

First Presbyterian Church of Marysville

Worship @ Home May 21, 2023 (7th Sunday of Easter)

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Light a candle to remind you of Christ's light.

Take three deep and centering breaths.

Breathe in "Loving God"

Breathe out "Prepare my heart"

OR

Sing "Surely the Presence of the Lord"

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place

I can feel his mighty power and his grace

I can hear the brush of angels' wings

I see glory on each face

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INVITATION TO WORSHIP

One: Shout to God with songs of great joy!

All: Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised!

One: God has made us whole.

All: God has called us to a ministry of hope and love.

One: Come, let us celebrate the love of God!

All: Let us praise God's name and serve God joyfully!

HYMN: "Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise #173 Red (words are attached) or sing a hymn of your choosing.

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

One: Confession is a mirror by which we see ourselves more clearly. Let us offer our prayers to God.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: We confess, O God, that too often we have our heads in the clouds. We are more comfortable with dreaming of the world as we wish it would be instead of working with you to bring that wish to reality. At times, we find it difficult to claim the power you have given us. Jolt us out of our complacency, O God. Remind us to get a move on. Remind us we have work to do with you. Give us your energy, courage, and vision to be your witnesses to the end of the earth. (Silent Prayer)

CLAIMING THE GOOD NEWS

One: The God of all grace has called us by name.

All: We are God's people created, loved, and forgiven. Thanks be to God!

HYMN: "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" #260 Blue (*words are attached*) or sing a hymn of your choosing.

SCRIPTURE READING: John 17:1-11

MESSAGE: "One in Christ"

Rev. Grace Suwabe

On his last night of his life, Jesus did not pray for the health of his disciples, for the success of the disciples, even for the happiness of the disciples. He prayed that they would get along with each other. How do we bring about and work toward unity within God's church? First, it starts with us. Then, we have to pull together. And lastly, we need to keep on climbing. For we are called to demonstrate our unity in Christ through love. (Please contemplate on these thoughts and spend some time with God in prayer.)

GATHERING AND DEDICATING OUR OFFERING

One: We give in thankful response for all the gifts God has given us.

All: May our gifts strengthen this congregation to be more fruitful, more present, and more daring in our community and to the ends of the earth.

Consider what gifts you could offer to God and to God's people. Speak them out loud or write them down and after worship, make a plan to share these gifts.

Some examples include: perform a random act of kindness, share your favorite Scripture verse, prayer for those on our prayer list

*Please continue to support the church by mailing your offering (checks only) to the church office:

First Presbyterian Church of Marysville - P.O. Box 1070, Marysville, CA 95901

You may drop off your offering at the church office on Wednesdays from 11 am – 2 pm or Thursdays from 10 am – 4 pm. (Please do not put anything in the outside mailboxes.)

Online giving is also available! Click on the link below and follow the prompts:

https://www.eservicepayments.com/cgi-bin/Vanco_ver3.vps?appver3=wWsk24ZWJSTZKsGd1RMKlg0BDvsSG3VIWQCPJNNxD8upkiY7JIDavDsozUE7KGO nFx2NSo8LdUKGuGuF396vbZpZISnR1aL6Jy6aLfiKsLAIYnTg5dP4O6rpX5QvPEWIBhHDN59kLZFffwKfYERpQrqXrEYxb09pApAL3pdNN38=&ver=3

Thank you for your continued support of the church!

THE DOXOLOGY

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Amen.*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Offer prayer for the needs of the world, paying particular attention to those who are experiencing homelessness and food insecurity. May God's hand provide and sustain them.

Let us join together in prayer for the following people:

Rosanna B, Aurel B, Nancy F, Gabe G, Betty H, Joe M, Judy M, Fredda M, Jackie P, Pearl S, Al W, Diane W, Alan (brother-in-law of Pastor Grace), Antonio (son of Al), Frank (brother of Kathy), Herm (brother-in-law of Susie), Hillary (daughter of Lorraine), Judy (niece of Fredda), Kathleen (daughter of Lenora), Kathy (cousin of Nancy), Michael (nephew of Susie), Tim (grandson of Aurel), Tomiko (wife of Jim)

If you are in need of prayer or assistance, please let Pastor Grace know at gsuwabe02@gmail.com.

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 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.*

HYMN: "Christ is Alive!" #108 Blue (words are attached) or sing a hymn of your choosing

CHARGE

One: May your eyes cast heavenward give you the courage and energy to be about the work God has given you.

All: **We go today in joyful service and peace.**

BENEDICTION: 2 Corinthians 13:11

Finally, brothers and sisters, rejoice! Strive for full restoration, encourage one another, be of one mind, live in peace. And the God of love and peace will be with you, now and always. Amen.

(Extinguish the candle if you lit one at the beginning of worship and allow the smoke to billow as a reminder of Christ's abiding presence.)

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(Open Thursdays between 10 am – 4 pm and Fridays between 11 am – 2 pm)

Announcements:

Session Meeting will be Today, May 21st at 12 noon in the sanctuary in person and by Zoom.

Sunday's worship bulletin and sermon are on our church website! – www.firstpresmarysville.church

The food pantry (1905-C Covillaud St.) is open on Fridays from 10 am – 12 noon. Help is welcomed.

*Items needed – broth, cake mix, coffee

Bible study on Tuesdays at 2 pm by Zoom (contact Judy or church office for more info)

Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise

Hail the day that sees Him rise, Alleluia!
To his throne above the skies; Alleluia!
Christ, the Lamb for sinners giv'n, Alleluia!
Enters now the highest heav'n. Alleluia!

There for Him high triumph waits; Alleluia!
Lift your heads eternal gates, Alleluia!
He hath conquered death and sin, Alleluia!
Take the King of glory in! Alleluia!

See, He lifts His hands above! Alleluia!
See, He shows the prints of love! Alleluia!
Hark! His gracious lips bestow, Alleluia!
Blessings on His church below. Alleluia!

Lord, beyond our mortal sight, Alleluia!
Raise our hearts to reach Thy height, Alleluia!
There Thy face unclouded see, Alleluia!
Find our heav'n of heav'ns in Thee! Alleluia!

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

A mighty fortress is our God,
A bulwark never failing;
Our helper He amid the flood
Of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe
Doth seek to work us woe;
His craft and power are great,
And, armed with cruel hate,
On earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide,
Our striving would be losing;
Were not the right Man on our side,
The Man of God's own choosing.
Dost ask who that may be?
Christ Jesus, it is He,
Lord Sabaoth His name,
From age to age the same,
And He must win the battle.

And though this world, with devils filled,
Should threaten to undo us,
We will not fear, for God hath willed
His truth to triumph through us,
The prince of darkness grim,
We tremble not for him;
His rage we can endure,
For lo! his doom is sure,
One little word shall fell him.

That word above all earthly powers,
No thanks to them, abideth;
The Spirit and the gifts are ours
Through Him who with us sideth;
Let goods and kindred go,
This mortal life also;
The body they may kill, God's truth abideth still,
His kingdom is forever.

Christ is Alive!

Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.
The cross stands empty to the sky.
Let streets and homes with praises ring.
Love, drowned in death, shall never die.

Christ is alive! No longer bound
To distant years in Palestine,
But saving, healing, here and now,
And touching every place and time.

Not throned afar, remotely high,
Untouched, unmoved by human pains,
But daily, in the midst of life,
Our Savior in the God-head reigns.

In every insult, rift, and war,
Where color, scorn, or wealth divide,
Christ suffers still, yet loves the more,
And lives, where even hope has died.

Christ is alive, and comes to bring
Good news to this and every age,
Till earth and sky and ocean ring
With joy, with justice, love, and praise.