



# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Serving Christ and Neighbor in the Heart of Winchester & Beyond



## THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 10, 2020

WORSHIP ONLINE & AT HOME





You are invited from your home to participate in the elements of worship preceded in **BOLD**.

# GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as people of God.

## WELCOME

PRELUDE "Jesus Loves Me" Claire de Lune, soprano | Amy Bowman, piano arr. Fred Brock

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Let us offer spiritual gifts acceptable to God, through Jesus Christ our risen Lord.

All: Alleluia! Thanks be to God!

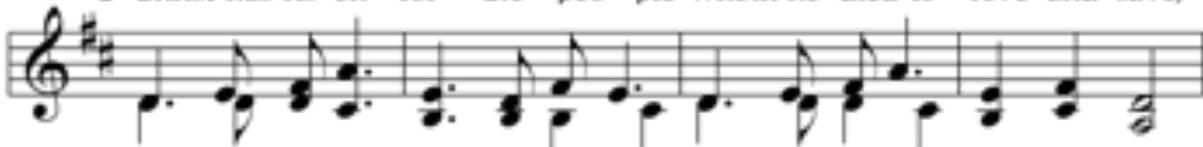
## VITRUAL CHILDREN'S CHOIR

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND PARDON

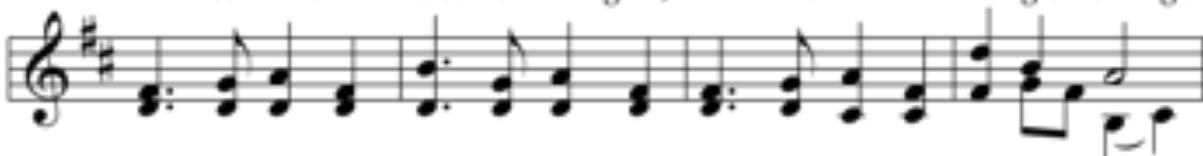
HYMN 231 "Christ Has Risen, While Earth Slumbers" SUO GAN



1 Christ has ris-en while earth slum-bers; Christ has ris-en where hope died,  
2 Christ has ris-en for the peo-ple whom he died to love and save;



as he said and as he prom-ised, as we doubt-ed and de-nied.  
Christ has ris-en for the wom-en bring-ing flowers to grace his grave.  
all whose lives are messed or man-gled, all who find re-li-gion strange.



Let the moon em-brace the bless-ing; let the sun sus-tain the cheer;  
Christ has ris-en for dis-ci-ples hud-dled in an up-stairs room.  
Christ is ris-en, Christ is pres-ent mak-ing us what he has been:



let the world con-firm the ru-mor: Christ is ris-en, God is here!  
He whose word in-spired cre-a-tion can't be si-lenced by the tomb.  
ev-i-dence of trans-for-ma-tion in which God is known and seen.

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## WORD

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God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

**CHILDREN'S MOMENT** Todd Bowman

**SCRIPTURE** John 14:1-14

### The Way, The Truth, And the Life

"Don't be troubled. Trust in God. Trust also in me. My Father's house has room to spare. If that weren't the case, would I have told you that I'm going to prepare a place for you? When I go to prepare a place for you, I will return and take you to be with me so that where I am you will be too. You know the way to the place I'm going."

Thomas asked, "Lord, we don't know where you are going. How can we know the way?"

Jesus answered, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you have really known me, you will also know the Father. From now on you know him and have seen him."

Philip said, "Lord, show us the Father; that will be enough for us."

Jesus replied, "Don't you know me, Philip, even after I have been with you all this time? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Don't you believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words I have spoken to you I don't speak on my own. The Father who dwells in me does his works. Trust me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or at least believe on account of the works themselves. I assure you that whoever believes in me will do the works that I do. They will do even greater works than these because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask for in my name, so that the Father can be glorified in the Son. When you ask me for anything in my name, I will do it."

**SERMON** "Knowing the Way" The Rev. Amanda Maguire Thomas

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## RESPONSE

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God strengthens us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER** Annie Pompelia

[...the petitions conclude...] Leader: And now as Christ taught us, we are bold to pray...

**All:** 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.

**OFFERTORY** "Christ is Risen" Mark Shuford, vocals

Matt Maher

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# SENDING

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God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

## CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE “Joy Eternal”

Garrett Parker

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*Original May 10 deadline on the suspension of on-campus church activities has been extended to abide by the Governor's Executive Order 55.*

*Resumption of church activities will occur, with guidelines and limitations, the first Sunday of Phase II, when announced by the Commonwealth of Virginia.*

*You can read for more details in a letter by the Session and Pastors on our website: [fpcwinc.org/coronavirus](https://fpcwinc.org/coronavirus)*

A worship service will be broadcast each Sunday at 11:00 a.m. You can find worship videos online at:

<https://www.facebook.com/firstpresbyterianchurchwinchester>

<https://www.fpcwinc.org/virtual>

## What can you do during this time?

- Support our church's elected leaders and staff. We have been making some hard decisions on the fly without a roadmap. We are learning to lean ever more closely on God and one another more and more as we lead in this crisis. We are humbled by the trust you place in us to lead well and wisely.
- Maintain your giving to the church according to your ability. Our financial obligations remain as does yours – mission commitments, staff salaries, utilities, insurance, planned maintenance of a sizeable facility. You can send your offering via USPS [116 S. Loudoun St., Winchester, VA 22601] or you can give electronically using the “Donate” button on our website. Thank you. [<https://fpcwinc.org/stewardship/donate>]
- Check on your neighbors. There are folks who are impacted harshly by the disruptions of this pandemic than others. They need us and we can help.
- Pray for your church family. Make phone calls. Send emails. Mail cards. Let folks know they are remembered and loved.
- Practice Sabbath. Set aside time to be with God, to be silent, to listen for the whispers of the Spirit, to release your anxiety and fear, to renew, to rest.