

The Order for the Worship of God

4th Sunday of Easter

May 7, 2017

Eleven o'clock a.m.

The Service of Preparation

Silent Preparation

O, how He loves you and me.

O, how he loves you and me;

He gave His life, what more could He give?

O, how He loves you; O how He loves me;

O, how he loves you and me!

Welcome, Announcements, and Greeting

The Prelude

The Choral Introit "I Come To The Cross" (Gal. 6:14) Somma/Gladstone

✦ The Call to Worship (from Psalm 25)

Leader: In you, Lord our God, we put our trust. No one who hopes in you will ever be put to shame.

People: Show us your ways, Lord, teach us your paths. Guide us in your truth and teach us, for you are God our Savior, and our hope is in you all day long.

Leader: Good and upright is the Lord; He guides the humble in what is right and teaches them his way. All the ways of the Lord are loving and faithful toward those who keep the demands of his covenant. Come, let us worship our God!

✦ The Hymn of Adoration..... No. 64
All Creatures of Our God and King (vv. 1, 2, 5)

✦ The Declaration of Faith The 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.*

The Prayers of Adoration and Thanksgiving

The Prayers of Silent Confession and Repentance

The Assurance of Forgiveness

✦ The Gloria Patri No. 622

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. Amen.

The Response to God's Work in Our Lives

The Presentation of our Tithes and Offerings

The Offertory

✦ Doxology No. 625

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.

✦ The Prayer of Dedication

The Ministry of the Word

The Scripture Reading I Peter 2:18-25
(p. 1015 in pew Bible)

The Anthem "How Beautiful" Paris/Harlan

How beautiful the hands that served
the wine and the bread and the sons of the earth.
How beautiful the feet that walked
the long dusty roads and the hill to the cross.

How beautiful is the body of Christ.

How beautiful the heart that bled,
that took all my sin and bore it instead.
How beautiful the tender eyes
that chose to forgive and never despise.

How beautiful is the body of Christ.

See, from His head, His hands, His feet,
sorrow and love flow mingled down.
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
or thorns compose so rich a crown?

How beautiful the feet that bring
the sound of good news and the love of the King.
How beautiful the hands that serve
the wine and the bread and the sons of the earth.

How beautiful is the body of Christ.

The Sermon *"Loving Jesus: The Suffering Servant"* Rev. King

✦ The Hymn of Preparation No. **206**
There Is a Redeemer

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

The Invitation

The Prayer of Blessing

The Lord's Prayer No. 426 (sung in unison)

The Words of Institution

The Sharing of the Bread and the Cup

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

✦ The Hymn of Dedication..... No. **513**
O, How He Loves You and Me

✦ The Benediction

✦ Congregational Response #105 (chorus) *He Is Lord*
He is Lord, He is Lord! He has risen from the dead and He is Lord!
Ev-'ry knee shall bow, ev-'ry tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord.

Postlude

✦ Please stand if you are able

Elder/Reader – Morgan Owens
Acolyte – Sierra Willis

The flowers at the pulpit today are presented to the glory of God by Mally & Eppie Jones in honor of the birthday of their daughter, Jennifer.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

- Sun. 05/07** Sunday school, 9:30 a.m.
First Baptist Church-HS/College Class, 10:00-10:50 a.m.
Worship Service & Lord's Supper, 11:00 a.m.
Fellowship Hour, 12:00 noon
- Tues. 05/09** Women's Services, 5:45-7:30 p.m.
- Wed. 05/10** *Salem Area Ministerium Meeting at FPCS, 9:00 a.m.*
Prayer Group, 9:30 a.m.
Pastor's Bible Study, 6:30 p.m.
Choir, 7:30 p.m.

*Today's loose offerings are dedicated to the
Deacons Helping Hand Fund*

Flower Sponsors Needed May 21st & 28th

If anyone is interested, please see Betty Simpkins or call the church office at 935-2148. The cost is \$15.00. Clearly mark your check "Flowers" and place in with the regular offering.

Fundraiser for 2017 Salem ASP Teams

It's that time again to "Make a Change!" Loose change collection for ASP can be given to Lindsey, Elise, Morgan, Sierra, Kym, Reid or Beth. Thank you!!

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH - WEBSITE

Our website is still under construction but you can access it now by going to <http://fpcsnj.com/>

Mother's Day Breakfast!



On Sunday morning, May 14th, the men of First Presbyterian Church will prepare and serve breakfast for all the women of the church from 8:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. in celebration of Mother's Day. If any men would like to volunteer to help in the kitchen, please see Reid Willis.

SERMONS FOR THE SUNDAYS OF EASTER

May 14, "Loving Jesus: The Master Builder", I Peter 2:1-10
May 21, "Loving Jesus: Even If It Isn't Fair", I Peter 3:13-22
May 28, Ascension Sunday, "Loving Jesus: Glory Is Coming!", I Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11
June 4, Pentecost Sunday, "On All the Lord's People", Numbers 11:24-30
June 11, Trinity Sunday, "Distinctive Blessings", II Corinthians 13:11-14

COFFEE HOUR SIGN-UP SHEET IS ON THE TABLE IN THE ANNEX FOR VOLUNTEERS TO BRING FOOD FOR COFFEE HOUR ON SUNDAYS.

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION

Drop off your box tops in the container located in the church kitchen labelled "Trinity Preparatory School".

