Scouts ~ FH
7-9PM Boy Scouts ~ LH

Tuesday, May 7

10AM Knitters ~ LO
12:15PM Women's Fellowship Lunch ~ LH
6:30PM Girl Scouts Troop 5140 ~ FH

Wednesday, May 8

6:45PM Praise Band

Thursday, May 9

6:30PM Handbell Rehearsal
7PM Boy Scouts/Committee Mtg ~ LH
7:30PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Friday, May 10

6:30PM Al-Anon ~ LH

Saturday, May 11

11:30-2:30PM Fellowship Hall Reserved/Manderachi
5-11PM Fellowship Hall Reserved/Phillips

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