

FREDERICK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

April 28, 2024

10:30 am

GATHERING

The people of God come together as the Body of Christ.

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CONCERNS

PRELUDE *"No. 2 Mode de la" from 8 Pièces Modales*

Jean Langlais

OPENING SENTENCES

Leader: Christ is risen!

People: The Lord is risen indeed!

Leader: This is the day which the Lord has made,

People: let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Leader: Glory and honor, dominion and power,

People: be to God forever and ever.

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

(. . . now and forever. Amen.)

***HYMN 401** *"Here In This Place"*

GATHER US IN

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF 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.

***DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

Leader: . . . Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel.

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya. A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Now the Lord is risen in - deed.
A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya. El Se - ñor re - su - ci - tó.

***THE PEACE**

Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you all.

People: And also with you.

(The people exchange signs and words of Christ's peace.)

WORD

The people of God share God's Story.

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Reader: Deb Charsha-May

FIRST LESSON

Acts 8:26-40

PSALM 22 – HYMN 631 “In the Presence of Your People”

CELEBRATION

SECOND LESSON

1 John 4:7-21

ANTHEM "Love of the Father"

S. Drummond Wolff

*Love of the Father, love of God the Son,
From whom all came, in whom was all begun,
Who formest heav'nly beauty out of strife,
Creation's whole Desire and Breath of Life.*

*Hope of all comfort, Splendor of all aid,
That dost not fail nor leave the heart afraid,
To all that cry Thou dost all help accord,
The angels' armor, and the saints' reward;*

*Purest and Highest, Wisest and Most Just,
There is no truth save only in Thy trust;
Thou dost the mind from earthly dreams recall
And bring, through Christ, to Him for whom are all.*

*Eternal Glory, all men Thee adore,
Who art and shalt be worshiped evermore;
Us, whom Thou madest, comfort with Thy might,
And lead us to enjoy Thy heav'nly light. Amen.*

GOSPEL LESSON

John 15:1-8

SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Eric T. Myers

***HYMN 729 "Lord, I Want to Be a Christian"**

I WANT TO BE A CHRISTIAN

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH "The Nicene Creed"**

(p. 34, Glory to God: The Presbyterian Hymnal - Ecumenical Version)

TABLE

The people of God respond to God's Word.

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**OFFERTORY "Interlude"**

J.H. Knecht

Because of all that God has done for us and has given to us, we respond by offering our very lives to God out of great thanksgiving. Other ways to give include [online](#), by Venmo or by mail at FPC, 115 W 2nd St., Frederick, MD 21701.

***DOXOLOGY**

LASST UNS ERFREUNEN

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

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

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

(The Great Prayer continues...)

Leader: ... who forever sing to the glory of your name:

People:

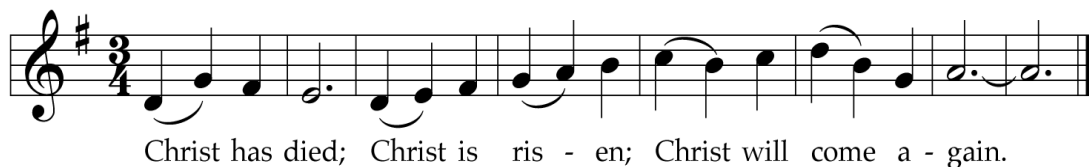


Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
pow - er and might, heav - en and earth are
full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the
Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

(The Great Prayer continues...)

Leader: ... as we proclaim the great mystery of our faith:

People:



Christ has died; Christ is ris - en; Christ will come a - gain.

(The Great Prayer continues...)

Leader: ... now and forever.

People:



THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,

your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and for ever. Amen.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Leader: Alleluia! Christ our Passover Lamb is sacrificed for us.

People: Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

As directed, those desiring to receive Communion shall come forward to any available station to receive the bread and the cup of unfermented fruit of the vine. Please return to your seats and we will take the bread and the cup together, as directed. Those desiring to receive the Sacrament in their seats should inform an usher. The Sacrament will be taken to them by servers.

The elements are given with the words:

“The bread of heaven. . . . The cup of salvation.” . . . to which the people respond “Amen.”

NOTE: Gluten-free Communion wafers are available at all stations.

For those worshipping virtually... we are glad you are with us this morning and pray that you experience today's service as if you were with us here in the worship space. While those present in the sanctuary gather at the table and receive the bread and the cup, we pray that you know the presence of Christ in your life as well. If you would like to receive the Sacrament, please notify [Pastor Eric](#).

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

The congregation sings the following hymns during the receiving of the Sacrament.