THANK YOU!!

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR MISSIONARIES:

Ellie Hall - Wycliffe Bible Translator in Thailand
Revs. Dwayne & Janet Doyle - Interserve USA-Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan
Trinity Preparatory School - Matt & Chanda Williams

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR BROTHERS & SISTERS IN CHRIST

Victory Fellowship Church Salem NJ

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR COUNTRY'S LEADERS & THOSE IN THE MILITARY:

Mark Lindle... U.S. Navy

James Morrison... U.S. Air Force

Jamie Spears... U.S. Navy

Andrew Spears... Delaware Air National Guard

Matthew Kemm, M.D... U.S. Army Medical Corps

Austin Brown... U.S. Air Force



PLEASE PRAY FOR:

First Presbyterian Church of Salem, The pastoral search process is continuing. We have received from the PCUSA data base a number of resumes for our consideration. We are sorting them out now and taking special notice of those that might be a good fit for us. Don't stop praying for the committee, for our work and for us as individuals (Reid, Earl, Chris, Kym, Erin and Wendy) that we would appropriate God's wisdom for our task.

Harry Springer, Prayers for severe health issues. (*Friend of David Eastlack*)

Elvena Eastlack, Prayers for severe spinal stenosis. (*Sister-in-law of David & Sharon Eastlack*)

Connie DiArchangelo, Prayers for recent diagnosis of serious health issues. (*Mother of a friend of Reid Willis*)

Linda Stokes, Prayers for serious health issues. (*Friend of Erin Owens.*)

Terry Zieger's sister, Serious health problems.

Robert Parker, Health concerns. (*Friend of David Eastlack*)

Randi Gage, Praise for encouraging test results.

Brandon Bush, (*Friend of Reid Willis*)

Bob Hyatt, (*Friend of Reid Willis*)

Elizabeth Colucci, Prayers for health concerns. (*Carol Ives' niece*)

Torrey Reade, Prayers for serious health concerns. (*Friend of Noel Kemm*)

Rev. Jack & Martha Schilthuis, Prayers for health issues.

Alexander Fiorillo, Diagnosed with a spinal tumor. (*Joe's piano coach*)

Sarah Doyle, Continued prayers. (*Rev. Dwayne & Janet Doyle's daughter*)

Linda Grant, Prayers for serious health concerns and treatment.

(*Friend of the Warren/Owens Families*)

Sam Elliot, Continued prayers during cancer treatment.

(*Mother works at the Oak Diner in Salem*)

PLEASE PRAY FOR: (CONTINUED)

Steve Silagi, Prayers for health concerns and surgery.

(*Friend of Betty Simpkins*)

Gene Zieger's father, Prayers for chronic health issues.

Bernie Weber, Prayers for serious health concerns.

(*Friend of David & Sharon Eastlack*)

Bill Wilkinson, Receiving treatment for spinal tumor.

(*Friend of the Kings*)

Caroline Hickman, Prayers during cancer treatment.

(*14 year old daughter of a co-worker of Keith Campbell*)

Father Michael J. Doyle, Diagnosed with mouth cancer.

(*Parish Priest of Chris Davenport's coworker*)

Dawn Kimble, Prayers for health issues.

Terry Zieger, Prayers for health concerns.

Robert Pollack, Continued prayers. (*Steve Pollack's brother*)

Donna Bacon, Continued prayers for health issues.

Bob & Maureen McCook, Chronic health issues.

(*John King's sister & brother-in-law*)

Carol Lee, Diagnosed with cancer. (*Friend of Sharon Eastlack*)

Amy Ricketts, Continued prayers for health issues.

Galen & Sara Lenhart, Continued prayers. (*Beth Davenport's parents*)

Biba Kavass, Continued prayers. (*Friend of Beth Davenport*)



Sermon Notes

I. Loving Jesus: The Suffering Servant I Peter 2:18-25

A. Verses 21-25.

1. "He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed" (v. 24).
2. Peter has previously reminded us to be holy as God is holy. This is a dangerous path to take for ourselves and maybe even more difficult to offer as our prayer for those we love and care about in Christ.

B. An urgent eschatology.

1. This passage, as well as future passages in the letter, is written with the expectation that Jesus' return is imminent.
2. As he addresses servants and their relationships with their household masters, he is not concerned with any long-term issues, but, instead, is concerned that they, like him, reflect the grace of Christ, no matter what suffering they must endure ... Even if it's for doing good (v. 20)!
3. Verse 21 - "For to this you have been called."
4. Verse 21 - Christ left us an "example". The Greek word here is "hypogrammos" which was a tracing pattern for children. It is natural, then, that Peter should say, "so that you might follow in his steps."
 - a. As we follow in his steps, we, like him, "entrust ourselves to him (God in Christ) who judges justly" (v. 23).

C. James Boice, in his commentary on Paul's letter to the Philippians, comments on some of the values of suffering.

1. corrective - to get on the right path when we have gone astray.
2. sensitivity - to awaken us to the needs and feelings of other people.

3. instructive - to mold us into the image of Christ as we learn through the things we suffer.
4. For the sake of the gospel - this was the nature of Peter's suffering and imprisonment as well as of that of the other apostles and faithful servants of the church.

***BUT ... if these things are to be realized, we must allow suffering to bring us closer to the Lord ... IT CAN DO THE OPPOSITE.**

