

POLLOCKSVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



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Pollocksville Presbyterian Church

6th Sunday of Easter

Order of Worship

11:00 a.m.

May 17, 2020

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship (*Responsive*) (Source- *Psalms 66*)

Come and celebrate! Shout joyfully to the Lord, your God! Glorify him with your praise!

Everything on earth will worship you; they will sing your praises, shouting your name in joyful songs.

Come and see what our God has done, what awesome things he has done for us!

Let the whole world bless our God and sing his praise. For our lives are in his hands, and he keeps our feet from stumbling.

Prayer of Invocation

*The Peace of Christ

Leader: ...The peace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, be with you all.

People: **And also with you.**

*Opening Hymn

“From All That Dwell Below the Skies”

See Insert

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession (Source- *Book of Common Worship*)

Almighty God, you love us, but we have not loved you. You call, but we have not listened. We walk away from neighbors in need, wrapped in our own concerns. We condone evil, prejudice, warfare, and greed.

God of grace, help us to admit our sin, so that as you come to us in mercy, we may repent, turn to you, and receive forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our redeemer.

Silence is observed

Assurance of Pardon (*Responsive*) (Source- *1 Timothy 1:15 and 1 Peter 2:24*)

The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, that we might be dead to sin and alive to all that is good.

I declare to you in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

Thanks be to God.

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture

1 Peter 3:8-22 (Common English Bible)

8 Finally, all of you be of one mind, sympathetic, lovers of your fellow believers, compassionate, and modest in your opinion of yourselves. **9** Don't pay back evil for evil or insult for insult. Instead, give blessing in return. You were called to do this so that you might inherit a blessing. **10** For *those who want to love life and see good days should keep their tongue from evil speaking and their lips from speaking lies.* **11** *They should shun evil and do good; seek peace and chase after it.* **12** *The Lord's eyes are on the righteous and his ears are open to their prayers. But the Lord cannot tolerate those who do evil.* **13** Who will harm you if you are zealous for good? **14** But happy are you, even if you suffer because of righteousness! Don't be terrified or upset by them. **15** Instead, regard Christ the Lord as holy in your hearts. Whenever anyone asks you to speak of your hope, be ready to defend it. **16** Yet do this with respectful humility, maintaining a good conscience. Act in this way so that those who malign your good lifestyle in Christ may be ashamed when they slander you. **17** It is better to suffer for doing good (if this could possibly be God's will) than for doing evil. **18** Christ himself suffered on account of sins, once for all, the righteous one on behalf of the unrighteous. He did this in order to bring you into the presence of God. Christ was put to death as a human, but made alive by the Spirit. **19** And it was by the Spirit that he went to preach to the spirits in prison. **20** In the past, these spirits were disobedient—when God patiently waited during the time of Noah. Noah built an ark in which a few (that is, eight) lives were rescued through water. **21** Baptism is like that. It saves you now—not because it removes dirt from your body but because it is the mark of a good conscience toward God. Your salvation comes through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, **22** who is at God's right side. Now that he has gone into heaven, he rules over all angels, authorities, and powers.

Sermon

"Don't Be Terrified"

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Rev. Thomas Wesley Moore, IV

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Morning Prayer and 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.

*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 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.

*Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

*Closing Hymn

“Love Diving, All Loves Excelling”

See Insert

*Charge and Benediction

*Please rise in body or spirit
Bold: Congregation Speaks

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For Congregational Use: Lectionary Readings:

Acts 17:22-31; Psalm 66:8-20; 1 Peter 3:13-22; John 14:15-21

Daily Readings for May 17 – 23 use the following web link:

<http://gamc.pcusa.org/ministries/devotions/month-month-lectionary-reading-list/>



Prayer List

Hazel Ann Atkinson, Hilda Bender, Julia Bender (In Brook Stone Living Center, Pollocksville, Rm# 101), Penny Bender, Mike Coeyman (requested by Cheryl Coeyman), Layah Collins (One of our Childcare Family), Elizabeth Cooper (Great great niece of Shirley & Vic Byran), Cameron Corno (requested by Noreen Jekel), Betty DuVal (Home Place Assisted Living in New Bern, Rm# 212), Shirley Eubanks (Rm# 211 - Brook Stone Living Center, Pollocksville), Linda Gardiner (requested by Cheryl Coeyman), Cliff & Eileen Griswold, Sybil Harriett (In the Courtyards at Berne Village), Ray Hemphill, Steve Hicks (requested by Jerry Burkot), Jimmie Hill (Felicia Klingensmith's Father – In Brook Stone Living Center, Pollocksville), Debbie Kocher (Amber Swanger's Mother), Jon Link (Pastor T. Wes' cousin), Sally Link (Pastor T. Wes' Aunt), April (Bender) & Johnny McKeel, Linda Mattocks (requested by Carol Mattocks), Greg Meadows (recovering from Heart Surgery), Ellen Bender Melton (Jane Sobotor's Mother), Linda & Forrest Minges, Jr., Chris Moore, Jackie Morris (requested by Shirley Bryan), Michelle Parker (recovering from Back Surgery), Pollocksville Presbyterian Church & Childcare, Russell Ray (Hilda Bender's nephew), Edna Smith (requested by Barbara Smith), Peg Swinehart (Lyle Swanger's Grandmother), Justin Woolard, Bonnie & Karl Zimmermann.

Pray for the entire human family as we move forward during this pandemic.

327 From All That Dwell Below the Skies

(Psalm 117)

Unison

1 From all that dwell be-low the skies let the Cre - a - tor's praise a -
 2 In ev - ery land be - gin the song; to ev - ery land the strains be -
 3 E - ter - nal are thy mer - cies, Lord; e - ter - nal truth at - tends thy

Harmony *Unison*

rise: Let the Re - deem - er's
 long: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! In cheer - ful sound all
 word: Thy praise shall sound from

name be sung through ev - ery land, in ev - ery tongue.
 voic - es raise and fill the world with joy - ful praise.
 shore to shore, till suns shall rise and set no more.

Harmony

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Unison

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Because Psalm 117 contains only two verses, Watts's paraphrase had only two stanzas. Most later hymnals have created or borrowed additional stanzas, like the one included here, to enlarge the hymn. Perhaps the best solution is found by adding Alleluias, as this tune invites.

366 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heaven, to
 2 Breathe, O breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - ery
 3 Come, Al - might - y, to de - liv - er; let us all thy
 4 Fin - ish then thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less

earth come down, fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing; all thy
 trou - bled breast; let us all in thee in - her - it; let us
 life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -
 let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -

faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion;
 find the prom - ised rest. Take a - way the love of sin - ning;
 more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing,
 ly re - stored in thee: changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,

pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with
 Al - pha and O - me - ga be; end of faith, as
 serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee
 till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our

thy sal - va - tion; en - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.
 its be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
 with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
 crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.

This text and this tune occur in almost all English-language hymnals (though not always together). The transforming power of love motivates the unending praise of the life to come, and this fine Welsh tune (whose name means "delightful") gives us a foretaste of endless song.