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FHPC VISION & MISSION STATEMENTS

Our Vision: Living God's love.

calls us to . . .

Our Mission : Reach out to all with faith and love.

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5th Sunday of Easter

May 2, 2021

9:00 AM

Communion Sunday

SILENT PRAYER OF PREPARATION

A New Zealand Prayer Book

Christ, you are risen from the dead. We are risen with you.

May our life never deny this eternal life, this peace and hope and joy.

Praise and glory to the God of life who is stronger than all kinds of death. Alleluia.

PRE-PRELUDE

PRELUDE

“Hymns of Majesty”

arr. Phillip Keveren

Dorothy Parris, Piano

WORDS OF WELCOME

INVOCATION (responsive)

Leader: When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion,

People: we were like those who dream.

Leader: Then our mouth was filled with laughter and shouts of joy.

People: We rejoiced: “The Lord has done great things for us.”

Leader: May those who go out weeping,
bearing the seed for sowing,

People: return home with joy, carrying their sheaves.

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP “Make Me a Channel of Your Peace”

Celebration Singers

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Gail Botsford, Liturgist

Leader: Come among us, Jesus,

You whom the angels worship and children welcome

People: Come, Jesus, and meet us in our worship

Leader: Come among us, Jesus, You who hurled the stars into space
And shaped the spider's weaving.

People: Come, Jesus, and meet us in our worship.

Leader: Come among us, Jesus,
You who walked the long road to Jerusalem
And lit a flame that dances forever.

People: Come, Jesus, and meet us in our worship.

***HYMN OF PRAISE**

“Rise Up, O Church of God”

#433

**Rise up, O Church of God!
Have done with lesser things.
give heart and mind and soul and strength
to serve the King of kings.**

**Rise up, O Church of God!
His kingdom tarries long.
bring in the day of brotherhood
and end the night of wrong.**

**Rise up, O sons of God!
The church for you doth wait,
her strength unequal to her task;
rise up and make her great!**

**Lift high the cross of Christ!
tread where His feet have trod;
As followers of the Son of Man
Rise up, O Church of God!**

PRAYER FOR FORGIVENESS & RENEWAL (responsive)

Leader: O God, we are but a few weeks from your Easter miracle.

People: But we must confess that too often our hearts
have traveled far from the joy and confidence we
felt on Resurrection Morning.

Leader: You see us clearly and know where we are on our journey.

People: Even though we have entered the wilderness of
worldly anxiousness and sometimes hidden ourselves
deep in the dangerous caves of our own isolation.

Continued...

Leader: Persistent God, this morning you call us back to the common table where you have again prepared the bread and the cup, emblems of your grace and power.

People: The gracious table where joy is shared, hope is renewed and justice becomes a reality.

Leader: Where assurance and salvation are within reach.

People: Reconciling God, through the power of your Holy Spirit and the grace of your Son, we pray that you would turn our faces toward kindness, fill our hearts with your compassion and guide our feet along the secure paths of community.

Leader: In the name of Christ Jesus. Amen.

CHORAL RESPONSE "Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying"
ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

*RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS

Gloria Patri

#813

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

PRAYER FOR COMMUNION (*unison*)

Gracious God, The bread and the cup – symbols of Christ's redeeming power and renewing love – await us. And, from the depths of our being, our prayer reaches to find words of adoration. In this moment of anticipation we acknowledge and celebrate your sovereignty over our lives. And we praise you for this supper shared in the Spirit of our Lord who makes us new and strong and hopeful. O God, may the radiance of Christ's presence dwell richly within us and shine forth its saving light into a world beset by darkness.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

*SONG OF CELEBRATION Alleluia

SCRIPTURE READING Romans 5:1-11 (NRSV)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

MEDITATION

“Contagious Grace”

Bill Good

RESPONDING IN COMMITMENT

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

“Come Share the Lord” *by Jeffrey Leech*
Celebration Singers

***CLOSING HYMN**

“Blest Be the Tie that Binds”

#426

Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love;
the fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.

Before our Father's throne we pour our ardent prayers;
our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our comforts and our cares.

When we asunder part, it gives us inward pain;
but we shall still be joined in heart, and hope to meet again.

OUR PRAYER IN DEPARTING (*unison*)

God of our lives, You are always calling us to follow You into the future, inviting us to new ventures, new challenges, new ways to care, new ways to touch the hearts of all. When we are fearful of the unknown, give us courage.

You have called us to be the kingdom of heaven here on earth. When we worry that we are not up to the task, remind us that You would not call us if You did not believe in us.

When we get tired or feel disappointed with the way things are going, help us to hold fast to You. Remind us that You can bring change and hope out of the most difficult situations. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.

OUR SHARED LIFE

***BENEDICTION**

***RESPONSE**

“Go My Children, with My Blessing”

**Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me;
grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.
Here my Spirit’s power filled you;
here his tender comfort stilled you.
Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free.**

POSTLUDE

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“An Investment Today for the Life of Our Church Tomorrow”

Listen for the Word of God as we read from the letter of Paul to the Romans, Chapter 5, verses 1-11

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

L: This is the word of the Lord

P: Thanks be to God.