6th Sunday of Easter May 9, 2021

<u>Gathering</u> God invites us to enter His presence

Prelude

Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus When Morning Guilds the Skies (Fairview Bell Choir) Lemmel

Welcome & Announcements

Preparation for Worship (*Time for Silent Preparation*)

Call to Worship

Bonnie Mecaughey

Come, let us bow down in worship, **let us kneel before the LORD our Maker;** for he is our God **and we are the people of his pasture, the flock under his care.** Let us worship the Triune God.

Invocation

Bonnie Mecaughey

Loving God, we have gathered to meet you. We have come to listen to you, to seek you, to worship you. You are the beginning of all things, the life of all things; you knew us before we were born. In you we become; in you we live. Loving God, you are here and everywhere, around us and within us; you know our inmost thoughts. In you we hope; in you we live. You are the source of serenity, giving peace that is beyond our understanding. In you we are still; in you we live. Loving God, we live in you; we worship you. Loving God, you live in us; we worship you. **Amen.**

🖞 Hymn

10,000 Reasons

(Chorus) Bless the Lord O my soul O my soul Worship His holy name Sing like never before O my soul I'll worship Your holy name The sun comes up it's a new day dawning It's time to sing Your song again Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me Let me be singing when the evening comes

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger Your name is great and Your heart is kind For all Your goodness I will keep on singing Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find

And on that day when my strength is failing The end draws near and my time has come Still my soul will sing Your praise unending Ten thousand years and then forevermore

(Ending) Worship Your holy name Lord I'll worship Your holy name

<u>Confessing</u> God invites us to be honest with Him

Prayer of Confession

Bonnie Mecuaghey

(Responsively)

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;
according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.
Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.
For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.
Against you, you alone, have I sinned, and done what is evil in your sight, so that you are justified in your sentence and blameless when you pass judgment.
You desire truth in the inward being; therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.
Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.
Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.
Do not cast me from your presence, and do not take your holy spirit from me.

Time for Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Bonnie Mecaughey

The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. He will not always accuse, nor will he keep his anger forever. He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far he removes our transgressions from us. As a father has compassion for his children, so the LORD has compassion for those who fear him.

Leader: This is the Promise of the Lord **All:** Thanks be to God!

Gloria Patri

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. A-men, A-men.

Ordination & Installation of Church Officers

Introductions

Steve Chambers - Trustee

(Please remain in your pew & stand when your name is read)

Installation Questions to Steve Chambers on being installed as a Trustee

Do you now reaffirm the vows you took upon your Ordination and do you recommit yourself to them in discharge of your obligation? Do you?

Have you been induced, as far as you know your own heart, to accept this office from love of God and sincere desire to promote His glory in the Gospel of His Son? Have you?

Do you promise to be zealous and faithful in promoting the truths of the Gospel and the purity and peace of the church, whatever persecution or opposition may arise to you on that account? Do you?

Will you seek to be faithful and diligent in the exercise of all your duties as an officer, whether personal or relative, private or public; and to endeavor by the grace of God to adorn the profession of the Gospel in your manner of life, and to walk with exemplary piety before this congregation of which God will make you an officer? Will you? Are you now willing to take responsibility in the life of this Congregation respectively as a Trustee and will you seek to discharge your duties, relying upon the grace of God, in such a way that the entire Church of Jesus Christ will be blessed? Will you?

Question to the Congregation

Do you, the members of this congregation, receive this person as a Trustee, and do you continue your promise to yield him and all your officers all that honor, encouragement, and obedience in the Lord to which the ordination or installation as an officer entitles him, according to the word of God and the Constitution of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church? Do you?

Prayer of Ordination

"Sovereign Lord, we ask You now that You anoint these Your servants for the work that You are calling them to do. Give them the full measure of your Spirit so that they may become fully equipped. Give them the wisdom to lean on You and Your Word for advice. Give them the courage to face the trials that will come their way. May Your presence abide, Your grace sustain and Your love keep them now and forever. Amen.