HYMN 137 *“He Came Down”*

HE CAME DOWN

HYMN 769 *“For Everyone Born”*

FOR EVERYONE BORN

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION *(in unison)*

Loving God,

***we thank you that you have fed us in this Sacrament, united us with Christ,
and given us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet in your eternal kingdom.***

***Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory,
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.***

SENDING

The people of God depart to live as God's People in the world.

*** HYMN "There is Now a New Creation"**

AUSTIN

1. There is now a new cre - a - tion through the
2. Call the lost and found to - geth - er; tell the
3. Wrap the prod - i - gal in wel - come; run to
4. Come and join the cel - e - bra - tion; come and
5. There is now a new cre - a - tion through the

grace of Je - sus Christ, peace and rec - on - cil - i -
news to ev - ery - one; now the past is gone for -
greet the way-ward child. All is fin - ished and for -
join this hap - py feast; Je - sus makes an in - vi -
grace of Je - sus Christ. Sing, with thanks and ad - o -

a - tion with the God of end-less life. _____
ev - er and a new life has be - gun. _____
giv - en; let us now be rec - on - ciled. _____
ta - tion to the great - est and the least. _____
ra - tion, to the God of end-less life! _____

***BLESSING AND CHARGE**

Leader: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord in the power of his resurrection.

Alleluia!

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

People: Amen.

Leader: Christ is risen!

People: The Lord is risen indeed!

Leader: Christ is risen!

People: The Lord is risen indeed!

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: The Lord is risen indeed!

Alleluia! Alleluia!

***POSTLUDE “Was Gott tut, das ist wohlgetan”**

J.G. Walther

*Whate'er my God ordains is right, Holy His will abideth;
I will be still whate'er He doth, And follow where He guideth.
He is my God, though dark my road,
He holds me that I shall not fall:
Wherefore to Him I leave it all.*

**Those who are able, please stand.*



*Today's Flowers are given to the Glory of God
in memory of Jen's mom, Joyce Quinn
by
Jen and John Eliot*

* Worship led by Pastor Myers, Brian Bartoldus, and Deb Charsha-May
* Greeters: The Albee Family
* Prayer of Confession: *Feasting on the Word: Worship Companion*, Kimberly Bracken Long, editor, 2014
* Songs are used with permission from OneLicense.net - license number A-708024

Youth Service Trip Spaghetti Fundraiser
Sunday, April 28 immediately after Worship
Immediately following Worship in Fellowship Hall

Suggested donation - \$10 per person \$5 under 10

Spaghetti, salad and rolls will be served. In addition, we will be auctioning homemade desserts. Come share a delicious meal!!

Can't make it but want to contribute? Scan the QR Code, or write "Youth Service Trip" on your check.



Contribute to Youth Service Trip by Venmo



2024 FPC Weekend Get-Away

September 27 – 29

It's been said *the FPC Get-Away is the BEST weekend of the whole year!!* Find out for yourself . . . Sign up today!

Registration forms can be found on the table in Heritage Hall or [online](#).

Questions? Contact [Lisa](#) at ericlisam91@gmail.com.

Rescue Mission's Clothes Closet Drive

It's time for our Annual Rescue Mission Clothing Drive. As you sort through your closets as the weather gets warmer, consider donating clean, and in good repair clothing and small appliances to the Clothing Closet of the Rescue Mission.

Bag or box your items and bring them to FPC on **Mother's Day, May 12th**, before Worship. Place them on the sidewalk next to the manse. The Rescue Mission will have a large truck in front of the church to collect our donations. If you have any questions, please contact [Susan Mangold](#).



20's, 30's & 40's

COOKOUT Friday, May 17th 6:30 PM at the [Dingman's](#)!

A time of fellowship and food!

More information coming soon!!



Frederick Presbyterian Church is an Earth Care Congregation. Earth Care Congregations have committed to the "Earth Care Pledge" and accomplished a specific number of actions toward caring for God's earth in four categories: worship, education, facilities, and outreach.

The four categories of actions in the "[Earth Care Pledge](#)" were used as a guide for developing "[Earth Care Congregations: A Guide to Greening Presbyterian Churches](#)," which provides congregations with worksheets, resources, and instructions for becoming an Earth Care Congregation. Congregation members are also invited to participate as individuals by completing similar actions in their homes.

Here in This Place

Gather Us In

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1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing; now is the dark-ness
 2 We are the young, our lives are a mys-tery. We are the old who
 3 Here we will take the wine and the wa-ter; here we will take the
 4 Not in the dark of build-ings con-fin-ing, not in some heav-en,



van-ished a-way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings
 yearn for your face. We have been sung through-out all of his-tory,
 bread of new birth. Here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ters,
 light years a-way: here in this place the new light is shin-ing;



brought here to you in the light of this day.
 called to be light to the whole hu-man race.
 call us a-new to be salt for the earth.
 now is the king-dom, and now is the day.



