

Worship  
Central Presbyterian Church  
Sunday, May 24, 2020  
Seventh Sunday of Easter

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**PRELUDE**     *Deep River* (Pietro Yon)

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Let the righteous be joyful!  
Let them rejoice before God.  
**Let us all be jubilant with joy!**

Sing to God, all peoples of the world.  
Sing praises to God most high.  
**From the sanctuary of heaven,  
God gives life and renews the face of the earth.**

Let the righteous be joyful!  
Let them rejoice before God.  
**Let us all be jubilant with joy!**

**HYMN #33     Praise the Lord! God's Glories Show**

- 1 Praise the Lord! God's glories show, Alleluia!  
saints within God's courts below, Alleluia!  
angels round the throne above, Alleluia!  
all who see and share God's love. Alleluia!
- 2 Earth to heaven exalt the strain, Alleluia!  
Send it, heaven, to earth again, Alleluia!  
Age to age, God's mercies trace, Alleluia!  
Praise God's providence and grace! Alleluia!
- 3 Strings and voices, hands and hearts, Alleluia!  
in the concert, bear your parts, Alleluia!  
All that breathes, your Lord adore, Alleluia!  
singing praise forevermore, Alleluia!

### **CALL TO CONFESSION**

Brother and sisters,  
God not only desires our repentance,  
but longs to offer us forgiveness.  
Therefore, cast all your anxiety on God,  
because God cares for you eternally.

### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Lord, you pray that your followers will be one  
as you and your Father are one,  
and yet we divide into factions,  
demonize those with whom we disagree  
and fail to show the world we are yours  
through our love of one another.**

**We are to be your witnesses  
to the ends of the earth,  
revealing your mercy  
and enacting your compassion.  
Instead we keep silent when we should speak  
and speak when we ought to remain silent.  
Forgive us for our failure to take risks for your sake.  
Grant us your grace and embolden us to share it,  
forgiving others as we have been forgiven.**

### **DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

Sisters and brothers,  
the Spirit of God is resting on you,  
to restore, support, and strengthen you.  
This is the good news of the gospel:  
**In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**  
Therefore, be at peace in the One who forgives  
and loves you;  
rise up and give God thanks.

### **MUSICAL RESPONSE HYMN #447**

We are forgiven. We are forgiven.  
Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.  
We are forgiven. We are forgiven.  
Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.

### **SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

(If you are participating today through facebook,

please register your peace for each other now.)  
Since God has forgiven us in Christ,  
we also should forgive one another.  
**The peace of Christ be with you.**

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

For a Pentecost Sunday montage next week, please consider sharing a photo of your self or family wearing red. Please send to [pastor.centralpresbyterian@gmail.com](mailto:pastor.centralpresbyterian@gmail.com). by noon on Wednesday.

### **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**Spirit of Glory, Spirit of God,  
bless us with a word of life this day  
to restore, support, and strengthen us  
as we seek to be one with you.**

### **SCRIPTURE**

John 17.1-11

Solo    *The Battle Is The Lord's* (V.Michael McKay) - Valerie Spain, Soloist

### **TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES**

### **SERMON**

#### **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (The Apostles' 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 arose 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 living 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.

### **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

*(If you are participating today through facebook, please contribute your prayer requests now.)*

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.

### **OFFERING**

**New virtual giving opportunities-**

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<https://app.easytithe.com/app/giving/centralmontclair>

**or,**

text- 973 315 6494

### **HYMN #733**

### **We All Are One in Mission**

1. We all are one in mission,  
we all are one in call,  
our varied gifts united  
by Christ, the Lord of all.  
A single, great commission  
compels us from above  
to plan and work together  
that all may know Christ's love.
2. We all are called for service  
to witness in God's name.

our ministries are different,  
our purpose is the same:  
to touch the lives of others  
by God's surprising grace  
so every folk and nation  
may feel God's warm embrace.

3. Now let us be united  
and let our song be heard.  
Now let us be a vessel  
For God's redeeming Word.  
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we all are one in call,  
our varied gifts united  
by Christ, the Lord of all.

## **CHARGE AND BLESSING**

**POSTLUDE**     *Rejoice, Ye Pure In Heart* (Douglas Wagner)

### **John 17:1-11**

1 After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, 2 since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. 3 And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. 4 I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. 5 So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed. 6 "I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. 7 Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; 8 for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. 9 I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. 10 All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. 11 And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.