

**First Presbyterian Church**  
**5th Sunday of Easter**  
**May 2, 2021**

**WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME**

THE TOLLING OF THE BELL

THE WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRAYER CONCERNS

THE PRELUDE AND LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES -

*Time to prepare our hearts and minds for worship*

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: In the wilderness, water brings life.

**ALL: Seek us out, O God, and take us to the water.**

Leader: In the Word of God, the good news gives light.

**ALL: Seek us out, O God, and fill us with understanding.**

Leader: In the bread and the wine, the body of our Savior nourishes everyone.

**ALL: Seek us out, O God and give us yourself.**

Leader: Here is the water of life, the word that feeds, the food of eternity.

Come and praise the vine that gives all goodness.

\*HYMN 175 "**Seek Ye First**"

Seek ye first the Kingdom of God

And His righteousness

And all these things shall be added unto you

Allelu Alleluia

Ask and it shall be given unto you

Seek and ye shall find

Knock and it shall be opened unto you

Allelu Alleluia

THE CALL TO CONFESSION

**God of mercy, we confess that we have not borne the fruit of the Spirit. We have not loved others as you have loved us. We have denied the promises of baptism and cut ourselves off from you. Forgive us, restore us, that we may abide in your love and live out your mercy, for the sake of Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.** (silent prayer of confession)

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: You have already been cleansed by the word that God has spoken to you. In baptism God claimed and joined you to Christ, as branches to a vine.

**All: Believe the promise given to us; in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

\*GLORY TO THE TRIUNE GOD

\*THE APOSTLES' CREED (*Traditional*)

**WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD**

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Psalm 22:25-31

THE GOSPEL READING: Acts 8:26-40

MESSAGE: Trusting God to Lead You

THE PASTORAL PRAYER

**WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD**

THE OFFERING

\*PRAISE GOD #592

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**HOLY COMMUNION**

HYMN "**You Are My All in All**"

1. **You are my strength when I am weak. You are the treasure that I seek. You are my all in all. Seeking you as a precious jewel, Lord to give up I'd be a fool. You are my all in all.**

**Chorus: Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is your name. (2x)**

2. **Taking my sin, my cross, my shame, rising again, I bless Your name,  
You are my all in all. When I fall down you pick me up. When I am dry  
You fill my cup. You are my all in all.**

**Chorus: Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is your name. (2x)**

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE  
GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

Leader:: Lift up your hearts

**All: We lift them to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

BREAKING OF THE BREAD  
SHARING THE CUP  
PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**WE DEPART TO SERVE GOD**

*\*HYMN 761 "Called as Partners in Christ Service"*

Verse 1

Called as partners in Christ's service  
Called to ministries of grace  
We respond with deep commitment  
Fresh new lines of faith to trace  
May we learn the art of sharing  
Side by side and friend of friend  
Equal partners in our caring  
To fulfil God's chosen end

Verse 2

Christ's example Christ's inspiring  
Christ's clear call to work and worth  
Let us follow never faltering  
Reconciling folk on earth  
Men and women richer poorer  
All God's People young and old  
Blending human skills together  
Gracious gifts from God unfold

Verse 3

So God grant us for tomorrow  
Ways to order human life  
That surround each person's sorrow  
With a calm that conquers strife  
Make us partners in our living  
Our compassion to increase  
Messengers of faith thus giving  
Hope and confidence and peace

*Taking the Light into the World*

\*THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*THE POSTLUDE

-----

.