

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Pentecost A – May 31, 2020

Outside Service Worship at 9:30

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist, Carolyn Ainsworth

One: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

All: maker of heaven and earth. (Psalm 124:8)

One: Remember the promise of the Lord:

All: God will pour out the Spirit on all flesh. (Acts 2:17)

One: The Spirit of God renews the earth.

All: The Spirit of God renews the earth. (Ps. 104:30, 35)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

OPENING HYMN

“O Worship the King”

Robert Grant 1833

1 O worship the King, all glorious above!

O gratefully sing God's power and God's love:

Our Shield and defender, the Ancient of days,

Pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.

2 O tell of God's might, O sing of God's grace,

Whose robe is the light, whose canopy space.

The chariots of heaven the deep thunderclouds form,

And bright is God's path on the wings of the storm.

3. The earth with its store o wonder's untold,

Almighty, Thy power hath founded of old;

Hath stablished it fast by a changeless decree,

And round it hath cast like a mantle the sea.

4. Thy bountiful care, what tongues can recite?

It breathes in the air, it shines in the light;

It streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,

And sweetly distill in the dew and the rain.

5. Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,

In Thee do we trust, nor find Thee to fail;

Thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end,

Our maker, defender, redeemer and friend.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, you poured your Spirit upon gathered disciples creating bold tongues, open ears, and a new community of faith. We confess that we hold back the force of your Spirit among us. We do not listen for your word of grace, speak the good news of your love, or live as a people made one in Christ, Have mercy on us God. Transform our timid lives by the power of your Spirit, and fill us with a flaming desire to be your faithful people, doing your will for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord .

(Personal and Silent Prayers of Confession.)

GLORIA PATRI

FIRST READING

John 20: 19-23

Our first reading is from the Gospel of Jesus Christ according to John, chapter 20, verses 19 through 23. The reading is printed in your bulletin. Let us hear the inspired Word of the Lord.

20:19 When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you."

20:20 After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord.

220:21 *Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you."*

20:22 *When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit.*

20:23 *If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."*

One: The inspired Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God

SECOND READING

Ezekiel 37:1-14

Ezekiel 37:1 ¶ The hand of the LORD came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones.

Ezekiel 37:2 He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry.

Ezekiel 37:3 He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord GOD, you know."

Ezekiel 37:4 Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD.

Ezekiel 37:5 Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live.

Ezekiel 37:6 I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the LORD."

Ezekiel 37:7 ¶ So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone.

Ezekiel 37:8 I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them.

Ezekiel 37:9 Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath, prophecy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live."

Ezekiel 37:10 I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

Ezekiel 37:11 ¶ Then he said to me, “Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, ‘Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.’

Ezekiel 37:12 Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel.

Ezekiel 37:13 And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people.

Ezekiel 37:14 I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken and will act,” says the LORD.

One: The inspired Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God

SERMON *“The Holy Spirit Gives Life to Individuals and Churches”*

Rev. Chris Turner.

RESPONSIVE HYMN *“Come Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove”*

Isaac Watts 1707

- 1. Come, Holy Spirit, heavenly Dove,
With all Thy quickening powers
Kindle a flame of Sacred love
In these cold hearts of ours.*

- 2. In vain we tune our formal songs,
In vain we strive to rise;
Hosannas languish on our tongues,
And our devotion dies.*

- 3. Dear Lord and shall we ever live
At this poor dying rate?
Our love so faint, so cold to Thee,
And Thine to us so great!*

4. *Come, Holy Spirit, heavenly Dove,
With all thy quickening powers;
Come, spread abroad a Savior's love,
And that shall kindle ours.*

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 on 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.*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/JOYS & CONCERNS

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.*

RESPONSE

“Amen”

OFFERTORY

DOXOLOGY

SENDING HYMN “They’ll Know We Are Christians by our Love” (ccli)

They’ll Know we are Christians by Our Love 2223

Peter Scholtes

We are one in the Spirit

We are one in the Lord

We are one in the Spirit

We are one in the Lord

And we pray that all unity May one day be restored

Chorus: And they'll know we are Christians

By our love by our love

Yes they'll know we are Christians By our love

We will walk with each other

We will walk hand in hand

We will walk with each other

We will walk hand in hand

And together we'll spread the news That God is in our land (Chorus)

We will work with each other

We will work side by side

We will work with each other

We will work side by side

And we'll guard human dignity

And save human pride (Chorus)

All praise to the Father

From whom all things come

And all praise to Christ Jesus His only Son

And all praise to

The Spirit who makes us one (Chorus)

CHARGE AND BLESSING

BENEDICTION RESPONSE “Sweet, Sweet Spirit”

*There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place,
And I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord;*

*There are sweet expressions on each face,
And I know they feel the presence of the Lord.*

*Sweet Holy Spirit, Sweet heavenly dove,
Stay right here with us, Filling us with Your love;*

And for these blessings, We lift our hearts in praise.

