



Service of Worship

Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 15, 2022 || 10:00 a.m.

Assemble in God's Name

We joyfully welcome you to worship this morning!
All are invited to use the Reflection and Prelude as a time of preparation.

Prayerful Reflection

from *All Things New*, Susan A. Blain & Scott Ressman

O Living God of past and future,
We praise you for this present moment.
Fill us with your joy and empower us with your Holy Spirit,
that our strength may be renewed
to sing a new song of your glory
in a world which longs for your justice and peace.
All this we ask in the name of Jesus,
in whom we become your new creation.

Prelude

Prelude on "Land of Rest"

Cathy Moglebust

Welcome

Introit

Jesus Loves Me

Call to Worship

based on Rev. 1: 4-6

Leader: God is the Alpha and Omega, the first and the last,
who was and is and is to come.
People: In the midst of eternity,
the Eternal One created time and space,
bringing forth beauty and life.
Leader: We, who are blessed to traverse this life,
are united in the redeeming love and grace of God,
who continues to love and lead creation into all its called to be.
People: All are welcome here—in-person and virtually—
as we gather amid the great love of God
to celebrate all that God has done, is doing, and will continue to do.
Leader: Let us worship God.

Descant

4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly,

1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!
 2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! all the saints a - dore thee,
 3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! though the dark - ness hide thee,
 4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly,

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee.
 cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
 though the eye of sin - ful - ness thy glo - ry may not see,
 All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea.

ho - ly,

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! mer - ci - ful and might - y!
 cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,
 on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! mer - ci - ful and might - y!

God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty.

God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
 who wert, and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.
 per - fect in power, in love and pu - ri - ty.
 God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

Invitation to Confess

Prayer of Confession

Rev. Mindi Welton-Mitchell (*adapted*)

Holy God,
You are both first and last:
 you see what was, what is, and what is to be.
But we are skeptics.
We struggle to trust the promises of Scripture
 that seem too distant to be real.
How can we live like resurrection has defeated death,
 or that grace has triumphed over sin,
 when evil still runs rampant?
Oppression, marginalization, and hate
 still plague our world.
And sometimes we are the very reasons why!

O God, turn us around.
Help us again learn to fix our eyes
 on your goodness in this world.
Help us see your love and grace,
 that we might share them far and wide,
 spreading the kingdom of salvation
 you intend for all.

- silent prayers of confession -

Assurance of Grace

Leader: Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel.
 In Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.
 The old is gone. Grace-filled new life is yours!

People: Praise God! We are made new,
 invited to live fully into the assurance that we are,
 and always will be, God's very own.

Response to Grace

Truro

Christ is a-live! Let Chris-tians sing. The cross stands emp - ty
to the sky. Let streets and homes with prais - es
ring. Love, drowned in death, shall nev - er die.

GTG: 246

Sharing the Peace of Christ

Leader: On the evening of Jesus' resurrection, the disciples were gathered in fear and sadness, wondering how everything had gone so wrong.

People: But the risen Christ appeared in their midst, saying, "Peace be with you."

Leader: Friends, may the peace of the risen Christ with you.

People: And also with you!

Livestream Check-In

- All worshipping virtually are invited to greet and share peace with others in the "comments" -

Children in the sanctuary are invited to come forward. As they do, all are invited to join in song:

Michael Burkhardt

Gathered in God's name 'round the table of grace.
Gathered as one family in the name of love.
Gathered from near and far, gathered in this holy place,
Gathered as strangers and friends, gathered and gifted by grace...

The image shows three staves of musical notation in a single system. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat (B-flat), and a 6/8 time signature. The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes, with some notes beamed together. The lyrics 'Gath-ered in God's name 'round the liv-ing Word.' are written below the first staff. The second staff continues the melody with similar note values and lyrics 'Gath-ered as one fam-'ly in the name of love,'. The third staff continues the melody, with a 'slowing' instruction above the notes, and lyrics 'in the name of love, in the name of love.' The system ends with a double bar line.

