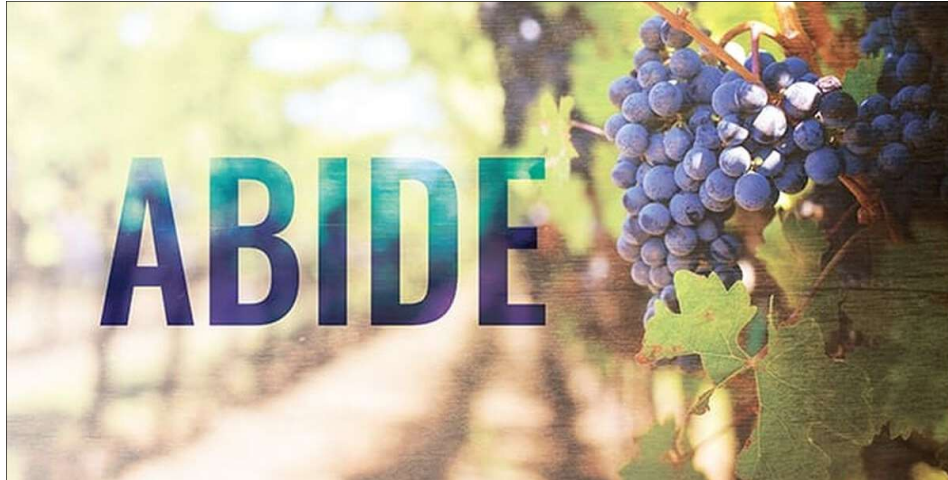


FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 28, 2024 | First Presbyterian Church, Petaluma CA



PRELUDE

Jenny Smith

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor John

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLES (at FPC and in our homes)

Jane Shelly

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

O God, you summon the day to dawn,
you teach the morning to waken the earth.

Great is your name. Great is your love.

For you the valleys shall sing for joy,
the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

Great is your name. Great is your love.

For you the monarchs of the earth shall bow,
the poor and persecuted shall shout for joy.
Great is your name. Great is your love.

Your love and mercy shall last forever,
fresh as the morning, sure as the sunrise.
Great is your name. Great is your love.

PRAYER AND SILENT LISTENING TO GOD

Almighty and loving God, we thank you that you not only loved us,
but you also came to us, revealed to us your way, and promised to
abide with us. Be close to us now, your sons and your daughters,
those whom you see, and hear, and have called by name.

Move among us, inspire our worship, challenge us with your truth,
and equip us for service in your world. In this time of silence,
prepare our hearts for worship.

***SONG**

Who You Say I Am

Who am I that the highest King
Would welcome me
I was lost but He brought me in
Oh His love for me
Oh His love for me

Chorus

Who the Son sets free
Oh is free indeed
I'm a child of God Yes I am
Free at last
He has ransomed me
His grace runs deep
While I was a slave to sin
Jesus died for me
Yes He died for me

Chorus 2

In my Father's house
There's a place for me
I'm a child of God Yes I am

Bridge

I am chosen not forsaken
I am who You say I am
You are for me not against me
I am who You say I am

(Oh) (Yes) I am who You say I am

CONFESSION AND PARDON

Jane Shelly

Let us confess our sins to God,
whose loving-kindness endures forever.

**Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and
by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with
our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not
loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

**In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend
what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may
delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of
your holy name.**

Silence, a time for personal confession.

People of God, hear the Good News: The mercy of the Lord is from
everlasting to everlasting. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Andrew Schipper

DISCOVERY TIME

Grete Hansen

THE OFFERING

Pastor John

***DOXOLOGY** *(or in your preferred version)*

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.

GOSPEL

John 15:1-8

Jane Shelly

“I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.”

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

REFLECTING ON THE WORD

Pastor John

***HYMN**

Be Thou My Vision

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught 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, and thou my true Word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
Thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tower;
raise thou me heavenward, O Power of my power.

Riches I heed not, nor vain, 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.

OUR PRAYERS TO GOD

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, Music Director Jane Shelly, Organist/Pianist Jenny Smith, Soloist Andrew Schipper, Student Ministries and Events Planner Grete Hansen

Credits

Call to Worship adapted from *A Wee Worship Book*, Fifth Incarnation, Wild Goose Publications, 19.

Opening Prayer adapted from *A Collection of Liturgy Resources*, "Opening Prayers and Prayers of Confession" #13.

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

Music: *Who You Say I Am*, Music and Lyrics: Andrew Schipper

Music: *Be Thou My Vision*, TEXT: Irish poem; trans. Mary E. Byrne, 1905; vers. Eleanor Hull, 1912, alt.

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