*Without a doubt we'll know that we have been revived,
When we shall leave this place.*

Shalom, Shalom!

POSTLUDE

NEXT SUNDAY'S LECTIONARY READING :

Genesis 1:1-2:4a and Psalm 8 • 2 Corinthians 13:11-13 • Matthew 28:16-20

The Session and the Westminster Shepherds have decided that we should be praying for the members/friends of our church. Each newsletter and bulletin will have a list of members/friends to pray for each week. These members are not necessarily sick or in need of specific prayer, we just want all of our members to be prayed for regularly. This week's prayer requests:

Prayer Concerns (alphabetical order):

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(Please let Pastor Chris know if someone needs added or removed from the prayer list.)

(The list is in bad need of an update. Please contact Pastor Chris to add or remove people from the list.)

- Barbara Backus (health issues).

- Mary Cooke (health issues).
- Jim Halford (health issues).
- Heather Harvey (Rebekah Chenevert's half sister, general prayers).
- Barbara Hermanson (Mona Rood's sister) (Health Issues).
- Desa Lee-Laird (health issues).
- Jim Ohlemacher (health issues).
- Charlie Parham (health issues).
- Polly Porter (health issues).
- Lloyd Presswood and family (Lloyd has Pancreatic Cancer and is in Hendrick Hospice).
- Bill Rood (health issues).
- Farren Sadler (health issues).
- Candace Samuelson (health issues).
- Marvin Turner (Pastor Chris' dad) (health issues)
 - • The Church and members of Westminster Presbyterian Church.

Sunday (May 31)

9:00 Worship (Outside) (Worship)

1:30 Bible Study by Zoom

Sunday (June 7th)

10:55 Worship (Inside) (Communion)

1:30 Bible Study by Zoom

To join the work and ministry of this congregation, please speak to the pastor at 325-864-7601 or email wpcabilene@gmail.com.

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Pastor: Rev. Chris Turner (325) 864-7601 (feel free to call or text) or revchristurner@mac.com.

Liturgist: Carolyn Ainsworth • Music Director: Dr. Clara Richardson • Organist: Charles Shelton

Some of you have requested information regarding tithing or donating to the Presbyterian Children's Home (our mission emphasis for May):

***CONTRIBUTIONS and DONATIONS** to Westminster, and/or to the Mission Emphasis of Westminster, can be MAILED to (if you are donating to the **PRESBYTERIAN CHILDREN'S HOMES & SERVICES**, please note this in the memo line.*

***Westminster Presbyterian Church, 4515 South 14th Street, Abilene, Texas
79605-4736,***

or to the Church's Treasurer

***Tim Adcock, Suite 108, 2401 South Willis Street, Abilene, Texas 79605-
6254.***

PRESBYTERIAN CHILDREN'S HOMES & SERVICES*

Westminster's Mission Emphasis for the month of May is PRESBYTERIAN CHILDREN'S HOMES & SERVICES Providing Christ-centered services to children and families in NEED:

Group Homes; Foster Care Program; Adoption Services; Child and Family Programs; Education; Advanced Education; After Care Program; and Single Parent Family Program.

CARING in Christ's name since 1903. To donate to the PRESBYTERIAN CHILDREN'S HOMES & SERVICES, just make YOUR check out to "Westminster" and write "Children's Homes" on the memo line. You may mail your check to one of the addressed above.

****Buffalo Gap Camp***

Westminster STILL is collecting ALUMINUM CANS for the BUFFALO GAP PRESBYTERIAN ENCAMPMENT – A PLACE FOR GROWING ! These CANS are sold, and the MONEY raised is used to help defray the COSTS of running the Encampment. Just put your SACKS of cans in

the HALLWAY down from the Church Office. DONATIONS also can be made by making out a CHECK to “Westminster”, writing “BUFFALO GAP CAMP” on the MEMO line, and putting THIS check in the mail.

G I V E your CANS! & S H A R E your FAITH! & S P R E A D the GOSPEL!

The Presbyterian Food Pantry

The PRESBYTERIAN FOOD Pantry feeds the HUNGRY & so can YOU! In February, food was provided to 106 families, totaling 293 people, with 177 adults, 37 senior citizens, and 79 children. Each and every SUNDAY just put YOUR donations of NON-perishable FOOD items, CASH money (including SAVED change), and TOILETRY items, in the grocery CART in the Narthex. DONATIONS also can be made by making out a CHECK to “Westminster”, writing “FOOD PANTRY” on the MEMO line, and putting THIS check in the Sunday OFFERING plate.

THANK you for YOUR support of THIS vital ministry. G I V E your MONEY! & S H A R E your FOOD! & F E E D the HUNGRY