

First Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day
7th Sunday of Easter

May 13, 2018

10:00 a.m.

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Gathering Music
Concerns of the Church and Minute for the Birthday Offering
Prelude "Bless God's Holy Name" Kosche
Chapel Choir

Call to Worship from Psalm 47

God has gone up with a shout!

The Lord has gone up with the sound of a trumpet!

Sing praises to God. Sing praises!

God is the ruler over all the earth.

* Hymn 268 "Crown Him with Many Crowns"
Ushers will collect prayer request cards from the center aisle.

* Call to Confession

* Prayer of Confession

***Holy God, you call us to delight in your teachings,
but we can become cynical and full of doubt.
Do not judge us, we pray, but heal us and restore us to you.
Open our minds and enlarge our hearts,
that we may receive your instruction and show your love.
Guard us and protect us from evil, and sanctify us in truth;
in Jesus' name, we pray.***

* Silent Confession

* Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace

* Response 591 "Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!"

Moment of Recognition

Special Music "Make a Joyful Noise" Russell
Alleluia & Chapel Choirs

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination
Epistle Lesson: 1 John 5:9-13 (NT, p. 241)
Psalter: Psalm 47 (Hymnal 261)

A Time with Children

Anthem "Love Divine, All Love's Excelling" Mozart, arr. Stanton

Gospel Lesson: Luke 24:44-53 (NT, p. 91)
Sermon: "Up" Rev. Carter

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* Hymn 662 "Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies"

* Affirmation of Faith: Apostles' Creed (Hymnal, p. 35)

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Minute for Mission

Offering

Offertory "Break Forth in Joyful Song" Leaf
Alleluia Choir

* Doxology (606)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow!

Praise Christ, all people here below! Praise Holy Spirit evermore!

Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

* Prayer of Dedication

GO IN GOD'S NAME

* Hymn 260 "Alleluia! Sing to Jesus"

* Charge and Benediction

* Congregational Amen (601)

* Postlude "Praise to the Lord" arr. Leavitt

1 John 5:9-13

If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son.

Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son. And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life. I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

Luke 24:44-53

Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."

Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God.