

SERVICE OF DIVINE WORSHIP

7th Sunday of Easter
May 12, 2024
9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

*Time for quiet prayer and meditation . . .
"Be still and know that I am God."*

We Come Before God in Worship

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude "A Mighty Fortress" arr. Boud

* Call to Worship

L: Blessed is the one whose help is the God of Jacob,
whose hope is in the Lord his God,
P: **Who made heaven and earth,
the sea, and all that is in them,
who keeps faith forever.**

(Psalm 146:5-6)

* Hymn "For the Beauty of the Earth" No. 14

* Prayer of Confession (Unison)

**Holy and merciful God,
in your presence we confess
our failure to be what you created us to be.
You alone know how often we have sinned
in wanderings from your ways,
in wasting your gifts,
in forgetting your love.
By your loving mercy,
help us to live in your light
and abide in your ways;
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

* Assurance of Pardon

* Gloria Patri No. 581

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.**

Sacrament of Baptism (11:00 a.m.)

Prayer for Children
(Ages K3-K5 may leave for Children's Church)

**Little ones to Him belong:
Lord Jesus, bless our children. Amen.**

God Gives to Us Through His Word

Anthem (11:00 a.m.) "God Is Our Refuge and Strength" arr. Pote
Adult Choir

Scripture Lesson Acts 12:1-24

Sermon The Acts of the Apostles Dr. Seel
XV. Herod Persecutes the Church

We Respond to God's Word

* Hymn "God Is Our Refuge and Our Strength" No. 329

* Apostles' Creed

**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.**

Call to Prayer (11:00 a.m.) "Come and Find the Quiet Center"
Adult Choir Murray

Prayers of the People and 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.**

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory "Amazing Grace" arr. LaRowe

* Doxology and Prayer of Dedication No. 606

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

* Hymn "Go, My Children, with My Blessing" No. 547

* Charge and Benediction

* Benediction Response "Make Us Holy, Make Us Whole"

*In your love, make us whole. May we rest in your compassion.
Calm the lost, weary soul in the warmth of your love.
May your peace fill our hearts. May we know the love of Jesus
By your grace, you console. Make us holy, make us whole.*

* Postlude "Classical Postlude" Haydn

* Congregation Stands

A Prayer for Mother's Day

God of heaven and earth,
We feel it in our bodies and souls.
We know this to be true:
Mothers are essential.

Soft and strong,
With open arms and hearts,
We thank You for the array of
Women who are nurturing our world
In all their varied ways,
Cultivating peace
Through their mothering spirits.

We thank You for the women who raised us,
For the women who taught us
How to love boldly
And stand courageously.
We thank You for the women who showed us
How to care for others
And how to care for ourselves, too.

Holy God,
Bless, guide, and sustain all who do this holy work.
Amen.

Adapted from, "To Light Their Way", Kayla Craig

**Please write your
request, tear off this
form, fold, and place in
the offering plate.**

PRAYER REQUESTS

The Tuesday Morning Prayer
Group meets each week at
10:00 a.m. to pray for the
EPC family and any other
special needs.

Name and date: (optional)

(These are kept confidential!)

**WELCOME TO
VISITORS**

If you are visiting today,
we would like you to know
that it is a privilege to have
you with us. It is our hope
that you will find a warm
welcome and an atmosphere
to worship God.

We would love a record of
your visit. Please fill out the
following and place in the
offering plate when passed.

Name

Address

Phone Number

Email Address

1st Time Visit

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Trustees

David Whittemore	Jack Brock	Dexter Rogers
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NURSERY STAFF

Valerie Brock, Katie Guthrie, & Sophie Wilson

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

<u>9:00 a.m.</u>	<u>11:00 a.m.</u>
Ginna Lister	April DuBose

SAFE PLACE MONITOR

David Owen

MAY USHERS

<u>9:00 a.m.</u>	<u>11:00 a.m.</u>
David Owen, Head Stephen Roach, Asst.	Eric Goodwin, Head David Owen, Asst.

SOUND & LIGHT

Larry Keese

VIDEO

Phil Lyles

MEMBER NEWS

The Sacrament of Baptism is being administered today during the 11:00 a.m. service to Quinn Smith. She is the daughter of Maria and Isaac Smith. The assisting Elder will be Chris Robinson.

We welcome our new members - Sarah Lutz and Macee Nunnery who joined on May 5, 2024.

The known hospitalizations this week were Barbara Gutwein and Charlie McMillen.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

The flowers today are given to the glory of God and in honor of Ms. Ellen Young, Ms. Pat Cook and Ms. Chari Young in observance of Mother's Day. Given by Arlo, Paul, and Mills Young.

NEW INFORMATION???

Do you have a new phone number? New email address? Any changes in your family's information?

To help keep the church's records current, please fill out the form below and return it in the offering plate, call us at 859-4220, or E-mail the office: dicie@easleypresbyterian.org.

Name: _____

New Information: _____

Thank You!

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