

Fifth Sunday
of Easter

First Presbyterian Church
Petaluma, CA | May 15, 2022

PRELUDE

Jane Shelly

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor John

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLES (at FPC and in your homes) Homer Johnstone

We light these candles to remind ourselves of God's presence,
not only in this place, but in all places. Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed!

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Alleluia! He is risen indeed!

PRAYER AND SILENT LISTENING TO GOD

Let us pray. Almighty and ever living God, in our worship this day,
send your Holy Spirit to stand with us, to be in us, to work through us
so that we might be strengthened for the tasks of discipleship set before
us. In this time of silence, we wait, and we listen, for you.

SONG

Be Thou My Vision

Be Thou my vision O Lord of my heart
Nought be all else to me Save that Thou art
Thou my best thought By day or by night
Waking or sleeping Thy presence my light

Be Thou my wisdom Be Thou my true Word
I ever with Thee And Thou with me Lord
Thou my great Father I Thy true son
Thou in me dwelling And I with Thee one
Riches I heed not Nor man's empty praise
Thou mine inheritance Now and always
Thou and Thou only First in my heart
High King of heaven My treasure Thou art
High King of heaven My victory won
May I reach heaven's joys O bright heaven's Sun
Heart of my own heart Whatever befall
Still be my vision O Ruler of all
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CONFESSION AND PARDON

Homer Johnstone

Trusting in the love of God to make all things new,
let us confess our sin to God and to our neighbor.

**God of mercy, your command to love one another
across all differences opens us to new horizons, yet
we often respond with fear and judgment that
hinders your goal for humanity. Forgive our sins,
we pray, and give us a true repentance that leads to
life for all creation.**

Silence, a time for personal confession.

Amen. God's promises are trustworthy and true; your sins are
forgiven. Be at peace to serve the Lord, and may you always
be known by your love.

Thanks be to God.

CHOIR ANTHEM

The Strife is O'er

DISCOVERY TIME

THE OFFERING

Pastor John

DOXOLOGY

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.

NEW TESTAMENT EPISTLE 1 Peter 4:8-11 Homer Johnstone

Above all, maintain constant love for one another, for love covers a multitude of sins. Be hospitable to one another without complaining. Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received. Whoever speaks must do so as one speaking the very words of God; whoever serves must do so with the strength that God supplies, so that God may be glorified in all things through Jesus Christ. To him belong the glory and the power forever and ever. Amen.

GOSPEL John 13:31-35 Homer Johnstone

When he had gone out, Jesus said, “Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, ‘Where I am going, you cannot come.’ I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

REFLECTING ON THE WORD Pastor John

HYMN *Oh, How Good It Is*

Oh how good it is — When the family of God
Dwells together in spirit — In faith and unity.
Where the bonds of peace — Of acceptance and love
Are the fruit of His presence — Here among us.

*So with one voice we'll sing to the Lord
And with one heart we'll live out His word
Till the whole earth sees — The Redeemer has come
For He dwells in the presence of His people.*

Oh how good it is — On this journey we share
To rejoice with the happy — And weep with those who mourn.
For the weak find strength — The Afflicted find grace
When we offer the blessing — Of belonging. *(chorus)*

Oh how good it is — To embrace His command
To prefer one another — Forgive as He forgives.
When we live as one — We all share in the love
Of the Son with the Father — And the Spirit. *(chorus)*

OUR PRAYERS TO GOD

Prayers of thanksgiving and petition may be offered, followed by:

Leader: Lord, in your mercy.

People: **Hear our prayer.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(or in your preferred version)*

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.

CHARGE

CLOSING RESPONSE

Lord of life, you walk this journey with us and through us;

Lead us Lord, lead on.

Journeying within, and wrestling with the world,

Lead us Lord, lead on.

Lead us to risk, to grow, and to tread the path you have opened for us;

Lead us Lord, lead on.

And let us rejoice that every place is your place;

In the name of Christ, the Risen One. Amen

BLESSING

CLOSING SONG

Go Now In Peace

Go now in peace, never be afraid.
God will go with you, each hour of every day.
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true,
Know he will guide you in all you do.

Worship Leaders: Pastor John Chase, Homer Johnstone, Accompanist Jenny Smith, Shawn Dooley

Credits

Call to Worship: traditional Easter Proclamation

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Closing Response from "Lead Us Lord (Easter responses from Iona), in *Eggs and Ashes: Practical & Liturgical resources for Lent and Holy Week*, 231.

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