

THE DOWNTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Fifth Sunday in Easter

May 14, 2017

(*) indicates the congregation will stand if able

We Gather in God's Name

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

"But what a weak barrier is truth when it stands in the way of an hypothesis!"

– Mary Wollstonecraft, *A Vindication of the Rights of Woman*

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Choral Song

S. S. Wesley

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

based on Psalm 31:1-5

L: Listen closely to us, God!

P: **You are our rock and fortress.**

L: Guide us and lead us!

P: **We entrust our spirits into your hands;
you, LORD, God of faithfulness –
you have saved us!**

*HYMN #624 "I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art"

CALL TO CONFESSION

based on Psalm 31:15

L: The psalmist assures us that our future is in God's hands,
the same God who is revealed in Jesus Christ –
a God of love and forgiveness.

It is with that confidence that we can fearlessly offer our confession.

Let us pray ...

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

based on 1 Peter 2:1, 2, 7

Almighty God,

your word offers freedom,

but we confess that we have not obeyed your word.

We have harbored malice toward our enemies;

we have been deceitful in our relationships;

we have been insincere in our commitments;

through gossip we have slandered our friends.

Forgive us our sins and lead us to genuine repentance.

Help your children long for your pure, spiritual nourishment

that we may grow into the joy of salvation

through Jesus Christ. Amen.

(time for silent confession)

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON AND PASSING THE PEACE** based on Psalm 31:7-8, 16

L: God is always faithful and has always been intimately acquainted
with our deep distress.

God has never handed us over to the enemy but sets our feet
on wide-open spaces.

By God's faithful love we are saved and forgiven.

P: Thanks be to God!

L: And as God's forgiven people, let us exchange
signs of reconciliation and friendship.

May the peace of Christ be with you.

P: And also with you!

***GLORIA PATRI #581**

*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.*

PARISH LIFE & CONGREGATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

God's Word Is Proclaimed

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

based on 1 Peter 2:9

Lord, as we listen to your holy Word,
open our hearts to the power of your Spirit, call us out of darkness,
and lead us into your marvelous light. Amen.

WORD FOR OUR YOUNGEST DISCIPLES

BLESSING

based on 1 John 4:4, 7

Little children, you are from God...

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God.

*(Infants and small children are dismissed to the care of the nursery staff.
Older children are invited to remain and worship.)*

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Exodus 3:13-14

(OT p.)

L: The word of the Lord. P: **Thanks be to God.**

NEW TESTAMENT READING

John 14:1-14

(NT p.)

L: The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. P: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

SERMON

Decisively

Rev. Mike Wilson

We Respond to God's Word

*HYMN #3

“Womb of Life and Source of Being”

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION, PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
& THE LORD'S PRAYER (people read bold)

Let us unite our hearts in prayer, saying,
God of resurrection, hear our prayer.

For the church throughout the world,
that all who profess to honor the risen Lord
may be faithful in their witness
and courageous in their testimony to the way of Jesus;
God of resurrection, hear our prayer.

For pastors, elders and all who lead the Church,
that, by the power of the Holy Spirit,
they may seek to build the church upon Christ, the cornerstone,
and humbly lead in faithful service;
God of resurrection, hear our prayer.

For the governments of the world and its leaders,
that the nations may dwell in peace,
that good will prevail over strife,
and people of faith may freely worship as their hearts direct;
God of resurrection, hear our prayer.

For rain and sun in proper measure,
and for abundant food and water for all who dwell upon the earth;
God of resurrection, hear our prayer.

For the sick and those in need,
and for any who are oppressed by wounds of the soul;
God of resurrection, hear our prayer.

For our neighbors
that we may live together in amity,
and that strangers among us may find us to be hospitable friends;
God of resurrection, hear our prayer.

For our enemies,
that suspicion yields to understanding
and that disagreements may be resolved justly and peacefully.
God of resurrection, hear our prayer.

