

A SERVICE for The LORD'S DAY

PEACE MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH CLEARWATER, FLORIDA

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER— MAY 7, 2023
HALF PAST TEN O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING



We Prepare for the Word of God

WESTMINSTER STRIKE

VOLUNTARY

Prelude on Saint Thomas

Gordon Young

INTROIT

Litany for Easter

Young

Alleluia! Jesus Christ is risen today!

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed!

Christ is our Cornerstone,
chosen and precious in God's sight.

And we are God's living stones.
By God's mercy, we are God's people.

We are called to proclaim the mighty acts of Christ,
the One who called us out of darkness and into God's glorious light!

Let us worship God our rock, Christ our Cornerstone, and the Holy Spirit our Light.
Let us worship God!

†PROCESSIONAL HYMN 321

The Church's One Foundation

AURELIA

†PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God our Rock and Refuge, we confess that at times our hearts are heavy as stone, and as closed off as a tomb. We allow conflicts great and small to dominate our attention, and we fall prey to a cycle of anger, judgement and retribution. We want wrongs set right, God, but we forget that our way is not necessarily the right one. We would rather hurl insults and accusations like stones than seek the wisdom and guidance of your Spirit. Soften our hardened hearts, Lord, that we may turn from our bitterness and find redemption and reconciliation in you. In the name of Christ our risen Lord we pray, Amen.

†ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, believe the good news: The grave is empty, the stone has been rolled away, and we are set free from sin. In the grace of our risen Christ, we are forgiven!
Alleluia! Amen.

†GLORIA PATRI 581

Glory Be to the Father

GREATOREX

*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.*

†PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The Peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
And also, with you.

LIFE TOGETHER

Bob Valentine

Letter Carriers Food Drive

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Word to God's People

TIME WITH THE YOUNG DISCIPLES

FIRST EPISTLE LESSON

1 Peter 2:1-10

Pew Bible NT, pg. 233

†SONG 701

Lord, Prepare Me

SANCTUARY

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Acts 7:55-60

Pew Bible NT, pg. 126

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

Stone Cold or Rock Solid?

Rev. Amy Santamaria

We Respond with Gratitude

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from The Confession of 1967

To be reconciled to God is to be sent into the world as God's reconciling community. This community, the church universal, is entrusted with God's message of reconciliation and shares God's labor of healing the enmities which separate people from God and from each other. Christ has called the church to this mission and given it the gift of the Holy Spirit. The church maintains continuity with the apostles and with Israel by faithful obedience to his call.

OFFERING OUR GIFTS AND OURSELVES

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

The Day of Resurrection

Richard Shephard

The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad; the Passover of gladness, the Passover of God. From death to life eternal, from earth unto the sky, our Christ hath brought us over, with hymns of victory. Our hearts be pure from evil, that we may see aright the lord in rays eternal of resurrection light; and listening to His accents, may hear, so calm and plain, His own "All hail!" and, hearing, may raise the victor strain. Now let the heavens be joyful! Let earth the song begin! The round world keep high triumph, and all that is therein! Let all things seen and unseen their notes in gladness blend, for Christ the Lord is risen, our joy that hath no end. – St. John of Damascus

†PRAYER OF DEDICATION

†DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

*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*

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts!

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Blessed are you strong and faithful God...

So now, with all the powers of heaven and earth,
we sing the ageless hymn of your glory:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

All holy God,

how wonderful is the work of your hands...

for you raised him up in the Spirit of holiness
and exalted him as Lord of creation.

Great is the mystery of faith:

**Christ had died,
Christ is Risen,
Christ will come again.**

Eternal God,
let your Holy Spirit move in power over us...
all glory and honor are yours, almighty Father,
forever and ever.

Here us as we pray the prayer Our Lord taught us...

THE 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 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.**

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE BREAD AND THE CUP

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

We Go Forth to Share the Good News

†HYMN OF DISCIPLESHIP 444

Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive

DETROIT

†INVITATION AND BENEDICTION

†VOLUNTARY

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Gordon Young

†The people will please stand in body and spirit as they are able.

The Ministers of Peace Memorial:

all our members and friends.

Assisting in the leadership of worship are:

Rev. Amy Santamaria, Guest Preacher, Rev. Miguel Santamaria, Liturgist;
Timothy Belk, Director of Music Ministries and Organist; and members of the Chancel Choir;
Sue Ellis, Dan Johnson and Diane Ingram, Ushers;
Sharon Poulos and Peggy Strickling, Chancel Guild.

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Technical assistance by Luke Harshman and Don Golliher.

Our worship service is streamed live and archived
at YouTube.com (Peace Memorial Presbyterian Church Channel).

Ministries Today

We welcome guest preacher Amy Santamaria. Amy is a Palliative Care Chaplain at Meese Countryside Hospital.

We welcome our visitors. To learn more about Peace Memorial, please visit our website.

Children are an integral part of worship. At any time, children, along with their parents, are invited to a quiet area just left of the Chancel where they will find various activities.

Refreshments are Served- All are welcome to gather in Roebing Hall following worship for a time of fellowship and refreshment.

Worship Flowers- The 2023 worship flower signup calendar is in Roebing Hall. Select your date to adorn the sanctuary with flowers in honor or in memory of a loved one.

Ministries This Week

College Group- Meets Tuesdays from 5-6:30 p.m. contact Luke Harshman for more information.

Early Bird Bible Study- resumes Wednesday May 10 at 9 a.m. at Emily's Restaurant where Pastor Bob will introduce the new study. All are welcome!

Presbyterian Women and Sisters Circle- will meet Wednesday May 10 at 5:30 p.m. at the home of Jewell Coleman for a combined circle meeting. Please bring an appetizer or salad to share and RSVP to Martha Espey by Monday, May 9.

Youth Group- Meets Wednesdays at 7 p.m. for all Mid-High and Senior-High youth. Join us for games, time with friends, and Bible study. Please contact Luke Harshman for more information.

Good Grief Group- Will meet via Zoom only Thursdays May 11 and 18 at 10 a.m.; Mary Williams, Coordinator. Please use the zoom link for meetings.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82430469084?pwd=eDIeaytzYkIwWkJTVXVIZDFINXJXZz09> Meeting ID: 824 3046 9084 Passcode: 151716

Peace Café- Thursdays and the first Sunday of each month a meal is served at First United Methodist Church to the hungry in downtown Clearwater. For more information contact Dan Johnson.

Hope Villages of America- needs volunteers Saturday, May 13 for the annual Stamp Out Hunger food drive. For times and locations visit: volunteersignup.org/BKMTJ. Please contact Bob Valentine or Lynn Peggs Nunez for further information.

Adult Sunday School- Meets from 9 -10 a.m. in the Adult Education Room on the second floor with Pastor Bob. If you've ever asked yourself, "what does Jesus want me to understand here?" then this study is for you. Our new book, *The Difficult Words of Jesus* will do an in-depth exploration of six of Jesus' most difficult passages. All are welcome!

Upcoming Ministries

Peace Fellowship- will meet Wednesday, May 24 at 5:30 p.m. at Rumba Island Bar and Grill, located at the corner of Keene and Gulf to Bay. Please call Silvia Rubio Rodríguez (908) 723-2354 by Monday, May 22 to confirm your attendance.

Church Leadership

Session

2023

Don Gollhofer
Sharon Poulos
Anne Shaw

2024

Dan Johnson
Mark Pitchford

2025

Martha Espey
Keith Meyer

Deacons

2023

Roger Bivin
Silvia Rodriguez
Bob Valentine

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Jean Bennett
Sara Sanders
Sue Woodring

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Lynn Peggs Nunez
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