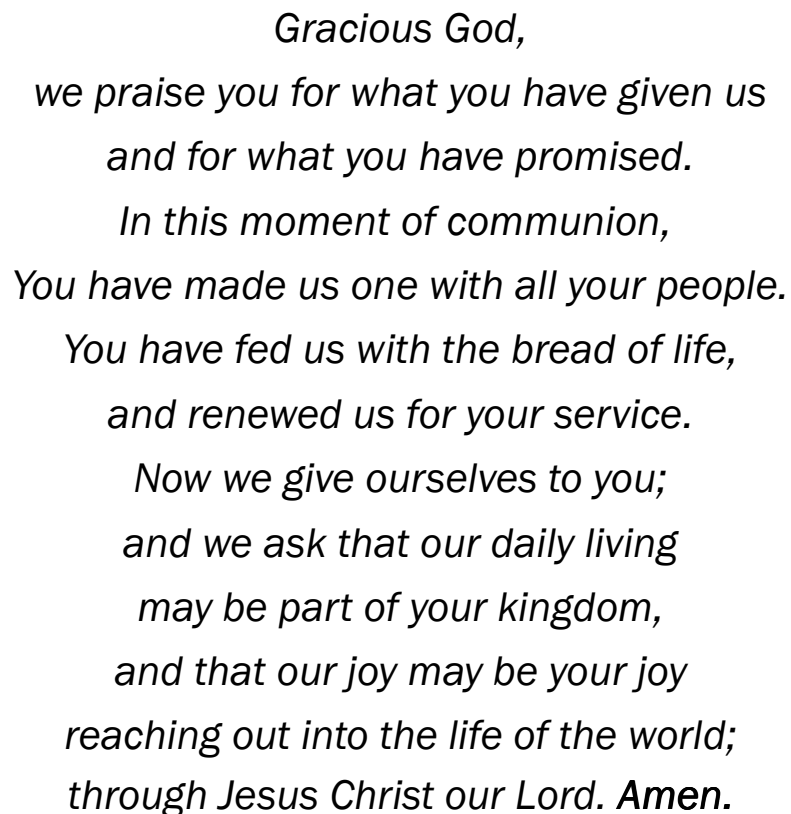


FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Communion Sunday

May 2, 2021



*Gracious God,
we praise you for what you have given us
and for what you have promised.
In this moment of communion,
You have made us one with all your people.
You have fed us with the bread of life,
and renewed us for your service.
Now we give ourselves to you;
and we ask that our daily living
may be part of your kingdom,
and that our joy may be your joy
reaching out into the life of the world;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

ARIOSO / J. S. Bach

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

We are branches, rooted in the vine of Christ.

We come because we seek to abide in Christ.

The branches that remain in the vine bear much fruit.

We come because we long to be spiritually vibrant, alive, productive.

If we abide in Christ, then Christ's words will abide in us.

We come because we strive to be faithful disciples.

We gather for worship now to the glory of the One God:

Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer.

May we grow wildly as God tends us lovingly.

GLORY TO GOD / BE THOU MY VISION vs. 1, 2 / Hymn 450

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God, whatever you see as self-righteous, censure, as twisted, straighten, as heartless, soften, as fruitless, prune, as infected, cleanse.

Flood your relentless Spirit through our whole being, sweeping away guilt and its lethargy, and by the saving grace of Christ Jesus, heal the hidden springs of our personality.

A Moment of Silent Confession



ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

PASSING THE PEACE

Please use socially appropriate bow or wave of peace.

We continue our worship as the Word is PROCLAIMED.
We pray that the Holy Spirit helps us receive the Word spoken,
we hear Scripture(s) in song and word,
we listen to a reflection on the Scripture(s), and
we begin our own reflection during a period of quiet.

HIS EYE IS ON THE SPARROW / Civilla D. Martin and Charles H. Gabriel

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON / John 15:1-8

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

CONVERSATION STARTER / Plugging In

We RESPOND to the Word as:
we affirm our faith in song,
we offer our prayers to God, and
we commit through offering to God's work in the world.

MUSICAL MEDITATION / BE THOU MY VISION / setting Paul Manz

INTRODUCTION TO COMMUNION

THE GREAT PRAYER

God be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to God.**

Let us give thanks to our gracious God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right.....

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed are they who come in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest....

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Let us pray the prayer said all around the world this day, saying:

**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.**

Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the Kingdom and the Power and the Glory forever. Amen.

COMMUNION

As the service of worship of God comes to a close, we acknowledge that God SENDS us out into the world to be bearers of the good news of God.

We affirm the call God has placed on our hearts,
we receive a charge reminding us of God's call,
and we are sent into the work of God with a blessing.

CHARGE AND BLESSING

ORGAN MUSIC / LORD, DISMISS US WITH YOUR BLESSING

SENT FORTH BY GOD'S BLESSING / setting Dale Wood

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Week of May 2, 2021

We welcome all of our visitors who are worshiping with us this day. Visitors, members, and friends, please sign the attendance register and pass along to anyone else in the pew. Please place the attendance sheet on the outside of the register and leave on the pew. Thank you!

Hearing assistance devices are available, as are large print Bibles and hymnals. Please contact the ushers for assistance. If you need weekly large print bulletins, please contact the office.

Serving us:	Worship Leader:	Rev. Glen Reichelderfer
	Organist:	Karen Minson
	Choir Director:	Brianne Sura

Next Sunday: 10:00 AM Sunday Worship

Celebrating Birthdays this week: Calvin Volmar, Riley Burgett, Anthony Bryant and Barb Armagost

• **Sunday Service:** Did you know you can view any previous Sunday service???

Go to our website, www.firstpreswaukesha.org and from the homepage select the Online Worship for the current Sunday's Service. A printable .pdf copy of the bulletin is available for that service as well.

You can also view the complete Sunday Service by visiting: **YouTube.com** and type into the search bar - First Presbyterian Church of Waukesha; scroll down to the Latest from First Presbyterian Church of Waukesha and you can select the recorded service.

• **Visit First Presbyterian Online:** Our website, www.FirstPresWaukesha.org, features a calendar of upcoming events, archived conversation starters, helpful links, and much more. At the bottom of each page, you'll find links to our social media sites.

We're on Facebook: @FirstPresbyterianWaukesha

Our Instagram account is: @firstpresbyterianwaukesha

Our Twitter feed is: @FirstWaukesha

• **Deacons visit:** If you know someone who is hospitalized and who would appreciate a visit from one of the Deacons, please contact Therese in the office and she will let them know.

• **If you are a visitor** and interested in affiliating with First Presbyterian please talk to Andrew Byshenk or David Schultz.

• **Pastoral Care:** If you require pastoral care, please contact Rev. Glen on his cell at **(608) 576-1408** or in the office at **(262) 542-4243**. He will look forward to meeting you.

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