Gath-er us in, the lost and for-sak-en; gath-er us in, the
 Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh-ty; gath-er us in, the
 Give us to drink the wine of com-pas-sion; give us to eat the
 Gath-er us in and hold us for-ev-er; gath-er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a-wak-en;
 proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low-ly;
 bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash-ion
 make us your own; gath-er us in, all peo-ples to-geth-er,



we shall a-rise at the sound of our name.
 give us the cour-age to en-ter the song.
 lives that are ho-ly and hearts that are true.
 fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

The "you/your" mentioned in every stanza is never identified, but this 1979 hymn is clearly a corporate prayer to God on behalf of the diverse congregation who have assembled for worship, longing to be transformed and used as God's witnesses and for God's purposes.

In the Presence of Your People 631

(Psalm 22)



1 In the pres-ence of your peo - ple I will praise your name,
 2 All who love you sing your prais - es and pro - claim your power,
 3 All who seek your rule will praise you and be sat - is - fied;



for a - lone you are ho - ly, en-throned on the prais-es of Is - ra - el.



Let us cel - e - brate your good - ness and your stead - fast love;
 You have not ig - nored our suf - fering but have heard our cry;
 All - the peo - ples of the na - tions will bow down to you;



may your name be ex - alt - ed here on earth and in heaven a - bove.

This text based on the affirmative later parts of Psalm 22 (especially verses 3, 22–28) has an unusual structure, with alternating lines of stanza and refrain. It also has an uncommon history, as the first stanza was written in New Zealand and the remaining stanzas in Canada.

729 Lord, I Want to Be a Christian



1 Lord, I want to be a Chris-tian in my heart, in my heart;
 2 Lord, I want to be more lov - ing in my heart, in my heart;
 3 Lord, I want to be more ho - ly in my heart, in my heart;
 4 Lord, I want to be like Je - sus in my heart, in my heart;



Lord, I want to be a Chris-tian in my heart.
 Lord, I want to be more lov - ing in my heart.
 Lord, I want to be more ho - ly in my heart.
 Lord, I want to be like Je - sus in my heart.



In my heart, in my heart,
 In my heart, in my heart,



Lord, I want to be a Chris-tian in my heart.
 Lord, I want to be more lov - ing in my heart.
 Lord, I want to be more ho - ly in my heart.
 Lord, I want to be like Je - sus in my heart.

Through its recurring phrase, "in my heart," this poignant African American spiritual expresses the desire that our professed faith will not be superficial or hypocritical but will permeate the very center of our being, so that we may truly be the people God calls us to be.

He Came Down

137

He came down that we may have love; he

came down that we may have love; he came down that we may

have love; hal-le - lu - jah for - ev - er - more.

Leader: Why did he come?

Additional stanzas:

... that we may have light
 ... that we may have peace
 ... that we may have joy

Because this traditional Cameroon piece begins with the refrain, it does not initially reveal that it is cast as a call-and-response song. Assigning the answers to the congregation rather than to the leader is a notable affirmation of the corporate wisdom of God's people.

769

For Everyone Born



1 For ev - ery - one born, a place at the ta - ble,
 2 For wom - an and man, a place at the ta - ble,
 3 For young and for old, a place at the ta - ble,
 4 For just and un - just, a place at the ta - ble,
 5 For ev - ery - one born, a place at the ta - ble,



for ev - ery - one born, clean wa - ter and bread,
 re - vis - ing the roles, de - cid - ing the share,
 a voice to be heard, a part in the song,
 a - bus - er, a - bus - ed, with need to for - give,
 to live with - out fear, and sim - ply to be,



a shel - ter, a space, a safe place for grow - ing,
 with wis - dom and grace, di - vid - ing the pow - er,
 the hands of a child in hands that are wrin - kled,
 in an - ger, in hurt, a mind - set of mer - cy,
 to work, to speak out, to wit - ness and wor - ship,



for ev - ery - one born, a star o - ver - head,
 for wom - an and man, a sys - tem that's fair,
 for young and for old, the right to be - long,
 for just and un - just, a new way to live,
 for ev - ery - one born, the right to be free,

Refrain

and God will de-light when we are cre - a - tors of jus - tice and
 joy, com - pas - sion and peace: yes,
 God will de-light when we are cre - a - tors of jus - tice,
 jus-tice and joy!

This hymn from a noted New Zealand hymnwriter affirms that God's hospitality transcends the barriers erected by human society and that we who have been created in God's image are called to live in ways that reflect our Creator's values: justice and joy, compassion and peace.

TEXT: Shirley Erena Murray, 1998

MUSIC: Brian Mann, 2006

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FOR EVERYONE BORN

11.10.11.10 with refrain