



SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

First Presbyterian Church
Tallahassee, Florida

The Seventh Sunday of Easter
May 29, 2022



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Ascension - Fresco
c.1304

Congregational responses are in **bold print**.

GATHERING

Please observe silence at the ringing of the bell for reflection and centering. The congregation is invited to sing the hymns and service music with masks in place.

Call to Worship

Before and after,
First and last,
Alpha and Omega
The steadfast love of God endures forever.
Alleluia!

Voluntary

Prayer of Christ Ascending to His Father

Olivier Messiaen

*Prayer of the Day

O God, your Son, Jesus,
prayed for his disciples,
and sent them into the world
to proclaim the coming of your kingdom.
By your Holy Spirit,
hold the church in unity,
and keep it faithful to your Word,
so that, breaking bread together,
we may be one with Christ
In faith and love and service,
now and forever. **Amen.**

The inscription above the final movement of Messiaen's (1908-1992) *L'Ascension*, 1934: "Father . . . I have revealed Your name to humanity. . . Now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world and I come to you." (John 17:1, 6, 11)

*Hymn 262

Since Our Great High Priest, Christ Jesus

ALL SAINTS

*Prayer of Confession

Holy God, you have shown yourself to us in Jesus, perfect in every way, compassionate and kind, faithful and loving, gracious and hospitable. We stumble and fall as we seek to follow him, struggling to make his ways our ways. Our sins are real, and they are many. Forgive our failings and encourage us to start again.

The Prayer of Confession and Declaration of Forgiveness are offered from the baptismal font. We believe that baptism enacts and seals God's grace, offered freely to all people.

Silence is kept.

Kyrie Eleison means
"Lord, Have mercy."

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the composer.

***Kyrie Eleison**

John Weaver



***Gloria in Excelsis** *Bulletin p. 6, sung by all*

John Weaver

***The Peace**

The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
And also with you.

THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson

Acts 1:1-11

Psalm 47, No. 261

Peoples, Clap Your Hands!

GENEVAN 47

Second Lesson

Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21

*Gradual Hymn 630

Fairest Lord Jesus

CRUSADERS' HYMN

Gospel Reading

John 17:20-26

Sermon

*Affirmation of Faith: The Nicene Creed

Hymnal, Page 34 (front)

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being
with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for
our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit
and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was
crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds
from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son
is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge
one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection
of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

The reader offers a
phrase to mark the end
of each reading, such as,
The Word of the Lord, or
Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.
The assembly responds,
Thanks be to God.

The hymn sung
immediately before the
reading of the Gospel is
called the **Gradual**, or
Gradual Hymn, which
refers to the step
(Latin *gradus*) from which
it was chanted in
medieval church practice.

After the reading of the
Gospel the reader says,
The Gospel of the Lord.
The assembly responds,
**Praise be to you, O
Christ.**

The **Nicene Creed** is a
4th century statement of
faith shared by most
Christian denominations.

Welcome, Announcements, Friendship Register

Preschool Minute for Mission

Prayer Concerns and Prayers of the People

THE EUCHARIST

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Offertory

Anthem

The Ascension

Philip Moore

Lift up your heads, great gates, and sing, Now glory comes, and glory's king;
Now by your high, all golden way The fairer heaven comes home today.
Hark! now the gates are ope, And hear the tune of each triumphant sphere;
Where every angel as he sings Keeps time with his applauding wings.
And make heaven's loftiest roof rebound The echoes of the noble sound.

*Presentation Hymn 607

OLD HUNDREDTH

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise Christ all people here below,
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.**

*Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise . . .

Sanctus

John Weaver

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, bless - ed is he who

comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na

in the high - est.

Eucharist means
"Thanksgiving."

Text: Joseph Beaumont
(1616-1699)]

Music: Philip Moore (b.
1943)

At the **Presentation**,
the bread and wine are
brought forward for the
sacrament of Holy
Communion.

