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Service for the Lord's Day

8:45 am & 11:00 am

THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN EASTER

Holy Communion

The Gathering for Worship

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

My Father, this is a wondrous world, in which Thou hast set me. I ask and receive; I hunger and thirst and am filled. Thy banqueting table is spread before me. Thou preparest a feast for my soul. More than my lips can speak or my heart desire Thou offerest every day.

from "Beginning the Day" by Henry Edmonds

PRELUDE - "Deck Thyself, My Soul, with Gladness"

Johann Sebastian Bach

The service of worship begins with the music of the organ. Through its power and brilliance may you feel the majesty and glory of God; in its quietness, His peace.

INTROIT - "This joyful Eastertide"arr. Alice Parker and Robert Shaw

This joyful Eastertide, Away with sin and sorrow! My Love, the Crucified, Hath sprung to life this morrow. Had Christ, that once was slain, Ne'er burst His three-day prison, Our faith had been in vain: But now is Christ arisen.

CALL TO WORSHIPRev. Clayton

Minister: Your steadfast love, O Lord, extends to the heavens, your faithfulness to the clouds.

People: Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains, your judgments are like the great deep.

Minister: How precious is your steadfast love, O God!

People: All people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

Minister: They feast on the abundance of your house, and you give them drink from the river of your delights.

People: For with you is the fountain of life. *Psalm 36:5-9*

* HYMN 248 - "Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!" HYMN TO JOY

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Unison: **Eternal God, whose covenant with us is never broken, we confess that we fail to fulfill your will. Though you have bound yourself to us, we will not bind ourselves to you. In Jesus Christ you serve us freely, but we refuse your love and withhold ourselves from others. We do not love you fully or love one another as you command. In your mercy, forgive and cleanse us. Lead us once again to your table that we might be fed by Christ, who is the bread of life and the vine from which we grow in grace. In his name we pray. Amen.**

A period of silence for personal confession.

*** KYRIE ELEISON** (from *The Independent Service* by Jeff McLelland)

Two staves of musical notation in 4/4 time. The first staff contains the lyrics "Lord have mer - cy up - on us, Christ have mer - cy up - on us," with a measure rest after "us,". The second staff continues with "Lord have mer - cy up - on us." and ends with a double bar line. The melody is simple and hymn-like.

***DECLARATION OF PARDON**

Minister: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:
People: **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

*** THE PEACE**

Minister: May the peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
People: **And also with you.**
Minister: Let us share the peace of Christ with one another.
Please exchange the peace with the words, "The peace of Christ be with you."

*** GLORIA PATRI** (from *The Independent Service*)

Three staves of musical notation in 3/4 time with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). The first staff contains the lyrics "Glo-ry to the Fa-ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spi-rit:" with a measure rest after "rit:". The second staff continues with "As it was in the be - gin - ing, is now, and will be for". The third staff ends with "ev - er, world with - out end. A - men." and a double bar line. The melody is more complex than the previous sections, featuring triplets and a key change to 3/4 time.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.....Rev. Long

The Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON - Isaiah 25:6-9 (Pew Bible, p. OT652)
Minister: The Word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

During the singing of this hymn, children kindergarten age and younger may follow the acolyte down the center aisle to the Ground Floor for worship care.

*HYMN 504 - "We Come as Guests Invited"
WIE LIEBLICH IST DER MAIEN

SECOND LESSON - John 2:1-11 (Pew Bible, p. NT93)

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON - WHEN THE WINE RUNS OUT.....Rev. Long

The Response to the Word

*NICENE CREED.....Rev. Clayton

I BELIEVE in one God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible; And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds; God of God; Light of Light; Very God of Very God; Begotten, not made; Being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; Who for us, and for our salvation, came down from heaven; And was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, and was made man; And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered, and was buried; And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures; And ascended into heaven; And sitteth on the right hand of the Father. And He shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end. And I believe in the Holy Ghost; The Lord and Giver of Life; Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son; Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; Who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins. And I look for the resurrection of the dead; And the Life of the world to come. Amen.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

* The Offertory Statement

* The Doxology (*The Presbyterian Hymnal*, p. 606).....
OLD HUNDREDTH

* The Prayer of Dedication

The Offertory Anthem – "Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life"

Harold Friedell

Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life! Such a Way as gives us breath. Such a Truth as ends all strife, Such a Life that killeth Death. Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength! Such a Light as shows a feast, Such a Feast as mends in length, Such a strength as makes his guest. Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart! Such a Joy as none can move, Such a Love as none can part, Such a Heart as joys in love.

George Herbert

The Eucharist

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE.....Rev. Seamon

GREAT THANKSGIVING

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

The minister continues in prayer, and then is sung:

SANCTUS (from *The Independent Service*)

introduction

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
10 po- wer and might. Hea- ven and earth are full of your glo- ry, Ho - san - na
18 in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who comes in the name of the
25 Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The minister continues in prayer.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION (from *The Independent Service*)

Christ has died, Christ is ri - sen, Christ will come a - gain!

The minister continues in prayer.

AMEN (from *The Independent Service*)

A - men, A - men, A - - - men!

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*unison*)

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, for ever. Amen.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

"O Taste and See"Ralph Vaughan Williams
O taste and see how gracious the Lord is: blest is the man that trusteth in him.
Psalm 34:8

"Ave Verum Corpus".....W. A. Mozart
Ave verum corpus, natum de Maria Virgine, vere passum, immolatum in cruce pro homine cuius latus perforatum unda fluxit et sanguine: esto nobis praegustatum in mortis examine. O Jesu dulcis, O Jesu pie, O Jesu, fili Mariae. Miserere nobis. Amen.

Hail, true Body, born of the Virgin Mary, having truly suffered, sacrificed on the cross for mankind, from whose pierced side water and blood flowed: Be for us a foretaste [of the Heavenly banquet] in the trial of death! O sweet Jesus, O holy Jesus, O Jesus, son of Mary, have mercy on us. Amen.

14th-century chant attributed to Pope Innocent VI

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

The Sending

*HYMN 236 - "The Strife Is O'er"VICTORY

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE - "See, the conqu'ring hero comes!"George Handel

**Congregation standing*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME TO IPC! We are so thankful that you have joined us today for Worship Services. We invite you to join us at our next IPC WELCOME event to learn more – sign up online at www.ipc-usa.org or email Stacy Pulliam at spulliam@ipc-usa.org. We look forward to meeting you.

THE FLOWERS in the Children's Chapel are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Michael Robertson McDaniel. **THE FLOWERS** on the War Memorial are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Harvey Bears Leaver, Lieutenant, U.S. Army, WWII; U.S. First Infantry, Occupational Forces, Okinawa, Japan; father of Paul Harvey Leaver.

IPC’S BREAD FOR THE WORLD team invites you to join them in the Offering of Letters. Representatives from the team will be in the Parlor following both worship services today and May 21. Join in on this national effort and learn more at bread.org.

PARENT-PALOOZA: A 3-Part Christian Parenting Series begins today at 10 am in Highland Hall. Speakers Dale Wisely and Jonathon Davis will share helpful tips for a healthy home life.

- May 7: Things to Say to Our Children
- May 14: Parenting by Principle
- May 21: Characteristics of a Good Marriage

ANNOUNCEMENTS *(continued)*

LUNCH AND LEARN: Join the Mwandi Mission Zambia Team for a Lunch and Learn as they share about their recent journey today in the Great Hall immediately following 11 am worship service. You can still attend and enjoy the presentation even if you did not register for a lunch.

NEXT SUNDAY: On May 14, it's Mother's Day and Children's Fresh Air Farm Appeal Day. Flower stems will be given to all at our morning and evening worship services in honor or memory of our mothers. Join us to learn about the 100-year history of the Farm and celebrate Bibles Marketplaces by sharing a 100-year birthday cake after the 11 am worship service. You can wear your old Bibles t-shirt to church, or buy a new Centennial t-shirt at ipc-usa.org to wear.

THANK YOU FROM THE BLESSING BOXES: You all responded to our calls to fill the shelves, and we were so glad to see so many new faces and names bringing their donations and sending them through Amazon. Thank you! Every year we have the opportunity to bring a few IPC Day School classes to the Food Pantry and teach them about sharing God's love by feeding those in need. This year a student asked, "I brought food last year so why do I need to do it again?" With this question, we were invited into a conversation about our giving and making sure we didn't donate just one time but that we take care of our neighbors all the time...even next year! We have an opportunity together to be a trusted presence for those in need, and we are so glad that we are able to do that together. To join the IPC Community Ministries e-newsletter (with the link to the Amazon Wishlist) and find out about our current needs and efforts, please contact Sarah Scruggs at sscruggs@ipc-usa.org or (205) 933-3725.

SPECIAL GIFTS RECEIVED

CHILDREN'S FRESH AIR FARM: In memory of Linda Douglass Woodard.

IPC FOOD MINISTRIES: In memory of Pat O'Donnell.

Participants in Today's Services

The Rev. Kevin J. Long, Pastor

The Rev. Susan A. Clayton, Associate Pastor, Congreg. Care & Adult Ed

The Rev. David J. Seamon, Associate Pastor, Faith Formation

Dr. Jeff R. McLelland, Director of Music and Fine Arts

The Independent Presbyterian Church Choir

Acolytes: (8:45) Andrew Lindstrom Murphree

(11:00) Laden Margaret Falls, Julia Mitchell Mather, William Steel Mather

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