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Pollocksville Presbyterian Church

7th Sunday of Easter

Order of Worship

11:00 a.m.

May 24, 2020

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship (*Responsive*) (Source- *Psalm 95:1-2*)

O come, let us sing to the Lord and shout with joy to the rock of our salvation!

Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving, singing joyful songs of praise.

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

"How Firm a Foundation"

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Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession (Source- *United Methodist Book of Worship*)

Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love. We have not loved our neighbors, and we have refused to hear the cry of the needy.

Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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.

Anthem

I Have Seen Jesus In You

Trio: Jeremy LeRay, Amber & Lyle Swanger

Prayer for Illumination

12 Dear friends, don't be surprised about the fiery trials that have come among you to test you. These are not strange happenings. **13** Instead, rejoice as you share Christ's suffering. You share his suffering now so that you may also have overwhelming joy when his glory is revealed. **14** If you are mocked because of Christ's name, you are blessed, for the Spirit of glory—indeed, the Spirit of God—rests on you. **15** Now none of you should suffer as a murderer or thief or evildoer or rebel. **16** But don't be ashamed if you suffer as one who belongs to Christ. Rather, honor God as you bear Christ's name. Give honor to God, **17** because it's time for judgment to begin with God's own household. But if judgment starts with us, what will happen to those who refuse to believe God's good news? **18** If the righteous are barely rescued, what will happen to the godless and sinful? **19** So then, those who suffer because they follow God's will should commit their lives to a trustworthy creator by doing what is right.

5 Therefore, I have a request for the elders among you. (I ask this as a fellow elder and a witness of Christ's sufferings, and as one who shares in the glory that is about to be revealed.) I urge the elders: **2** Like shepherds, tend the flock of God among you. Watch over it. Don't shepherd because you must, but do it voluntarily for God. Don't shepherd greedily, but do it eagerly. **3** Don't shepherd by ruling over those entrusted to your care, but become examples to the flock. **4** And when the chief shepherd appears, you will receive an unfading crown of glory. **5** In the same way, I urge you who are younger: accept the authority of the elders. And everyone, clothe yourselves with humility toward each other. God stands against the proud, but he gives favor to the humble. **6** Therefore, humble yourselves under God's power so that he may raise you up in the last day. **7** Throw all your anxiety onto him, because he cares about you. **8** Be clearheaded. Keep alert. Your accuser, the devil, is on the prowl like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. **9** Resist him, standing firm in the faith. Do so in the knowledge that your fellow believers are enduring the same suffering throughout the world. **10** After you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, the one who called you into his eternal glory in Christ Jesus, will himself restore, empower, strengthen, and establish you. **11** To him be power forever and always. Amen.

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

“Go to the World”

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*Charge and Benediction

*Please rise in body or spirit
Bold: Congregation Speaks



For Congregational Use: Lectionary Readings:

Acts 1:6-14; Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35; 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11; John 17:1-11

Daily Readings for May 24 – 30 use the following web link:

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

~ *Communion, Sunday May 31st during the morning worship service* ~



Prayer List

Hazel Ann Atkinson, Hilda Bender, Julia Bender, Penny Bender, Mike 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, Shirley Eubanks, Linda Gardiner, Cliff & Eileen Griswold, Sybil Harriett, Ray Hemphill, Steve Hicks (requested by Jerry Burkot), Jimmie Hill (Felicia Klingensmith's Father), Debbie Kocher (Amber Swanger's Mother), Jon Link (Pastor T. Wes' cousin), 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), mith), Peg Swinehart (Lyle Swanger's Grandmother), Justin Woolard.

Continue to pray for the entire human family as we move forward during this pandemic.

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How Firm a Foundation

1 How firm a foun - da - tion, ye saints of the Lord,
 2 "Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dis - mayed,
 3 "When through the deep wa - ters I call thee to go,
 4 "When through fi - ery tri - als thy path - way shall lie,
 5 "The soul that on Je - sus hath leaned for re - pose,

is laid for your faith in God's ex - cel - lent Word!
 for I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
 the riv - ers of sor - row shall not o - ver - flow;
 my grace, all suf - fi - cient, shall be thy sup - ply;
 I will not, I will not de - sert to its foes;

What more can be said than to you God hath said,
 I'll strength - en thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
 for I will be near thee, thy trou - bles to bless,
 the flame shall not hurt thee; I on - ly de - sign
 that soul, though all hell should en - deav - or to shake,

to you who for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?
 up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand.
 and sanc - ti - fy to thee thy deep - est dis - tress.
 thy dross to con - sume, and thy gold to re - fine.
 I'll nev - er, no, nev - er, no, nev - er for - sake."

It seems odd now to think of singing this text to ADESTE FIDELES, but mainline churches did so well into the 20th century because of a cultural bias against shape note music. The vigor of the present tune seems especially right for the final line's reference to Hebrews 13:5.

Go to the World!

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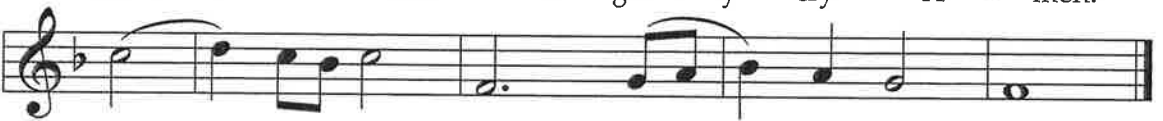
1 Go to the world! Go in - to all the earth.
 2 Go to the world! Go in - to ev - ery place.
 3 Go to the world! Go strug - gle, bless, and pray;
 4 Go to the world! Go as the ones I send,



Go preach the cross where Christ re - news life's worth,
 Go live the word of God's re - deem - ing grace.
 the nights of tears give way to joy - ous day.
 for I am with you till the age shall end,



bap - tiz - ing as the sign of our re - birth.
 Go seek God's pres - ence in each time and space.
 As ser - vant church, you fol - low Christ's own way.
 when all the hosts of glo - ry cry "A - men!"



Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Based on Christ's great commission (Matthew 28:19-20), this text was written for a Convocation of Emmanuel College in Toronto, the largest theological school of the United Church of Canada, a denomination formed by the union of Methodists, Congregationalists, and Presbyterians.

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