Declaration

I charge you based on the answers given to remain faithful to your call. Remember, God does not take the answers given lightly. May God be your guide and your help.

<u>Offering</u> Thankful of the gifts God has given us, we offer ourselves to Him

Invitation	Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; bring an offering, and come into his courts. Worship the LORD in holy splendor; tremble before him, all the earth.
Offering	*Please place your offerings in the plate in the back of the church on your way out
Offertory	Abide with Me Fairview Bell Choir

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. A-men.

Prayer of Dedication

Blessed are you, God of all creation; through your goodness we have these gifts to share. Accept and use our offerings for your glory and for the service of your kingdom. Blessed be God forever. Amen.

Y Hymn 468 The King of Love My Shepherd Is

The King of love my Shepherd is, Whose goodness faileth never; I nothing lack if I am His and He is mine forever.

Where streams of living water flow My ransomed soul He leadeth, And where the verdant pastures grow With food celestial feedeth.

Perverse and foolish oft I strayed, But yet in love He sought me, And on His shoulder gently laid, And home rejoicing bro't me.

In death's dark vale I fear no ill with Thee, Dear Lord, beside me; Thy rod and staff my comfort still, Thy cross before to guide me.

And so thru all the length of days Thy goodness faileth never: Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise Within Thy house forever. A-men.

Proclaiming God speaks to us through His Word

Scripture Reading

Matthew 6:5-13 Revelations 21:1-4

⁵ "And when you pray, you must not be like the hypocrites. For they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, that they may be seen by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. ⁶ But when you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

⁷ "And when you pray, do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do, for they think that they will be heard for their many words. ⁸ Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him. ⁹ Pray then like this:

"Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.
¹⁰ Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
¹¹ Give us this day our daily bread,
¹² and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.
¹³ And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

21 Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ² And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³ And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. ⁴ He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away."

Sermon

"Thy Kingdom Come" Rev. Tim Latham

Responding We respond to God's Word

Y Hymn 231

Jesus Shall Reign

Jesus shall reign where e'er the sun Does His successive journeys run; His kingdom spread from shore to shore, Till moons shall wax and wane no more.

To Him shall endless prayer be made, And endless praises crown His head; His name like sweet perfume shall rise With ev'ry morning sacrifice.

People and realms of ev'ry tongue Dwell on His love with sweetest song; And infant voices shall proclaim Their early blessings on His name.

Let ev'ry creature rise and bring His grateful honors to our King; Angels descend with songs again, And earth repeat the loud "A-men!"

Profession of Faith

Leader: Let us now profess our faith along with the saints through the ages.

People: We believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only Son of God. begotten from the Father before all ages, God from God, Light from Light. true God from true God, begotten, not made; of the same essence as the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; he became incarnate by the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and was made human. He was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried. The third day he rose again, according to the Scriptures. He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again with glory to judge the living and the dead. His kingdom will never end.

> And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life. He proceeds from the Father and the Son, and with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified. He spoke through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We affirm one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look forward to the resurrection of the dead, and to life in the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People

<u>Commissioning</u> God sends us out into the world as His witnesses

Hymn 552

On Jordan's Stormy Banks

On Jordan's stormy banks I stand, and cast a wishful eye To Canaan's fair and happy land, Where my possessions lie. Refrain I am bound for the promised land, I am bound for the promised land; O who will come and go with me? I am bound for the promised land.

All o'er those wide extended plains shines one eternal day; There God the Son forever reigns and scatters night away. Refrain.

No chilling winds nor pois'nous breath can reach that healthful shore; Sickness and sorrow, pain and death are felt and feared nor more. Refrain.

When shall I reach that happy place, and be forever blest? When shall I see my Father's face, and in His bosom rest? Refrain.

Benediction & Blessing

Postlude

Sing and Rejoice Greatly

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