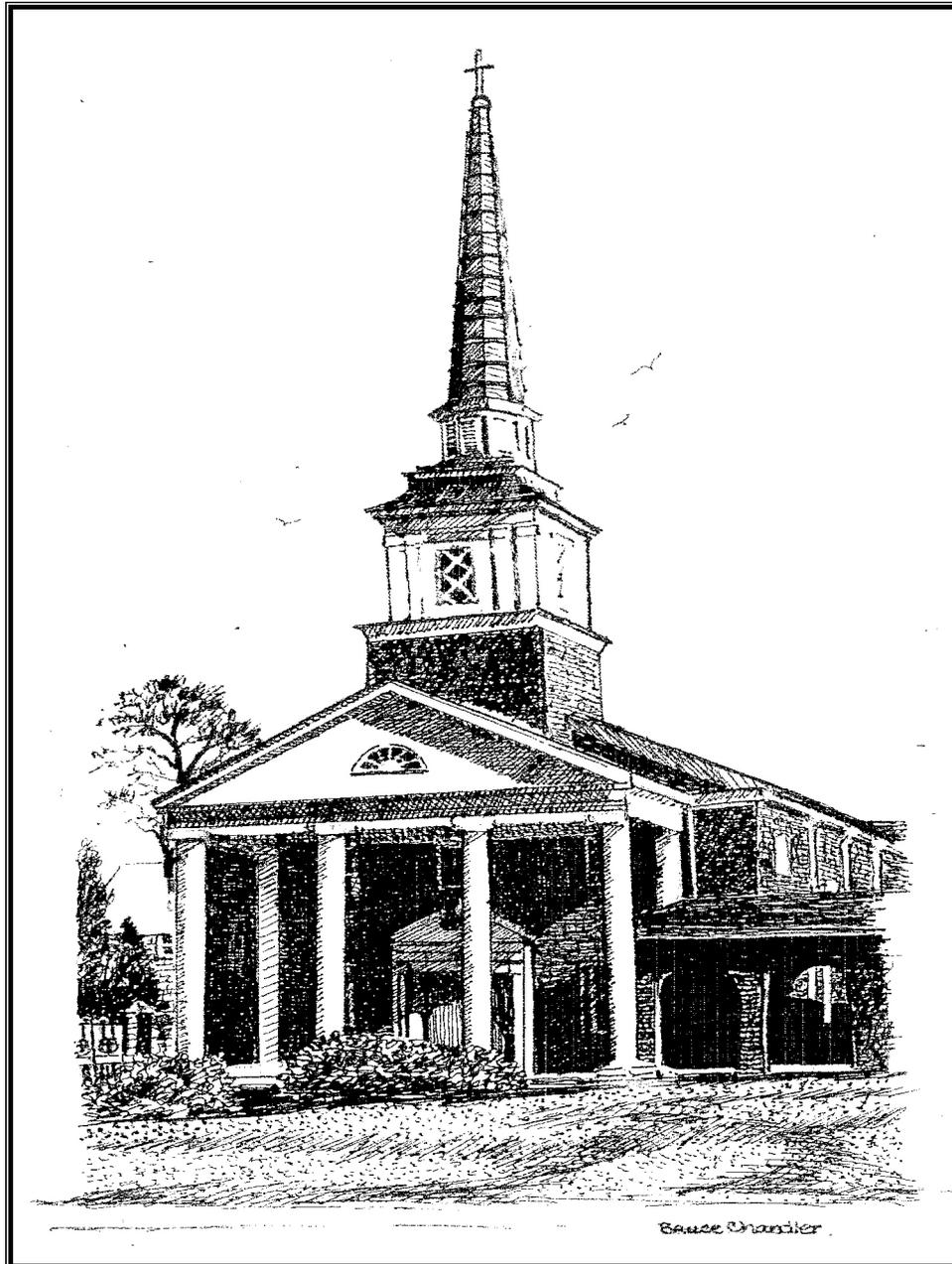


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ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 17, 2020



GATHERING BEFORE GOD

PRELUDE

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing
from Repository of Sacred Music, Part Two

*Arr. Albin C. Whitworth
John Wyeth, 1813*

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP *(from Psalm 66)*

Come and hear, all you who fear God, and I will tell you what he has done for me. I cried aloud to him and he was extolled with my tongue. If I had cherished iniquity in my heart, the Lord would not have listened. But truly God has listened; he has given heed to the words of my prayer. Blessed be God, because he has not rejected my prayer or removed his steadfast love from me.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN

Hymn 269

Lead On, O King Eternal

LANCASHIRE

**Lead on, O King eternal! The day of march has come;
henceforth in fields of conquest your tents shall be our home.
through days of preparation your grace has made us strong,
and now, O King eternal, we lift our battle song.**

**Lead on, O King eternal, till sin's fierce war shall cease,
And holiness shall whisper the sweet amen of peace;
For not with swords' loud clashing, nor roll of stirring drums;
With deeds of love and mercy the heavenly kingdom comes.**

**Lead on, O King eternal: we follow, not with fears,
For gladness breaks like morning where'er your face appears;
Your cross is lifted o'er us' we journey in its light.
the crown awaits the conquest; lead on, O God of might!**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, you have shown to us your constant faithfulness and steadfast love in countless ways. You have called us to walk with you and trust you with our lives, but we have created for ourselves gods that cannot satisfy our deepest needs. We have looked for easy answers and quick comforts. We have chosen to follow far too many hollow promises, when you are the way, the truth and the life. We pray that you will forgive our sins, correct our short sightedness and help us to trust you, your will and your word today and every day. Amen

Silent Confession

Declaration of Forgiveness

In Jesus Christ, God shows us his great mercy and grace. When we confess our sins, God is faithful to forgive. Christ has risen and set us free. Thanks be to God.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

SHARING THE FAITH WITH THE CHILDREN

Marcy Carl

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 24:44-53

Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you — that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high." Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

MUSICAL MEDITATION

Sweet Hour of Prayer

William Walford, 1845

Arr. M.L. Norris

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 1:1-11

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now." So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

“Absence”

APOSTLES' CREED (*Traditional version, page 35 in Glory to God, the Presbyterian Hymnal*)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYER FOR OURSELVES AND OTHERS

SENDING OUT TO SERVE

DISMISSAL

The Vision of Georgetown Presbyterian Church

Georgetown Presbyterian Church is a community of faith bound and driven by the love of Jesus Christ, called to nurture discipleship and share Christ's love with all people.

The Mission of Georgetown Presbyterian Church

In order to fulfill our vision faithfully, we must do the following:

- *Foster a vibrant community of faith that shares God's grace with all generations through uplifting worship and music, meaningful fellowship, and mutual care for one another;*
- *Challenge each other to grow in commitment and involvement by providing wide-ranging opportunities for spiritual growth;*

Reach out beyond our doors by serving and providing resources to all God's people in an ever-changing

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

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Marcy Carl, Director Child Development Center

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