



Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 9, 2021

*Let us worship our
Risen Lord!*

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

*The spirit of God calls us from many places;
some of us come from busy homes with many people, some of us live alone.*

We are a part of the family.

*This week has been different for each of us;
some of us have had happy news we want to celebrate, some of us have faced grief and need to cry.*

We are members of God's family.

*Yet we all come to this same place;
all of us seeking God's presence in our lives, all of us seeking God's presence with each other.*

Together we become God's family.

OPENING PRAYER

Father of us all, Mother of each one, thank you for your love for us from the beginning of time. You formed us when we were in our mother's wombs. You knit us together lovingly. Your devotion to us has not failed. Your care has followed us our whole life long. All we are and all we have, we owe to you. On this, the Lord's Day, in this time devoted to your glory, we give honor to you with our hearts and hands and voices. Amen.

HYMN #41 O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!

1. O worship the King, all glorious above! O gratefully sing God's power and God's love:
our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days, pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.

2. O tell of his might; O sing of his grace, whose robe is the light, whose canopy space,
whose chariots of wrath the deep thunder clouds form; and bright is his path on the wings of the storm.

3. Thy bountiful care what tongue can recite? It breathes in the air; it shines in the light;
it streams from the hills; it descends to the plain, and sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.

4. Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail, in thee do we trust, nor find thee to fail;
Thy mercies, how tender, how firm to the end, our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend.

CALL TO CONFESSION

Called to be God's people, we know how often we act as spoiled and petulant children. Yet, like a mother, God looks past our mistakes to see our hearts. Like a father, God lifts us to our feet to put us back on the path to life. Let us bring our prayers to the One who listens, and then forgives us with unceasing grace.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O Creating God who loved us into being, we your children praise you. When we fall, you lift us up; when we fail you restore us; when we are wounded you nurse us; when we grieve you weep with us; when we

celebrate you laugh with us. But sometimes we fail to acknowledge your presence; we are embarrassed, or we forget, or we feel silly. Help us to reach out to you at any and all times of our lives we pray. Amen

WORDS OF ASSURANCE AND BLESSING

*Here, in this moment and in this place, the Spirit of gentleness moves in our midst. Mercy, hope and joy are the gifts of God to each and every one of us. No longer lost, you have found our way home, surrounded by God's peace, by God's grace, by God's love. Remember the good news and say aloud: **Jesus died for me. Jesus forgives me. Jesus loves me. Jesus is good to me. Amen.***

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON Luke 6:46-49

⁴⁶“Why do you call me ‘Lord, Lord,’ and do not do what I tell you? ⁴⁷I will show you what someone is like who comes to me, hears my words, and acts on them. ⁴⁸That one is like a man building a house, who dug deeply and laid the foundation on rock; when a flood arose, the river burst against that house but could not shake it, because it had been well built. ⁴⁹But the one who hears and does not act is like a man who built a house on the ground without a foundation. When the river burst against it, immediately it fell, and great was the ruin of that house.”

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

HYMN #645 Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

1. Sing praise to God who reigns above, the God of all creation, the God of power, the God of love, the God of the God of our salvation. With healing balm my soul is filled, and every faithless murmur stilled: to God all praise and glory!
2. What God's almighty power has made God's gracious mercy keepeth; by morning glow or evening shade God's watchful eye ne'er sleepeth. Within the kingdom of God's might, lo! All is just and all is right: to God all praise and glory!
3. The Lord is never far away, but, through all grief distressing, an ever present help and stay, our peace and joy and blessing, as with a mother's tender hand God gently leads the chosen band: to God all praise and glory!
4. Thus all my toilsome way along I sing aloud thy praises, that all may hear the grateful song my voice unwearied raises. Be joyful in the Lord, my heart; both soul and body, take your part: to God all praise and glory!

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON 2 Timothy 1:1-7

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus, ²To Timothy, my beloved child: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord. ³I am grateful to God—whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did—when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. ⁴Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. ⁵I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. ⁶For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands; ⁷for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.

SERMON Placed Into the Hand of God

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Apostle's Creed

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.

RECOGNITION OF THE OFFERING

DOXOLOGY

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow
Praise Him, all creatures here below
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost
Amen**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

God of Great gifts, we give you these gifts today knowing that you are the Father of gifts. You mother us constantly providing for us, caring for us. As we have been abundantly provided for, so we give abundantly to the work that you give us to do, the work of the church, the care for those who are poor. Accept these gifts in Jesus' name. Amen.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE 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.

HYMN #643 Now Thank We All Our God

1. Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices, who wondrous things hath done,
in whom this world rejoices; who, from our mother's arms, hath blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

2. O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us, with ever joyful hearts
and blessed peace to cheer us; and keep us in God's grace, and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all ills in this world and the next.

3. All praise and thanks to God, who reigns in highest heaven, to Father and to Son and Spirit now be given:
the one eternal God, whom heaven and earth adore, the God who was, and is, and shall be evermore.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Sunday May 9 – ANNOUNCEMENTS:

SUNDAY SCHOOL TODAY - Join us today for Sunday school class for all ages at 11:30am on Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/127591875>. For one half hour our children will be hearing stories, singing songs, engaging in activities and games about God and God's teachings.

THURSDAY EVENING STUDY AND FELLOWSHIP: 7pm on Zoom <https://zoom.us/j/127591875> Meeting ID: 127 591 875 or by phone: 301-715-8592 or 253-215-8782. This is the last meeting of this group until the fall.



**Bring your own chair
packed lunch.**

**And meet us under the
Big Tree at the back of
the Cemetery**

**MIDWEEK LUNCH
GATHERING
BEGINS MAY 12th
Weather permitting**

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL – July 19 – 23, 2021, 9AM – noon. Check our Website www.forestgrovechurch.org for more information and/or go to vbspro.events/p/dp9219 to sign up. Share the information with your friends or family with children. You do not need to be a member of FGPC to attend VBS. Or call the Church office at 215-794-8575. Call Kim King 215-340-0530 or Beth Conti 267-491-5646 to volunteer.



MIDDLE SCHOOL EXPLORERS WEEK – July 12 – 16, 2021

Youth in grades 6-10 are invited to participate in a weeklong series of adventures. Each day the group will engage in different activities that will take them beyond the church to engage in God's creation through different environment and outdoor experiences. Registration numbers are restricted to 10. The program is open to the community so sign up now to reserve your spot. Participants are to bring their own lunch.

Calendar: May 13 – 7PM Bible Study – Zoom <https://zoom.us/j/127591875>

In our thoughts and prayers: Doris Elliott, Diane Dauer, Aleena Lang, Natalie Pizza, Bill Wark, Nancy Yerkes, Raymond Tinari, Dick Wright, Judy Ferguson