

First Presbyterian Church

New Haven, Connecticut

5th Sunday of Easter

April 29, 2018

10:45 a.m.

PREPARING FOR THE WORD

Prelude *Reverie* William Harris

Introit *God Is Calling Through the Whisper* Polish Carol

Call to Worship

Let us pray: Creating God, because you make all that draws forth our praise and the forms in which to express it,

We praise you.

Because you make artists of us all, awakening courage to look again at what is taken for granted, grace to share these insights with others, vision to reveal the future already beginning,

We praise you.

Because you form your Word among us, and in your great work embrace all human experience, even death itself, inspiring our resurrection song,

We praise you.

Because you your love abides in us and us in you.

We praise you and give you thanks. Amen.

Come, let us worship God!

*Hymn 16 *O That I Had a Thousand Voices* O DASS ICH TAUSEND ZUNGEN HÄTTE

Call to Reconciliation

Silence is kept.

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, for the things we have done that we regret, forgive us.

For the things we have failed to do that we regret, forgive us.

For all the times we have acted without love, forgive us.

For all the times we have reacted without thought, forgive us.

For all the times we have withdrawn care, forgive us.

For all the times we have failed to forgive, forgive us.

For all the hurtful words said and unhelpful words unsaid, forgive us.

God of all time, forgive us and help us to live more faithfully among one another in your grace. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

..... full of grace, full of hope. Children of God, believe the good news:

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God!

*Song of Praise 240 *Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks* ALLELUIA NO.1

Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.

Jesus is Lord of all the earth.

He is the King of creation.

Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.

*The Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

(Before sitting, please greet those around you with words of Christ's peace.)

Words of Welcome

Please sign the black friendship pad and pass to others in your pew.
Children are welcome to participate in the Children in Worship program.

Minute for Mission

Response

Day of Delight Beauty Unbounded

IN DIR IST FREUDE

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*Affirmation of Faith

from Confession of 1967

God's sovereign love is a mystery beyond the reach of human mind. Human thought ascribes to God superlatives of power, wisdom, and goodness. But God reveals God's love in Jesus Christ by showing power in the form of a servant, wisdom in the folly of the cross, and goodness in receiving sinful humanity. The power of God's love in Christ to transform the world discloses that the Redeemer is the Lord and Creator who made all things to serve the purpose of God's love.

God has created the world of space and time to be the sphere of God's dealings with humanity. In its beauty and vastness, sublimity and awfulness, order and disorder, the world reflects to the eye of faith the majesty and mystery of its Creator.

Life is a gift to be received with gratitude, and a task to pursue with courage. Humanity is free to seek their life within the purpose of God: to develop and protect the resources of nature for the common welfare, to work for justice and peace in society, and in other ways to use their creative powers for the fulfillment of human life.

HEARING THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson

1 John 4: 7-21 (p. 241)

Hymn 611

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee
(Remain Seated)

Psalm 22

The Offering

Offertory Anthem

Love Is Come Again
Beth Aura Miller, solo

Smith

Second Lesson

John 15: 1-8 (p. 109)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*Doxology

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise God all creatures here below,
Praise God above, ye heavenly host,
Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

OLD HUNDREDTH

Sermon

Pruning for Healthy Growth

The Rev. J. C. Cadwallader

*Hymn 3

Womb of Life and Source of Being

RAQUEL

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

In the name and in the spirit of Jesus, we bring our gifts to you, O God. Help us to give them with a ready mind, a willing spirit, and a joyful heart. Amen.

The Prayers of the People
The Lord's Prayer

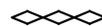
Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

*Hymn 450 *Be Thou My Vision* SLANE

*Benediction

Postlude *Prelude in G major BWV 542* J.S. Bach

*Those who prefer to do so may remain seated.



Welcome to the First Presbyterian Church of New Haven. We are glad you are here. We seek to be a warm and welcoming community of Christian people. If you are new to this congregation, please introduce yourself to others sitting around you, and to the pastor, so that we may welcome you personally. During the Words of Welcome, add your name to the Friendship Pad. Please plan to stay for the Friendship Hour following the service.

Participating in worship leadership this morning are:

Liturgist: Lauriann Burt
Ushers: Jim and Betty Whitney
Friendship Hour Hosts: Cressida Lui, Mary Webber

We welcome Henry Parkes as our guest music director today, while Pat McCreless is away. Henry is Assistant Professor of Music History in the Department of Music, the Institute of Sacred Music, and the Divinity School at Yale. A native of the UK, he came from Cambridge University to accept the position at Yale a few years ago. As a scholar he works on the plainchant of the medieval church, especially the earlier decades thereof.

Nursery care is provided each morning in the Owens Community Building nursery. Infants and children are also welcome in the service and encouraged to participate fully in worship. A rocking chair is available nearby in the Copeland Room, and bulletins for ages 3-6 and 7-12 are found at the entrance.

The Reverend J.C. Cadwallader may be reached at her email: PastorJC@fpcnh.org or the church phone (203) 562-5664. Mondays are her day off.

Sunday School for Children and Youth: Regular class programming will continue next Sunday.

Bible Study continues to meet Wednesdays at 2 p.m. The group will preview next Sunday's scripture readings. Contact Ralph Jones if you want to join: rcjmhs@gmail.com.

Walk Against Hunger, TODAY@1:00 p.m. – Lighthouse Park New Haven: Join Team First Presbyterian for a hunger free Connecticut! Your participation on the First Pres team will help us feed families who rely on the network of more than 650 local food-assistance programs served by the Connecticut Food Bank. If you want to walk with the group see Jane Hindenlang for further information. If you want to support Team First Presbyterian or a walker, just go to www.ctfoodbank.org/walk and click on *Support a Team* or *Walker*. Search for Team First Presbyterian and click on the team name.

