

Leander Presbyterian Church
May 9, 2021
Sixth Sunday of Easter
Happy Mother's Day!

Prelude

In Heavenly Love

Pat Boozer

Gathering & Call to Worship

From Psalm 98

O sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things. His right hand and his holy arm have gotten him victory.

The Lord has made known his victory; he has revealed his vindication in the sight of the nations. He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel. All the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises. Sing praises to the LORD with the lyre, with the lyre and the sound of melody. With trumpets and the sound of the horn make a joyful noise before the King, the LORD.

Let the sea roar, and all the fills it; the world and those who live in it. Let the floods clap their hands; let the hills sing together for joy at the presence of the LORD, for he is coming to judge the earth.

He will judge the world with righteousness, and the people with equity.

Prayer

Hymn of Praise

All Creatures of Our God and King

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Prayer of Confession

From Lamentations 5

Remember, O LORD, what has befallen us; look and see our disgrace. Our inheritance has been turned over to strangers, our homes to aliens. We have become orphans, fatherless; our mothers are like widows.

With a yoke on our necks, we are hard driven. We are weary; we are given no rest. Our ancestors sinned; they are no more, and we bear their iniquities. Slaves rule over us; there is no one to deliver us from their hand.

The joy of our hearts has ceased; our dancing has been turned to mourning. The crown has fallen from our head. Woe to us, for we have sinned!

Because of this our hearts are sick, because of these things our eyes have grown dim. Mount Zion lies desolate, and jackals prowl over it.

But you, O LORD, reign forever. Your throne endures to all generations.

Why have you forgotten us completely? Why have you forsaken us these many days? Restore us to yourself, O LORD, that we may be restored. Renew our days as of old – unless you have utterly rejected us, and are angry with us beyond measure.

(Personal, Silent Prayer of Confession)

Assurance of Pardon

Gloria Patri

First Reading

Acts 10

New Testament Reading

1 John Chapter 5:1-6

Gospel Reading

John 15:9-17

Sermon

**That the Joy of Me may be in You
That the Joy of You may be Made Full**

Hymn of Discipleship Holy Spirit, Truth Divine

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Affirmation of Faith

Apostles' Creed

Invitation to Discipleship

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

Offertory

***Hanson Place Arr., Mark Hayes
(Shall We gather at the River)***

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Doxology

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Prayer of Dedication

Hymn of Response

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

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Benediction

Postlude

Jesus, thou Joy of Loving Hearts

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Links: Website - <http://leanderpres.org>

Sermons - <http://leanderpres.org/sermonsworshipmusic.html>

Lyrics for Today's Hymns

All Creatures of Our God and King

All creatures of our God and King
Life up your voice and with us sing
O praise Him, Alleluia
Thou burning sun with golden beam
Thou silver moon with softer gleam
O praise Him, O praise Him
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia
Thou rushing wind that art so strong
Ye clouds that sail in Heaven along
O praise Him, Alleluia
Thou rising moon in praise rejoice
Ye lights of evening find a voice
O praise Him, O praise Him
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia
Let all things their Creator bless
And worship Him in humbleness
O praise Him, Alleluia
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son
And praise the Spirit, three in one
O praise Him, O praise Him
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son
And praise the Spirit, three in one
O praise Him, O praise Him
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Holy Spirit, Truth Divine

Holy Spirit, Truth Divine
Holy Spirit, Truth divine,
Dawn upon this soul of mine;
Word of God and inward light
Wake my spirit, clear my sight.

Holy Spirit, Right divine,
King within my conscience reign;
Be my Lord, and I shall be
Firmly bound, forever free.

Holy Spirit, Peace divine,
Still this restless heart of mine;
Speak to calm this tossing sea,
Stayed in Thy tranquility.

Holy Spirit, Joy divine,
Gladden Thou this heart of mine;
In the desert ways I sing,
"Spring, O Well, forever spring."

Love Divine, all Loves Excelling

Love divine, all loves excelling
Joy of Heaven to Earth come down
Fix in us Thy humble dwelling
All Thy faithful mercies crown
Jesus, Thou art all compassion
Pure, unbounded love Thou art
Visit us with Thy salvation
Enter every trembling heart
Breathe, O breathe, Thy loving spirit
Into every troubled breast
Let us all in Thee inherit
Let us find that second rest
Take away the love of sinning
Alpha and Omega be
End of faith, as its beginning
Sets our hearts at liberty
Come almighty to deliver
Let us all Thy life receive
Suddenly return and never
Never more Thy temples leave
Thee we would be always blessing
Serve Thee as Thy hosts above
Pray, and praise Thee without ceasing
Glory in Thy perfect love
Finish then Thy new creation (Finish then Thy new creation)
Pure and spotless let us be (Pure and spotless let us be)
Let us see Thy great salvation (Let us see Thy great salvation)
Perfectly restored in Thee (Perfectly restored in Thee)
Changed from glory into glory (Changed from glory into glory)
'Til in Heaven we take our place ('Til in Heaven we take our place)
'Til we cast our crowns before Thee ('Til we cast our crowns before Thee)
Lost in wonder, love and praise
'Til in Heaven we take our place
'Til we cast our crowns before Thee
Lost in wonder, love and praise

Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts

Jesus, Thou Joy of loving
hearts,
Thou Fount of life, Thou Light

of men,
From the best bliss that earth
imparts,
We turn unfilled to Thee again.

