



The Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 25, 2025

10:30am

WORDS OF WELCOME

Rev. Alex Lee-Cornell

PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Charlene Berry

May God be gracious to us; May God bless us.

We gather in worship, knowing God is here.

May God's face shine upon us.

May God call us into the joyful work of creating peace.

Let us worship our God in praise.

*HYMN OF PRAISE

Come, Thou Almighty King

No. 2

CONFESSION AND PARDON

Call to Confession (sung) What a Friend We Have in Jesus *adapted*

No. 465

What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!

What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer!

O what peace we often forfeit; O what needless pain we bear,

All because we do not carry everything to God in prayer!

Prayer of Confession

God of creation, you call us to look for your presence in the world, but we disobey. Over and again, we choose power and influence over acts of love and service. We consent to working within systems designed to minimize risk and maximize profit instead of imagining a more faithful Way. We forget that everything we claim to possess comes from you, and that you have blessed us as stewards of your abundance. Forgive us Lord, for the ways we resist your call to follow Christ's example in the world. Embolden us to live fully into your greatest commandment: to love our neighbors. Amen.

*You are invited to stand.

Please join in saying/singing aloud the responses **printed in bold**.

Hymn numbers correspond to the pages in the red or purple *Glory to God* hymn book in the pew rack in front of you.

Sung Response

**Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged; take it to the Lord in prayer!
Can we find a friend so faithful who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness; take it to the Lord in prayer!**

Assurance of Pardon

**Sung Response*

Lyrics: Tom Brown

**When we stand with him in glory, we will see him face to face!
There we'll serve our King forever in that bright and holy place!
Praise to you, O God the Father; Praise to you, O Christ the Son!
Praise to you, O Holy Spirit, Holy God, the Three-in-One!**

***SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

GATHERING SONG

God of Great and God of Small *stanzas 1 and 2*

No. 19

*During the Gathering Song, children are invited to come forward
and sit on the front row of chairs, next to the piano.*

PROCLAIM

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Sung Response

God of Great and God of Small *stanza 4*

No. 19

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Gospel Reading

John 5:1-9

NRSVue

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

Thanks be to God.

New Testament Reading

Acts 16:9-15

NRSVue

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

Conversion

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HYMN OF RESPONSE

Wash O God Your Sons and Daughters

No. 490

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Excerpts from the Confession of Belhar

**We believe that Christ's work of reconciliation is made manifest in the church as the community
of believers who have been reconciled with God and with one another;**

**We believe that unity is, therefore, both a gift and an obligation for the church of Jesus Christ;
that through the working of God's Spirit it is a binding force, yet simultaneously a reality which**

must be earnestly pursued and sought: one which the people of God must continually be built up to attain,

We believe that this unity of the people of God must be manifested and be active in a variety of ways; in that we love one another; that we experience, practice and pursue community with one another; that we are obligated to give ourselves willingly and joyfully to be of benefit and blessing to one another; have one God and Father, are filled with one Spirit, are baptized with one baptism, eat of one bread and drink of one cup, confess one name, are obedient to one Lord, work for one cause, and share one hope and together come to know the height and the breadth and the depth of the love of Christ.

BLESSING FOR THE CLASS OF 2025

Sam Kates *Oglethorpe University*

Helen Morlier *Mount Carmel Academy*

Mia Flood *The Willow School*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE AND ENGAGEMENT

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

During this time, you are invited to make a financial contribution to LPC. You may do so by placing cash or a check (payable to "LPC") in the offering plate, or give by credit card by using the QR code to be directed to our online giving page. You are also encouraged to be in prayer about how you can use your time and talents to serve God and neighbor this week.



*DOXOLOGY

Praise God From Whom Blessings Flow

No. 606

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,

Praise God all creatures here below

Praise God above ye heavenly host,

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND 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 us our debts¹ 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.

¹ When saying the Lord's Prayer, some prefer to use the words "forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us" or "forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us." Please pray as you feel led.

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*SENDING HYMN

Guide My Feet

No. 741

1. **Guide my feet while I run this race; (3X)**
...for I don't want to run this race in vain.
2. **Hold my hand...**
3. **Stand by me...**
4. **Guide my feet...**

*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

Worship may be over, but our service has just begun.

*We are glad that you have chosen to worship with us.
Lakeview Presbyterian Church brings God's word to life
in a welcoming atmosphere of worship, prayer, and fellowship,
while spreading the love of Jesus Christ
through Christian education and outreach, wherein all are welcome.*

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