



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Serving Christ and Neighbor in the Heart of Winchester & Beyond



THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 24, 2020

WORSHIP ONLINE & AT HOME





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

THOUGHT OF THE DAY "Ascension Sunday is about the dangers of looking high when Jesus asks us to look low at the people he has come to redeem." **John C. Holbert**

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as people of God.

PRELUDE "Hail Thee, Festival Day" *based on Salve Festa Dies* by Ralph Vaughan Williams, arr. By Michael Burkhardt

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: *Wherever* you are

Whoever you are....

Whatever you've done....

Whenever you're joining...

All: Christ calls us from north and south, east and west.

Leader: From the comfort of pyjamas, or the busy-ness of the kitchen, in the morning and in the evening, the Spirit enables our praise. As close as our breath, and as near as our hearts,

All: God is with us, let us worship God!

HYMN 263 "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!"

CORONATION

1 All hail the power of Jesus' name!
Let angels prostrate fall;
bring forth the royal diadem,
and crown him Lord of all!
Bring forth the royal diadem,
and crown him Lord of all!

2 Ye chosen seed of Israel's race,
ye ransomed from the fall,
hail him who saves you by his grace,
and crown him Lord of all!
Hail him who saves you by his grace,
and crown him Lord of all!

3 Let every kindred, every tribe
on this terrestrial ball
to him all majesty ascribe,
and crown him Lord of all!
To him all majesty ascribe,
and crown him Lord of all!

4 O that with yonder sacred throng
we at his feet may fall!
We'll join the everlasting song,
and crown him Lord of all!
We'll join the everlasting song,
and crown him Lord of all!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND PARDON

Living God, we confess that our faith is sometimes weak, our love for others can be faint, our prayers are often timid, and our gratitude is frequently unconvincing. When we stand looking toward heaven, yet feel far from you; you draw near in mercy to forgive us, and fill us with your power. Forgive us when we are stuck looking up and not looking out to the people you have called us to love and care for. Through the power of your Holy Spirit, enable us to pray for those in need, and move us towards action in love. We pray through the grace of Jesus, our resurrected Savior, amen.

SONG “Jesu, Word of God Incarnate” (*Ave Verum*) Mikayla Hatfield, soprano W. A. Mozart

WORD

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

CHILDREN'S MOMENT Todd Bowman

SCRIPTURE Acts 1:6-14; John 17:1-11

THE READING FROM JOHN

Jesus Prays

When Jesus finished saying these things, he looked up to heaven and said, “Father, the time has come. Glorify your Son, so that the Son can glorify you. You gave him authority over everyone so that he could give eternal life to everyone you gave him. This is eternal life: to know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you sent. I have glorified you on earth by finishing the work you gave me to do. Now, Father, glorify me in your presence with the glory I shared with you before the world was created.

“I have revealed your name to the people you gave me from this 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 comes from you. This is because I gave them the words that you gave me, and they received them. They truly understood that I came from you, and they believed that you sent me.

“I’m praying for them. I’m not praying for the world but for those you gave me, because they are yours. Everything that is mine is yours and everything that is yours is mine; I have been glorified in them. I’m no longer in the world, but they are in the world, even as I’m coming to you. Holy Father, watch over them in your name, the name you gave me, that they will be one just as we are one.

SERMON “Awestruck” The Rev. Amanda Maguire Thomas

RESPONSE

God strengthens us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

[...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 "Living Hope"

Michael Lee, vocals

Brian Johnson and Phil Wickham

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SENDING

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

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "The Head That Once Was Crowned with Thorns"
based on St. Magnus

by Jeremiah Clarke, arr. By Charles Callahan

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