For all those people and situations we now name aloud.
[Here you may say aloud your prayers of petition and concern.]
God of resurrection,
hear our prayer.

Almighty God,
your Son promised to grant whatever we ask in his name.
By your Holy Spirit empower us to minister to the world as his faithful disciples
that our work may testify to what we pray
and show forth your eternal glory,
through Jesus Christ, who taught us to pray ...

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.

OPPORTUNITY FOR GENEROUS GIVING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM At The Name of Jesus Ralph Vaughan Williams
 Anthem text taken from Hymn 264

*DOXOLOGY #609 "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"



Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow. Praise God, all crea-tures



high and low. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise



God, in Je - sus ful - ly known: Cre - a - tor, Word, and Spir - it



one. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -



lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION (*unison*)**

God of preparation and provision,
receive the gifts we bring in gratitude for your astounding goodness.
We ask that, through our hearts and hands, you would use them
to accomplish great works.

Amen.

**We Seal God's Word Upon Our Hearts
And Bear It Into the World**

***HYMN #724**

“O Jesus, I Have Promised”

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

L: Let all God's people say, P: Alleluia, Amen!

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Andante Maestoso

Charles V. Stanford

from *Six Short Preludes & Postludes*, Set I, Op. 101

Assisting in worship and hospitality today are:

Michael Korak – *liturgist*

Tom Byl and Chuck Cardona – *offering counters*

And next week:

Faye & Jim Dickson– *greeters and refreshments*

Nina Cardona – *liturgist*

Michael Korak and Jack Henderson – *offering counters*



**Miss
MARtha's
ICE CREAM
CRANKIN'
& SUMMER Social**

You're Invited!

Enjoy all the homemade ice cream you can eat!
Music! Games! Big Shade Trees! Support MOB!

Sunday, June 11, 3:00 – 5:00 p.m.
on the lawn at First Presbyterian Church
4815 Franklin Road, Nashville (rain or shine)
FREE PARKING

Buy your tickets Sunday mornings at DPC
\$10/adults, \$8/children 2-12, kids under 2 are FREE!
Tickets will be available onsite at the event (cash or checks) and online:
<http://www.marthaobryan.org/news/ice-cream-crankin/>
All proceeds benefit the Martha O'Bryan Center!

If you can't attend, please support this important benefit by purchasing tickets for friends or family members or surprise someone you don't know during worship at DPC with a gift!

Free parking is available at designated spaces at Franklin Road Academy, John Overton High School and Judson Baptist Church, with frequent complimentary shuttle service available.

Ice Cream Crankers - If you want to make and serve your ice cream at the event, you can sign up at the church on Sunday mornings or contact Jack Henderson

If you want to compete, the contest, rules and entry information will also be available on Sunday mornings or at:
<http://www.marthaobryan.org/news/ice-cream-crankin/forms>

Our Mission

Gathering in the heart of Nashville, we are a community of disciples of Jesus Christ. We seek the welfare of the city as we seek the kingdom of God. We are an historic church working to be a welcoming and inclusive congregation. Together we actively share God's grace and love through worship, education and service, and through being an active voice in promoting justice and peace in our community and the world.

Our Values and Ethos

We believe that every person is a beloved child of God.

Our welcome extends to everyone, whatever your economic circumstances, your faith background, your racial or ethnic identity, your sexual orientation or gender identity, or your political affiliations.

As a diverse community we seek to intentionally embody God's radically inclusive and transformative love for everyone. With love and grace, we are called as a community to grow together as a voice for justice and peace – each as we are, with our unique human stories of joy and struggle.

SESSION 2017

Rev. Mike Wilson, Moderator

Betsy Bahn, Clerk

Jeff Koontz, Treasurer

Class of 2017

Tom Byl
Michael Arwood
Ridley Wills II
Claire Armbruster

Class of 2018

Cary Gibson
Michael Korak

Class of 2019

Chuck Cardona
Jack Henderson
Justin Near

THE CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Mike Wilson, Pastor
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