Potluck Lunch Next Sunday, May 6th. Come celebrate Cinco de Mayo on Seis de Mayo! (May 6) Bring a Mexican inspired dish to share if you wish. This month, we are trying out a Presbytery inspired "Open Space" idea. Do you have an idea/passion/concern that you'd like to discuss with friends around the table? We are asking for some suggestions to be sent to us in advance. We will assign each table with a topic, and you choose where you'd like to sit! Please send your topic ideas to the church office, or to Mary Webber or Sue Balakrishnan.

CT Folk Concert this Friday, May 4th @ 7:30 p.m.: The May folk Concert will be a Tribute to Joan and Joni (Joan Baez and Joni Mitchell); featuring Washington DC area singer songwriters Kipyn Martin and Allison Shapira. First Pres receives 10 complimentary tickets; email the church office if you'd like to claim one!

Save the Date May 12th, 9 a.m.-noon: Plant, trim, rake, clean, and care for our property. New this year will be planting in a couple of new beds, as we make our property more environmentally supportive and beautiful. Besides this, there will be the familiar tasks of spring, outside and inside. And if you have an idea of what needs doing or a question, be in touch with Arthur Shippee.

Food Donations for Needy: Pick up an extra item at the grocery store to help fill the green wheelbarrow in the Copeland Room. At the end of each month the food is delivered to Christian Community Action's emergency food pantry. These are the items most in demand at CCA's food pantry: Top: white (not brown) rice, cereal, canned fruit (fresh fruit on last Sunday of the month), peanut butter and jams/jellies. Secondary: macaroni & cheese, pasta (not whole wheat), tomato sauces, canned/dry beans, ground/instant coffee, sugar, oils for cooking, cake mixes. Note that they do NOT need canned *green* vegetables.

Decluttering? Too much stuff? Moving? First Pres folks are invited to a presentation on Tuesday, May 8, 2:30 p.m. in our Miller Gathering Hall. HomeHaven, a support community for those wishing to age in their homes, is holding a program offering tips for decluttering; determining what to save, and where to get rid of no longer needed possessions.

Earth Day Building a Garden - Caring for Creation: As God's beloved children, we are called to care for the earth and all the creatures within. As stewards of this particular land, the Mission and Property Committees are working together to identify native plants which support pollinators to plant around our property. And, we need your help! To mark April as Earth month, we encourage you to buy a plant in honor or in memory of someone or something you dearly love to be planted in the earth in May. The suggested offering for each plant will be \$5.

Fill out the form below and attach to a check made out to First Presbyterian Church. If you would like to email your order, please send the information below to the church office (firstpresbyterianchurch@gmail.com) and drop off a check no later than next Sunday.

And, if you are able, you are then invited to come on Saturday, May 12 to help plant our beloved garden.



I would like to place an order for the Care of Creation garden.

I would like _____ (# of plants at \$5/plant)

I would like it them to be:

In honor of _____

In memory of _____

MY NAME: _____



This Week

Sunday, April 29

9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal
10:45 a.m. Worship
12:00 p.m. Friendship Hour
1:00 p.m. Walk Against Hunger
5:30 p.m. Confirmation Dinner
5:30 p.m. Communications Committee
7:00 p.m. CLOC
7:00 p.m. Christian Education Committee
7:30 p.m. Sanctuary Coordinating Team
2:00 p.m. Bible Study
7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting
7:30 p.m. Folk Concert
9:30 a.m. Women's AA
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
9:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal
10:45 a.m. Worship & Communion
12:00 p.m. Potluck Lunch

Tuesday, May 1

Wednesday, May 2

Thursday, May 3

Friday, May 4

Saturday, May 5

Sunday, May 6

In nothing be anxious; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. (Philippians 4:6)

When you pray, offer prayers for ...

Our country and its leaders.

Church members and friends who seek God's healing grace, including Ken Haynam, at Benchmark Senior Living in Hamden.

Jeff Miller, David Miller's brother, who is recovering from surgery.

Kathy Milligan, who is in the hospital.

Gordon Ambach, who is recovering from a stroke.

Molly Myers, a friend of the Latham family.

Stuart Fritts, who is recovering from a fall.

Jean Struble, Joan Wells' sister-in-law, who is ill.

People who are homeless.

Those who mourn or are victims of gun violence.

The young people who seek change.

Nelson Pinos Gonzalez and Sujitno Sajuti, our immigrant neighbors who are in local sanctuary churches.

James Smit and Patrick Copeland, who are serving in the armed forces.

Those who are unable to worship with us on a regular basis.

Prayers for other people and situations in need of our supplications.

The Session of First Presbyterian Church

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| Class of 2018 | John Dinkler Robert Williams | Phillip Phiri |
| Class of 2019 | Lucy Ambach Fiona Scott Morton | Rona Johnston Mary Porterfield |
| Class of 2020 | Sue Balakrishnan Jennifer Herbst | Jennifer Ballew Timothy McConnell |
| Clerk | Tim McCloskey | |
| Treasurer | Mike Spicer | |

First Presbyterian Church of New Haven is a More Light Congregation and part of Presbyterian Promise. Both organizations are dedicated to the full inclusion of lesbian, gay, transgender, bisexual and questioning individuals.

The Staff of First Presbyterian Church

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| Pastor: | The Reverend J. C. Cadwallader |
| Music Director: | Patrick McCreless |
| Church Administrator: | Martha Smith |
| Christian Educator: | Kimberley Fais |
| Nursery Care Provider: | Emily Landino |

The church office welcomes your announcements and prayer requests for the bulletin. Please send the copy to firstpresbyterianchurch@gmail.com by Tuesday before noon to be included in the Sunday Bulletin.

Please remember that parking is available at the Hooker School on Sunday mornings when lawn or street parking is unavailable.

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