Children's Message

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lesson

The Revelation to John 1: 4-8

Leader: For the word of God in Scripture,
For the word of God among us,
For the word of God within us,
People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Unpacking Revelation: Part 1
God's Not Done

Anthem

Total Praise

Richard Smallwood

Reception of New Members

Presentation

Profession of Faith

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.

*The Apostles' Creed

Prayer of Blessing

Welcome

Leader: Friends, as you have reaffirmed your faith, we joyfully welcome each of you into the membership of this family of faith. Here, may you find support, hope, challenge, grace, and love.

People: With deep thanksgiving, we welcome you to share with us in the ministry of Christ as we endeavor discipleship together. Amen!

Hymn #761 *Called as Partners in Christ's Service* (stanza 1)

Beecher



1 Called as part-ners in Christ's ser-vice, called to min-is-tries of grace,
 2 Christ's ex-am-ple, Christ's in-spir-ing, Christ's clear call to work and worth,
 3 Thus new pat-terns for Christ's mis-sion, in a small or glob-al sense,
 4 So God grant us for to - mor-row ways to or - der hu - man life



we re-pond with deep com-mit-ment fresh new lines of faith to trace.
 let us fol - low, nev - er fal-tering, rec - on - cil - ing folk on earth.
 help us bear each oth - er's bur-dens, break-ing down each wall or fence.
 that sur-round each per - son's sor-row with a calm that con-quests strife.



May we learn the art of shar-ing, side by side and friend with friend,
 Men and wom-en, rich - er, poor - er, all God's peo - ple, young and old,
 Words of com - fort, words of vi - sion, words of chal-lenge, said with care,
 Make us part-ners in our liv - ing, our com-pas-sion to in - crease,



e - qual part-ners in our car-ing to ful - fill God's cho - sen end.
 blend-ing hu - man skills to - geth-er gra-cious gifts from God un - fold.
 bring new power and strength for ac-tion, make us col-leagues, free and fair.
 mes - sen-gers of faith, thus giv-ing hope and con - fi - dence and peace.



Gifts of Commitment

Four Ways to Give:

- Online - [Click Here](#)
- Text "CheerfulGiver" (one word; case sensitive) to 73256
- Mail a check to TPC 400 W. Chesapeake Ave, Towson, MD 21204
- Scan this QR Code:



Hymn #260

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

Hyfrydol

1 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; his the scep - ter, his the
2 Al - le - lu - ia! Not as or - phans are we left in sor - row
3 Al - le - lu - ia! Bread of an - gels, here on earth our food, our
4 Al - le - lu - ia! King e - ter - nal, Lord om - nip - o - tent we

throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the tri - umph, his the vic - to -
now; Al - le - lu - ia! he is near us; faith be - lieves nor
stay; Al - le - lu - ia! here the sin - ful flee to you from
own; Al - le - lu - ia! born of Mar - y, earth your foot - stool,

ry a - lone! Hark! The songs of peace - ful Zi - on
ques - tions how. Though the cloud from sight re - ceived him,
day to day. In - ter - ces - sor, friend of sin - ners,
heaven your throne. As with - in the veil you en - tered,

thun - der like a might - y flood: "Je - sus out of
 when the for - ty days were o'er, shall our hearts for -
 earth's re - deem - er, hear our plea where the songs of
 robed in flesh, our great high priest; here on earth both

ev - ery na - tion has re - deemed us by his blood."
 get his prom - ise: "I am with you ev - er - more"
 all the sin - less sweep a - cross the crys - tal sea.
 priest and vic - tim in the eu - cha - ris - tic feast.

Benediction

Postlude

Day of Celebration

Brian Childers

Towson Presbyterian Church

Inclusive - Curious - Compassionate - Courageous

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Our Mission:

Towson Presbyterian Church is an inclusive community of faith
 growing as disciples of Christ

TPC is a PC(USA) *Earth Care Congregation*, and a member of
 the *Covenant Network* (striving for a fully inclusive church).