Thy truth unchanged hath ever
stood;
Thou savest those that on Thee
call;
To them that seek Thee, Thou
art good,
To them that find Thee, all in
all!

We taste Thee, O Thou living
Bread,
And long to feast upon Thee
still;
We drink of Thee, the
Fountain-head,
And thirst our souls from Thee
to fill!

Our restless spirits yearn for
Thee,
Where'er our changeful lot is
cast;
Glad when Thy gracious smile
we see,
Blest, when our faith can hold
Thee fast.

O Lord, be Thou our strength
and stay!
Make all our moments calm
and bright,
Chase all dark thoughts of sin
away,
Shed o'er us here Thy holy
light.

Readings

Acts 10

In Caesarea there was a man named Cornelius, a centurion of the Italian Cohort, as it was called. He was a devout man who feared God with all his household; he gave alms generously to the people and prayed constantly to God. One afternoon at about three o'clock he had a vision in which he clearly

saw an angel of God coming in and saying to him, 'Cornelius.' He stared at him in terror and said, 'What is it, Lord?' He answered, 'Your prayers and your alms have ascended as a memorial before God. Now send men to Joppa for a certain Simon who is called Peter; he is lodging with Simon, a tanner, whose house is by the seaside.' When the angel who spoke to him had left, he called two of his slaves and a devout soldier from the ranks of those who served him, and after telling them everything, he sent them to Joppa.

About noon the next day, as they were on their journey and approaching the city, Peter went up on the roof to pray. He became hungry and wanted something to eat; and while it was being prepared, he fell into a trance. He saw the heaven opened and something like a large sheet coming down, being lowered to the ground by its four corners. In it were all kinds of four-footed creatures and reptiles and birds of the air. Then he heard a voice saying, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' But Peter said, 'By no means, Lord; for I have never eaten anything that is profane or unclean.' The voice said to him again, a second time, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' This happened three times, and the thing was suddenly taken up to heaven.

Now while Peter was greatly puzzled about what to make of the vision that he had seen, suddenly the men sent by Cornelius appeared. They were asking for Simon's house and were standing by the gate. They called out to ask whether Simon, who was called Peter, was staying there. While Peter was still thinking about the vision, the Spirit said to him, 'Look, three men are searching for you. Now get up, go down, and go with them without hesitation; for I have sent them.' So Peter went down to the men and said, 'I am the one you are looking for; what is the reason for your coming?' They answered, 'Cornelius, a centurion, an upright and God-fearing man, who is well spoken of by the whole Jewish nation, was directed by a holy angel to send for you to come to his house and to hear what you have to say.' So Peter invited them in and gave them lodging.

The next day he got up and went with them, and some of the believers from Joppa accompanied him. The following day they came to Caesarea. Cornelius was expecting them and had called together his relatives and close friends. On Peter's arrival Cornelius met him, and falling at his feet, worshipped him. But Peter made him get up, saying, 'Stand up; I am only a mortal.' And as he talked with him, he went in and found that many had assembled; and he said to them, 'You yourselves know that it is unlawful for a Jew to associate with or to visit a Gentile; but God has shown me that I should not call anyone profane or unclean. So when I was sent for, I came without objection. Now may I ask why you sent for me?'

Cornelius replied, 'Four days ago at this very hour, at three o'clock, I was praying in my house when suddenly a man in dazzling clothes stood before me. He said, "Cornelius, your prayer has been heard and your alms have been remembered before God. Send therefore to Joppa and ask for Simon, who is called Peter; he is staying in the home of Simon, a tanner, by the sea." Therefore I sent for you immediately, and you have been kind enough to come. So now all of us are here in the presence of God to listen to all that the Lord has commanded you to say.'

Then Peter began to speak to them: 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, 'Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?' So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

1 John 5: 1-6

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ* has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

John 15:9-17

As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

'This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants* any longer, because the servant* does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

Prayers

May 9, 2021



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Joys & Announcements

Minute for Mission: Life Itself Is A Stewardship

Bible Verse: Job 10: 5

Are your days like those of a mortal, or your years like those of a strong man? Human life carries a great responsibility with it. As Christians, we know that our lives are sacred trusts. We are the stewards of our lives. God depends on us to use our gifts to accomplish God's purposes.

Hill Country Community Ministry - Check HCCM's website for information on how to make donations.

Birthdays

5/10	Emogene Champion	5/13	Mary Cameron	5/17	Karen Thompson
5/19	Jessie Kirkpatrick	5/21	Evan Kirkpatrick	5/22	Barbara Tout

Calendar

Session meeting schedule for May 16th.

Services and other church activities have been suspended. Session reviews reopening each month.

Scriptures for May 16, 2021 – Acts 1: 15-17, 21-26, Psalm 1:1-6, 1 John 5: 9-13, John 17: 6-19

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