

Fincastle Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day

6th Sunday of Easter

May 17, 2020 – 10:30am – Live Streaming



Mission Statement

Striving to be faithful disciples of Jesus Christ growing in God through uplifting and inspiring spiritual experiences and serving our community in love

Prelude: "These Are the Holy Ten Commands"
J.S. Bach

Welcome and Announcements:

Call to Worship: (Psalm 95:1,2) (unison)
O come, let us sing unto the Lord: let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation. Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving, and make a joyful noise unto him with psalms.

Prayer of Invocation: *The Rev. Dr. David Dickerson, D.Min*

Hymn: #115 "Fairest Lord Jesus"

Call to Confession: (unison)
If we claim to be sinless, we are self-deceived and strangers to the truth. If we confess our sins, God is just, and may be trusted to forgive our sins and cleanse us from every kind of wrong. Let us admit our sin before God.

Prayer of Confession: (Psalm 51, adapted) (unison)

**O God,
Have mercy upon us according to thy loving-kindness; according unto the Multitude of thy tender mercies blot out our transgressions. Wash us thoroughly from our iniquities, and cleanse us from our sin. For we acknowledge our transgressions; and our sin is ever before us. Create in us clean hearts, O God; and renew a right spirit within us. Cast us not away from thy presence; and take not thy Holy Spirit from us.**

Silent Confession: Amen

Kyrie:

**Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.**

Assurance of Pardon: (Ps. 103: 8, 10-12) (unison)

**The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy. He hath not dealt with us after our sins, nor rewarded us according to our iniquities. As the heaven is high above the earth, so great is his mercy toward them that fear him. As far as the east is from the west, so far hath he removed our transgressions from us.
Amen.**

*Gloria Patri: #805

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

Hymn: #555 "More Love to Thee, O Christ"

Prayer of Illumination: *The Rev. Dr. David Dickerson, D.Min*

Scripture Reading:
Psalm 66: 8-20 Old Testament Reading
Acts 17: 22-31 New Testament Reading

Sermon: "God is not far from each of us"
The Rev. Dr. David Dickerson, D.Min

*Profession of Faith: The Apostles' Creed

Hymn: #523 "Trust and Obey"

*Charge and Blessing

*Postlude: "Prelude in G Major"
J.S. Bach

Announcements

Prayer Concerns: Al Frederick, Jean Branscom, Laura Holt, Jackie Ferrel, Holly Myers (*Ty's daughter*), Ruth Schaaf (*Bev's mother*), Mary Lee Reese, Mary Black, Audrey Brizendine (*Evelyn's friend*), Clyde & Nathalie Givens, Vaughn Bozman (*Gwen Griffith's brother*), Kaki Peaslee, Doug Ross, Dianne & John Poynor, Marilyn Koch (*Lisa's Mom*), Janet Woolwine (*Carolyn's Sister*), Neal Brush, Alexis Porter (*The Porter's granddaughter*), Molly Rose (*Valerie Lucas's cousin*), Gwen Griffith, Kerri Summerlin (*Carolyn Knicely's niece*), Gretchen Greiner, Bob Waid, Family of Al Tucker (*Sandy's friend*), Family of Joe Bishop (*Sandy's Friend & Neighbor*), Family of Carlisle McDonald (*Vema's aunt*), Ann Whitehurst (*Evelyn's Friend*), Lisa Curlee (*Sarah Bulmer's sister*), Carolyn Bolton Lennon (*Lynne Bolton's cousin*)

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Birthdays: Lyn Burton 5/2, Rena Heslep 5/5, Cindy Bailey 5/23, Eric McGraw 5/24, Joel Branscom 5/26, John Hancock 5/31

First Scripture Reading:

Psalm 66: 8-20

⁸ Bless our God, O peoples, let the sound of his praise be heard, ⁹ who has kept us among the living, and has not let our feet slip. ¹⁰ For thou, O God, hast tested us; thou hast tried us as silver is tried. ¹¹ Thou didst bring us into the net; thou didst lay affliction on our loins; ¹² thou didst let men ride over our heads; we went through fire and through water; yet thou hast brought us forth to a spacious place. ¹³ I will come into thy house with burnt offerings; I will pay thee my vows, ¹⁴ that which my lips uttered and my mouth promised when I was in trouble. ¹⁵ I will offer to thee burnt offerings of fatlings, with the smoke of the sacrifice of rams; I will make an offering of bulls and goats. *Selah* ¹⁶ Come and hear, all you who fear God, and I will tell what he has done for me. ¹⁷ I cried aloud to him, and he was extolled with my tongue. ¹⁸ If I had cherished iniquity in my heart, the Lord would not have listened. ¹⁹ But truly God has listened; he has given heed to the voice of my prayer. ²⁰ Blessed be God, because he has not rejected my prayer or removed his steadfast love from me!

Second Scripture Reading:

Acts 17: 22-31

²² So Paul, standing in the middle of the Are-op'agus, said: "Men of Athens, I perceive that in every way you are very religious. ²³ For as I passed along, and observed the objects of your worship, I found also an altar with this inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. ²⁴ The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by man, ²⁵ nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all men life and breath and everything. ²⁶ And he made from one every nation of men to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their habitation, ²⁷ that they should seek God, in the hope that they might feel after him and find him. Yet he is not far from each one of us, ²⁸ for 'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your poets have said, 'For we are indeed his offspring.' ²⁹ Being then God's offspring, we ought not to think that the Deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, a representation by the art and imagination of man. ³⁰ The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now he commands all men everywhere to repent, ³¹ because he has fixed a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all men by raising him from the dead."



Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!
 he's my Sav - ior, Al - le - lu - ia, he's my Sav - ior, Al - le - lu - ia!
 he is wor - thy, Al - le - lu - ia, he is wor - thy, Al - le - lu - ia!
 I will praise him, Al - le - lu - ia, I will praise him, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Mar - a - nath - a, Al - le - lu - ia, Mar - a - nath - a, Al - le - lu - ia!

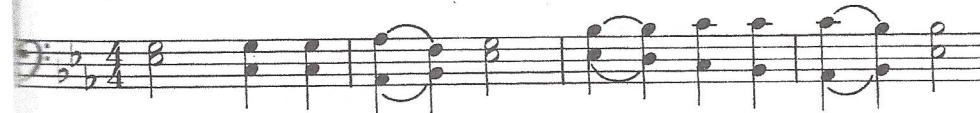



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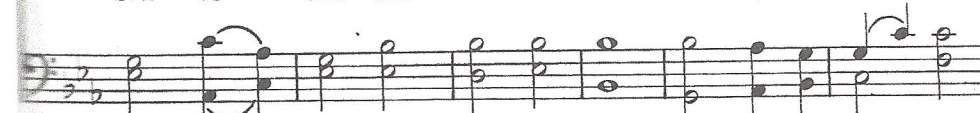
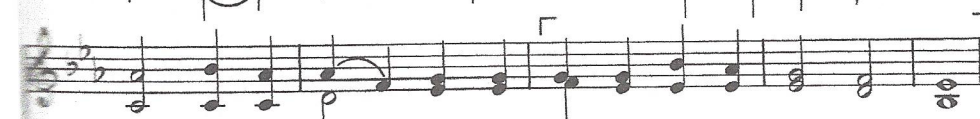
Therefore God exalted him to the highest place . . . Phil. 2:9




1. Fair - est Lord Je - sus, rul - er of all na - ture,
 2. Fair are the mead - ows, fair - er still the wood - lands,
 3. Fair is the sun - shine, fair - er still the moon - light,
 4. Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior! Lord of the na - tions!

O thou of God and man the Son, thee will I cher - ish,
 robed in the bloom - ing garb of spring: Je - sus is fair - er,
 and all the twin - kling, star - ry host: Je - sus shines bright - er,
 Son of God and Son of man! Glo - ry and hon - or,

thee will I hon - or, thou, my soul's glo - ry, joy, and crown!
 Je - sus is pur - er, who makes the woe - ful heart to sing.
 Je - sus shines pur - er, than all the an - gels heaven can boast.
 praise, ad - o - ra - tion, now and for - ev - er - more be thine!



A Prayer for Quietness of Heart 554

Give me, O Lord,
that quietness of heart that makes the most of labor and of rest. Save me
from passionate excitement, petulant fretfulness, and idle fear, keeping
me ever in the restful presence of your love.

Teach me to be alert and wise in all responsibilities, without hurry and without
neglect. Tame and rule my tongue, that I may not transgress your law
of love. When others censure, may I seek your image in others, judging
with charity, as one who shall be judged.

Banish envy and hatred from my thoughts.

Help me to be content amid the strife of tongues, with my unspoken thought.
When anxious cares threaten my peace, help me to run to you, that I may
find my rest and be made strong for calm endurance and valiant service.
Amen.

W. Lewis of Milan

More Love to Thee, O Christ 555

And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more . . . Phil. 1:9

1. More love to thee, O Christ, more love to thee: hear thou the
2. Once earth-ly joy I craved, sought peace and rest; now thee a-
3. Through all that life may bring—joy, grief or pain, work out thy
4. Then shall my lat-est breath whis-per thy praise; this be the

prayer I make on bend-ed knee; this is my ear-nest plea:
lone I seek, give what is best; this all my prayer shall be:
per-fect plan-true heav-enly gain; on-ly cre-ate in me
part-ing cry my heart shall raise; this still its prayer shall be:

more love, O Christ, to thee, more love to thee, more love to thee!

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Trust and Obey 523

Now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light. Eph. 5:8

1. When we walk with the Lord in the light of his Word, what a
 2. Not a bur - den we bear, not a sor - row we share, but our
 3. But we nev - er can prove the de - lights of his love un - til
 4. Then in fel - low - ship sweet we will sit at his feet, or we'll

glo - ry he sheds on our way! While we do his good will, he a - bides with us
 toil he will rich - ly re - pay; not a grief nor a loss, not a frown nor a
 all on the al - tar we lay; for the fa - vor he shows and the joy he be -
 walk by his side in the way; what he says we will do, where he sends we will

Refrain

still, and with all who will trust and o - bey.
 cross, but is blest if we trust and o - bey. Trust and o - bey, for there's
 stows are for them who will trust and o - bey.
 go - nev - er fear, on - ly trust and o - bey.

no oth - er way to be hap - py in Je - sus, but to trust and o - bey.