New Here? Welcome—*just as you are.*

We're so glad you are "here"! We hope you find meaning in our worship and connection within our (remote) community. While we are presently livestreaming our main 10 a.m. worship service, we will resume in-person worship as soon as we believe it is safe and responsible to do so. Our 10 a.m. service will continue to be livestreamed even when in-person, indoor worship resumes, as we understand the growing importance of offering online worship.

To learn more about our church, we hope you'll explore our ministries at www.towsonpres.org. You are more than welcome to register for any church event or group, whether it gathers in-person or remotely. Please also join our online community at Facebook, Instagram, and YouTube, @TowsonPres.

If you have any questions or concerns, or would like additional information, please contact the church office at tpc@towsonpres.org or 410-823-6500. Thank you, again, for the blessing of your presence.

Please pray for:

Bob Adams, Mike Just, John Lewis, Julie Mertus, Cindy and Keith Moomaw, Ann and Jack Phillips, Roger and Betty Roth.

TPC News, Mission, and Ministry Updates

The flowers in the sanctuary are from The Lehman Family in Loving Memory of Amy Lehman. || The service is today at 2:00 p.m.

Welcome New Members || We are so glad you have taken this step and we welcome you with open arms. Please see Friday's e-blast for their pictures and bios.

Assisting in Worship || Jennifer Bolster, Jane Barton, Rob Culp, Matt Hemm, Ellen Tully, Ann Miller, Carol Whiteford, Barb Plunkett.

Practice a Spiritual Practice || Tomorrow at 12:30 p.m. || Facebook Live

Join Pastor Joel as he leads you through the Prayer of Examen, which invites us to see the ordinary as a place where God is present.

The Bible Speaks to You || Tuesdays 7-8:00 p.m. || Bring your questions about the Bible to Rev. Harry Cahill's Zoom discussion of this classic by Robert McAfee. Please register via website, a few spots still available

Intergenerational Garden Work Day || May 21st 9:30 – 11:30 a.m. || All ages are invited to help in TPC's garden; bring your tools (or we can provide some for you) and be ready to have fun together and play in the dirt

ACTC Pack || Sunday May 22nd 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. || Join us to help create walker-bags for Towson friends in need (stay for as long as you can, all help is appreciated).

Pentecost Celebration || June 5th 10:00 a.m. service and immediately following || Celebrate the Holy Spirit descending in a rush of wind and flame upon the early church! Please bring red, orange, and yellow food (to represent flames) to share in Thompson Hall. During the service we will also honor our high school seniors, church school teachers, and it will also be Pastor Rob's final Sunday before his sabbatical.

TPC This Week

Sunday, May 15

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| 9:15 a.m. | Virtual Church School |
| 10:00 a.m. | Worship Service – Sanctuary and Virtual |
| 10:15 a.m. | In-Person Church School – Education Wing |
| 11:00 a.m. | Coffee Hour – Thompson Hall |
| 11:20 a.m. | Cherub Choir & Children's Choir (last one) |
| 2:00 p.m. | Amy Lyman Memorial Service – Sanctuary |
| 4:00–6:00 p.m. | Youth Group at TPC (last one) |

Monday, May 16

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| 12:30 p.m. | Practicing a Spiritual Practice w/ Pastor Joel – Facebook Live |
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Tuesday, May 17

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| 10:30 a.m. | Staff Meeting – Library |
| 1:00 p.m. | Prayer Shawl |
| 7:00 p.m. | Mission Outreach Committee Meeting - Zoom |
| 7:00 p.m. | The Bible Speaks to You Book Study |
| 7:30 p.m. | Handbell Choir |

Wednesday, May 18

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| 10:00 a.m. | Mount Calvary AME Church Wednesday Meal |
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Thursday, May 19

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| 12:00 p.m. | TPP Ice Cream Social |
| 7:30 p.m. | Chancel Choir Rehearsal |

Saturday, May 21

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| 9:00 a.m. | Spring Walk |
| 9:30 a.m. | InterGenerational Garden workday |

Sunday, May 22

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| 10:00 a.m. | Worship Service – Sanctuary and Virtual |
| 10:15 a.m. | In-Person Church School – Education Wing |
| 11:00 a.m. | Coffee Hour – Thompson Hall |