



First Presbyterian Church

201 S. High St.
Kirksville, MO

May 5, 2024 – 6th Sunday of Easter – Choir Sunday

We Gather to Worship

Prelude

“Sweet Rivers of Redeeming Love”
By Greg Gilpen

Adult Choir

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Welcome

*Call to Worship

There is no greater love than this:
to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.
The Lord is risen! Alleluia!
Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!
Praise the Lord.
The Lord’s name be praised.

Special Music

“Goodness of God”
Arr. Jay Rouse

Adult Choir

Thanksgiving for Baptism

Special Music

“The Wayfaring Stranger”
Arr. John Hirten

Adult Choir
Jason Gran, Solo

*Hymn 729 *“Lord I Want to Be a Christian”*

We Listen to God’s Word

Please pray with me the Prayer of Illumination

Prayer of Illumination

**Living God, with joy we celebrate
the presence of your risen Word.
Enliven our hearts by your Holy Spirit
so that we may proclaim the good news
of eternal and abundant life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Scripture:

Psalter *Psalm 98* Old Testament pg 551
The congregation will respond by reading the even numbered verses.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Lesson *John 15:9-17* New Testament pg 109

The Gospel of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Special Music *"Oceans"* Adult Choir
Arr. Heather Sorenson Christine Gran, Solo

We Respond in Faith

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

For the church, the world, and all in need, let us pray to the Lord.

Loving God, you cause rain to fall on the just and the unjust. Hear our prayers for your church and world:

for the hungry and the overfed,
may we have enough;

for the mourners and the mockers,
may we laugh together;

for the victims and the oppressors,
may we share power wisely;

for the peacemakers and the warmongers,
may clear truth and stern love lead us to harmony;

for the silenced and the propagandists,
may we speak our own words in truth;

for the unemployed and the overworked,
may our mark on this earth be kindly and creative;

for the troubled and the secure,
may we live together as wounded healers;

for the homeless and the pampered,
may our homes be simple, warm, and welcoming;

for the vibrant and the dying,
may we all die to sin and live to love. Amen.

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.

Special Music *"My Jesus"* Adult Choir
Arr. David Wise

Opportunities for Ministry

Youth Musical - There will be no musical practice today.

PYF - PYF will be at the McKenna's house this evening at 6:00 p.m. This will be the last one until Fall.

Change in Service Times - May 5th and May 19th services will start at 10:30 a.m. and not 9:30. May 19th (Pentecost Sunday) we will gather at the Point to celebrate the baptism of Katelyn Prendergast.

Presby Women - The next Presby Women's meeting will be May 9th at 2:00 p.m. at the home of Renne Johnson. All women are invited to attend.

Congregational Meeting - There will be a congregational meeting on May 12 immediately following worship to dissolve the pastor's Terms of Call.

Pentecost Offering - A gift to the Pentecost Offering helps the church encourage, develop, and support its young people, and also address the needs of at-risk children. 40% of the Pentecost offering can be retained by individual congregations wanting to make an impact in the lives of young people within their own community. The remaining 60% is used to support children-at-risk, youth, and young adults through ministries of the Presbyterian Mission Agency. For more information:
<https://specialofferings.pcusa.org/offering/pentecost/>

Offering *"Hymn of Heaven"* Adult Choir
Arr. Cliff Duren Samantha Pratt, Solo

*Hymn 606 *"Doxology"*

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn 741 *"Guide My Feet"*

We Depart to Serve

*Charge and Blessing

*Sung Benediction *"How Can I Keep from Singing?"* Adult Choir
By Greg Gilpen Courtney Hamilton, Solo
Samantha Gran, Solo

6th Sunday in Easter - Choir Service

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, May 5 - Choir Sunday

10:30 a.m. – Worship; **11:30 a.m.** - Fellowship; **6:00 p.m.** - PYF (last one for the year)

Tuesday, May 7, 2024

1:00 p.m. - Clothes Closet; **6:30 p.m.** - Outreach Meeting; **7:00 p.m.** - Session Meeting

Thursday, May 9, 2024

9:30 a.m. - Friendship Hour; **2:00 p.m.** - Presby Women

Saturday, May 11, 2024

10:00 a.m. - Clothes Closet

Sunday, May 12- Youth Sunday/Musical

10:30 a.m. – Worship; **11:30 a.m.** - Fellowship

Tuesday, May 14, 2024

1:00 p.m. - Clothes Closet

Thursday, May 16, 2024

9:30 a.m. - Friendship Hour

Saturday, May 18, 2024

10:00 a.m. - Clothes Closet

Attendance April 28, 2024

In person – 42

Online – 7

Church Office Hours This Week

Pastor Josh – Monday-Thursday, 10:00 a.m. - noon.

Becky - Monday - Friday, 8:00 a.m. - noon.

Please feel free to contact the office for an appointment outside of these hours.

May Food of the Month for PAC

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729 Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

1 Lord, I want to be a Chris-tian in my heart, in my heart;
 2 Lord, I want to be more lov - ing in my heart, in my heart;
 3 Lord, I want to be more ho - ly in my heart, in my heart;
 4 Lord, I want to be like Je - sus in my heart, in my heart;

Lord, I want to be a Chris-tian in my heart.
 Lord, I want to be more lov - ing in my heart.
 Lord, I want to be more ho - ly in my heart.
 Lord, I want to be like Je - sus in my heart.

In my heart, in my heart,
 In my heart, in my heart,

Lord, I want to be a Chris-tian in my heart.
 Lord, I want to be more lov - ing in my heart.
 Lord, I want to be more ho - ly in my heart.
 Lord, I want to be like Je - sus in my heart.

Through its recurring phrase, "in my heart," this poignant African American spiritual expresses the desire that our professed faith will not be superficial or hypocritical but will permeate the very center of our being, so that we may truly be the people God calls us to be.

606 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Doxology

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise *him, all crea-tures

here be - low; praise *him a - bove, ye heaven-ly host; praise

Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

*Or "God"

Guide My Feet

741

1 Guide my feet while I run this race;
(yes, my Lord!)

guide my feet while I run this race;
(yes, my Lord!)

guide my feet while I run this race, for I

don't want to run this race in vain! (race in vain!)

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| 2 Hold my hand ... | 5 Search my heart ... |
| 3 Stand by me ... | 6 Guide my feet ... |
| 4 I'm your child ... | |

This African American spiritual is based on the imagery of "the race that is set before us" in Hebrews 12:1-2. Its call-and-response structure allows for the improvisation and addition of stanzas related to an athletic metaphor that is as vivid today as it was centuries ago.