The **Great Prayer**
begins with an exchange
between the minister and
people, called the *Sursum
Corda*, meaning "hearts
lifted." This dialogue
dates to the 3rd century
or earlier.

Sanctus means "Holy."
This acclamation recalls
the angels' song in Isaiah
6:3.

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The **Memorial Acclamation** comes from the Liturgy of St. James, the oldest surviving liturgy of the Christian Church.

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Memorial Acclamation

John Weaver

Christ _____ has died, Christ _____ is _____
ris - en, Christ _____ will come _____ a - gain.

Amen

John Weaver

A - men, a - - men, a - - men.

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*The Lord's Prayer

Hymnal, p. 35 (front)

**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 Breaking of the Bread *seated*

The **Fraction Anthem** is sung in response to the breaking (fraction) of the bread.

All those who are hungry for the Bread of Life are welcome to receive the Lord's Supper.

Those worshipping online are welcome to bring their own elements and will be invited to partake.

Fraction Anthem

Christ Our Passover

Jeffrey Rickard

Congregational Refrain *f* Forcefully
Al - le - lu - ia! Christ our Pass - o -
- ver has been sac - ri - ficed for us; There - fore let us
keep the feast, Al - - le - lu - ia,
Al - - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!

Choir: Not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil,
but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth, Alleluia! **[R]**

Communion of the People

Hymn 508

Come to the Table

COME TO THE TABLE

*Post-Communion Prayer

**God Most High, we have lifted our hearts to you
in this joyful meal with our risen Lord.
Continue to sustain us with your power
and draw us into your presence
so that we may feast with you in glory
at the wedding of heaven and earth;
through Christ, who lives and reigns forever. Amen**

SENDING

*Blessing

*Hymn 543 God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me GREEN TYLER

*Charge

Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

*Voluntary NUN LOB, MEIN SEEL, BUXWV 214. Dieterich Buxtehude

Please approach the Table beginning with the choir, then balcony, then main floor at the usher's prompt. Partake of the bread and wine as you receive them from the elders and place your empty cup in the basket provided. The wine is non-alcoholic; gluten-free wafers are provided.

The elders will offer the sacrament to those sitting downstairs who wish to be served in the pews.

Buxtehude's (1637-1707) prelude on "Now Praise the Lord, My Soul"

SERVING IN THE LITURGY

<i>Presider and Preacher</i>	Glenn Hodges
<i>Reader</i>	Linda Smith
<i>Prayer Concerns</i>	Donna Barber
<i>Choir</i>	The Adult Choir
<i>Choir Director</i>	Timothy Hoekman
<i>Organist & Choirmaster</i>	Michael Corzine
<i>Video Team</i>	Teonna Glispy

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Children are welcome in this service as full members of God's family. Learning in Worship packets are in the narthex. Parents and children are invited to use whatever is useful in them. Child care for children under the age of kindergarten is in the Education Building. Parents and children are encouraged to sit downstairs toward the front so that children may participate fully in worship.

Restrooms are located in this building through the door at the end of each aisle. Please note that during worship the **Education Building** is locked. Please enter through the breezeway door.

An induction loop system is available in the sanctuary. To make use of this system, switch your hearing aid to the T—telephone mode. If you do not have a compatible hearing aid, a wireless receiver/headset is available from an usher.

Large print versions of the hymnal *Glory to God* and the Sunday Order of Service are available from the ushers.

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Gloria in Excelsis

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Soloist or Choir

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo - ple on

People

earth. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and

peace to God's peo-ple on earth. Lord God, heav'n-ly King, Al -

might-y God and Fa - ther, we wor-ship you, we -

give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.

Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,

Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the

sin of the world: have mer - cy on us.

You are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther:

re - ceive our prayer. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,

you a - lone are the Lord. You a - lone are the

Harmony *Unison*

Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly

Harmony **2**

Spir - it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther.