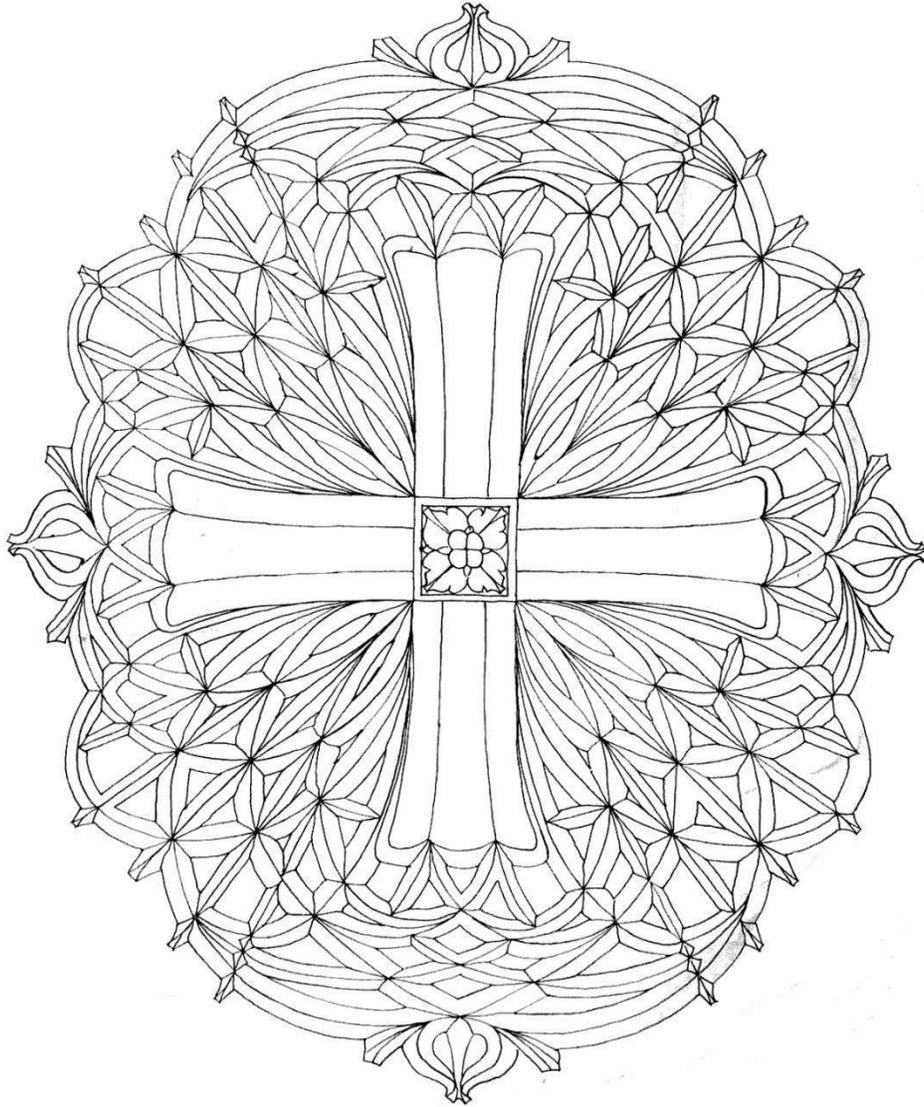


First Presbyterian Church

May 9, 2021

Sixth Sunday of Easter



*Serving Christ from the heart of the city to the ends
of the earth with love, faith and action.*

We Gather in God's Presence

Gathering Music

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

"Sheep May Safely Graze"

J. S. Bach

Call to Worship

O give thanks to the Lord, for the Lord is good!

The steadfast love of the Lord is my comfort and joy!

Sing praises to the Lord our God!

We will sing songs of praise and hymns of glad thanksgiving!

Hymn

["Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"](#)

No. 12

Prayer of Confession

Judy Pidcock

To love you and to love our neighbor, O God, this is the essence of our calling and the foundation of our discipleship, but because such love is not always easy, we have pretended discipleship is about other things. We have worked on having right beliefs, and sound morals, and we try to avoid the snare of sin. But your summons to love, to live with a devotion to you and to others, still seeks to get our attention. Make our hearts open to this holy calling, that we might begin to reflect your divine love for the world, through Jesus Christ our Lord. And now hear our particular confessions, placed before your throne of grace...

Kyrie | Lord, have mercy upon us, Christ have mercy upon us. Lord have mercy upon us.

Assurance of Pardon

Response to Pardon

Friends in Christ, in response to this gift of God's grace, how then shall we live?

With gratitude, following after the Lord Jesus Christ, who calls us to love God with heart, soul, mind, and strength, and our neighbors as ourselves.

This is the way of Jesus, in whom we find life!

We Celebrate our Life Together

Reception of Confirmand

Lincoln Alton Nathanael Burns

Joys and Concerns of the Church Family

Laurie Taylor Weicher

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession and The Lord's Prayer

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.

We Listen to God's Word

Moment for Children

Katy Schafer

Scripture Readings

Ecclesiastes 2:1-11; John 15:9-13

Sermon

“Addressing Our Joy Deficit”

Ed McLeod

We Respond to God's Word

Hymn

[“Alleluia! Laud and Blessing”](#)

No. 755

Affirmation 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 at 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.

An Invitation to Generosity

Offertory

“Mothering God”
Andy Eaton, Baritone

arr. Tom Trenney

Prayer of Dedication

We Bear God's Word into the World

Hymn

[“There Is Now a New Creation”](#)

No. 774

Charge and Benediction

Benediction Response

Go with us Lord, and guide the way through this and every coming day,
that in Your Spirit, strong and true, our lives may be our gift to you.

Postlude

“Tocatta in C”

Johann Pachelbel

Today's acolyte is Violet Eckard.

The Chancel flowers are dedicated to the glory of God and are given
in loving memory of Clarence Frizzell by his wife, Janice Frizzell.