



Sunday, May 5, 2024
Sixth Sunday of Easter

ENTERING GOD'S PRESENCE

During the Prelude, you are invited to meditate on the Psalm of the Day as you prepare your heart and mind for worship.

Prelude

Prelude in C Major BWV 531
Johann Sebastian Bach (1685 – 1750)

Ruth Pfister, Organ

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 103:19-22

The Lord has established his throne in heaven,
and his kingdom rules over all.

Praise the Lord, you his angels,
you mighty ones who do his bidding,
who obey his word.

Praise the Lord, all his heavenly hosts,
you his servants who do his will.

Praise the Lord, all his works
everywhere in his dominion.

Praise the Lord, my soul.

Welcome and Gathering Prayer

Rev. Mark van Stee

Introit

"Praise the Lord!"
Heinz Werner Zimmermann

IPC Singers
Chandler Cudlipp, Director

***Call to Worship**

Carolyn Pecher

Leader: There is none like you, O Lord, nor are there any works like yours.

People: All the nations you have made shall come and bow down before you, O Lord, and shall glorify your name. For you are great and do wondrous things, you alone are God. (Psalm 86:8-10)

***Hymn of Praise #142 "All Hail, the Power of Jesus' Name"**

Words: Edward Perronet and John Rippon; Music: Oliver Holden

Prayer of Confession

Nathan Wannemacher

People: Almighty God, with our whole hearts, we confess to you our neglect and forgetfulness of your commandments, our wrong doing, thinking, and speaking; the hurts we have done to others, and the good we have left undone. O God, forgive us, for we have sinned against you; and bring us closer to yourself; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Assurance of God's Pardon

Leader: The God of love and power has forgiven you and freed you from your sins, he has healed and strengthened you by his Spirit, and he has raised you to new life in Christ our Lord.

People: Amen.

God's Will for Our Lives

Leader: "So do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them.

People: But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own." (Matthew 6:31-34)

***Gloria Patri #579** "Glory Be to the Father"

Words: Henry W. Greatorex; Tune: *Gloria Patri*

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Children's Message

Nathan Wannemacher

Children are dismissed to their special program.

Prayer of Illumination

"Thy Word Is a Lamp Unto My Feet"

Howard Nelson

IPC Singers

Old Testament Reading

Psalms 145:1-13a (p. 631)

Carolyn Pecher

Meditation

"Alleluiah"

17th Century German melody; arr. Harry R. Wilson

IPC Singers

New Testament Reading

Mark 4:26-29 (p. 1006)

Sermon

"Kingdom Growth"

Rev. Mark van Stee

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

***Hymn of Response #148** "At the Name of Jesus"

Words: Caroline Maria Noel; Music: Ralph Vaughan Williams

Ordination and Installation of Elders

Leader: There are varieties of gifts,

People: but it is the same Spirit who gives them.

Leader: There are different ways of serving God,

People: but it is the same Lord who is served.

Leader: God works through each person in a unique way,

People: but it is God's purpose that is accomplished.

Leader: To each is given a gift of the Spirit to be used for the common good.

Together we are the body of Christ, and individually members of it.

Prayer of Dedication of Tithes & Offerings

Dennis Kuriakose,
Morning Worship Elder

Offertory

Adagio in D Major

Joseph Lederer (1733 – 1796)

Ruth Pfister, Organ

***Doxology**

#592 "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

Words: Thomas Ken; Music: Genevan Psalter

Prayers of the People

Dennis Kuriakose

The Lord's Prayer (*in unison in English or the language of your choice*)

GOING WITH GOD'S MISSION AND BLESSING

Welcoming of Guests

Dennis Kuriakose

Announcements

***Hymn of Dedication** #145 "Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart"

Words: Edward Hayes Plumptre; Music: Arthur Henry Messiter

***Sending and Pastoral Benediction**

Rev. Mark van Stee

Choral Benediction

"A Clare Benediction"

John Rutter

IPC Singers

Postlude

Ciacona in C Major BuxWV 137

Dietrich Buxtehude (1637 – 1707)

Ruth Pfister, Organ

***Please stand if you are able.**

Today's bulletin cover is The Sower (after Millet), 1890, by Vincent Van Gogh.

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