



First Presbyterian Church

New Haven, Connecticut

6th Sunday of Easter

May 6, 2018

10:45 a.m.

PREPARING FOR THE WORD

Prelude *Larghetto* Bassani

Introit *Go-Between God* Damon

Call to Worship

We come to worship God in our need,
Bringing with us the needs of the world.

We come to God, who comes to us in Jesus,
And who knows by experience what human life is like.

We come with our faith and with our doubts;
We come with our hopes and with our fears.

We come as we are because it is God who invites us to come,
And God has promised to never turn us away. Come, let us worship God!

*Hymn 393 *O Day of Rest and Gladness* ES FLOG EIN KLEINS WALDVÖGELEIN

Call to Reconciliation
Silence is kept.

Prayer of Confession
Loving God, we confess before you and each other that our lives are not pure and holy.
Too often, Christ in us is hidden by our actions that wound rather than heal, that tear down rather than build up.

Open our eyes,
That we may see you in the ones we say we love.

Open our ears,
That we may be quicker to listen than to speak.

Open our mouths,
That we speak good rather than evil of our neighbors.

Open our hands
In generosity and help us to let go of clenched fists.

Open our hearts,
To a desire to follow Jesus in full obedience to the commandment to love one another as Christ loves us.

We pray trusting in your Holy Spirit to lead and guide us in paths of justice and righteousness for your name's sake.
Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness
..... God is with us even now, embracing, guiding and forgiving. 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.**

**Come let us praise the living God,
Joyfully sing to our Savior.**

**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.

Response

Day of Delight Beauty Unbounded

IN DIR IST FREUDE

HEARING THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson

1 John 5:1-6 (p. 241)

Psalm

Psalm 98

Second Lesson

John 15: 9-17 (pp. 109-110)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Love One Another

The Rev. J. C. Cadwallader

*Hymn 693

Though I May Speak

GIFT OF LOVE

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*Affirmation of Faith

from A Brief Statement of Faith

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one true God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The Offering

Offertory Anthem

See, I Make All Things New

Fedak

*Doxology

OLD HUNDREDTH

**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.**

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

God of every good gift, our gifts are not always good, and they are always imperfect. Still, we offer these efforts with boldness, trusting these gifts will show your love to people throughout the world in Jesus' name. Amen.

*Communion Hymn 515

I Come with Joy

DOVE OF PEACE

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

The Invitation

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you!

And also with you!

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

... Great is the mystery of faith:

Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord, God of pow-er and might, Heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry, Ho
 san-na in the high-est! Bless-ed is the one who comes, who comes in the name of the
 Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est, Ho-san-na in the high-est!

The prayer continues ...

... Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died,

Christ is risen,

Christ will come again.

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.

The Words of Institution

The Communion of the People

In serving one another, hold the tray for the person sitting beside you.

Hold the bread until all are served and drink from your cup when you receive it.

Please do not return the empty cup to the tray.

(Gluten free bread is in the cup found on the plate with the bread.)

Prayer after Communion

*Hymn 317

In Christ There Is No East or West

MCKEE

*Benediction

Postlude

Rigaudon

Campra

*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: Paul Turner

Communion Servers: Bruce Peabody, Martha Smith, Beth Aura Miller, Jean McCloskey, Tim McCloskey, and Dick Hasbany.

Cantor: Arthur Shippee

Ushers: Dick Hasbany, Paula Burkhard

Flowers: Given by Kathy Milligan, in memory of Kitty Lee and in honor of all mothers and grandmothers.

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.

Potluck Lunch TODAY: Celebrate Cinco de Mayo on Seis de Mayo! (May 6) We'll share Mexican inspired and other dishes. 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 will assign each table with a topic, and you choose where you'd like to sit!

Next Saturday, 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, ashippee@snet.net.

Adult Ed Next Sunday, May 13 @ 9:30 a.m. – The second of a two-week series presented by Andrew McCloskey, who will speak about his life and work as a Peace Corps Volunteer in Mozambique. This will be the final Adult Ed class for the season.

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 previews the upcoming Sunday's scripture readings. Contact Ralph Jones if you want to join: rcjmhs@gmail.com.

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 this 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.

Save the Date, Wednesday, May 23rd@7:00 p.m.: Mendelssohn's oratorio *Elijah* will be performed by members of our choir, along with friends from the choirs of Bethesda Lutheran Church, the United Church on the Green, and the Church of the Redeemer and a full orchestra. The performance will be at Bethesda Lutheran Church, located just down the street at 450 Whitney Avenue.

Graduating? If you are graduating this year from high school, college or university – or have a family member who is graduating, please make sure the office knows, so the church family can rejoice with you.

Volunteers needed! If you've never volunteered, signing up to be a Friendship Hour Host or Usher are a great way to meet a few new people at church. There are new sign-up sheets with opportunities to help through the beginning of the summer.

Weekly Update on Becoming a Sanctuary Church

As we explore becoming a sanctuary church, it is important for us to learn *how* to care for our neighbors. Our friends with the Presbyterian Peace Fellowship have graciously offered to provide trainings for us to help us explore and equip us for the work of sanctuary.

Four training sessions have been scheduled - May 8, 12, 20, 22. To participate in the work of sanctuary, you only need to attend one of them. If you would like to attend more than one just to hear the information repeated, you are more than welcome to attend more, but only one is required.

Visit <https://goo.gl/forms/ZREqfav40QE1frmk2> to register for an upcoming training session or complete the form below and place in the offering plate.

Name: _____

Email: _____

I will attend the training on the following date:
(pick one)

- Tuesday, May 8, 7:00-9:00 p.m.
- Saturday, May 12, 12:30-2:30 p.m.
- Sunday, May 20, 12:30-2:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, May 22, 7:00-9:00 p.m.

This Week

Sunday, May 6	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 8	2:30 p.m.	Decluttering/HomeHaven
	6:30 p.m.	Worship Committee
	7:00 p.m.	Sanctuary Church Training
	7:15 p.m.	Mission Committee
Wednesday, May 9	2:00 p.m.	Bible Study
	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal at Bethesda
Saturday, May 12	9:00 a.m.	Church Garden Day
	9:30 a.m.	Women's AA
	12:30 p.m.	Sanctuary Church Training
Sunday, May 13	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
	9:30 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	10:45 a.m.	Worship
	12:00 p.m.	Friendship Hour

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 resting at home.

Louisa Cunningham, a friend of Caty Poole, who is ill.

Molly Myers, a friend of the Latham family.

Stuart Fritts, who is recovering at home.

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

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

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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