

ORDER OF WORSHIP

LEASIDE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

May 9, 2021 - 10:30 a.m.

Sixth Sunday of Easter - Mother's Day

Intergenerational Worship Service

GATHERING

PRELUDE *God, Give Us Christian Homes* - B. McKinney Arr. C. Berry

WELCOME

SPECIAL MUSIC *Stand Tall* by Jakob Vanyo, Bridgit O'Leary

A TIME OF CENTERING & STILLNESS

CALL TO WORSHIP

HYMN

Oh Worship the King No. 313

OPENING PRAYER

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

HYMN

There is a redeemer No. 358

PEACE TO CHRIST

WORD

SPECIAL MUSIC

Wings of an Eagle by Steve Bell
Rev. Alexander Wilson & Alex Mclean

ACTS 10:44-48

1 JOHN 5:1-6

HYMN

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine No. 687

JOHN 15:9-17

SERMON

Untraceable spirit

RESPONSE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BLESSING OF THE PRAYER SHAWLS

OFFERINGS

Original Composition by Jake Kopman

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SENDING

HYMN

Guide me, O thou great Redeemer No. 651

SENDING

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Amazing Grace
John Douglas-bagpipes

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We gather to worship the One
who crafted creation out of chaos,

All: our cries of joy join the anthems of the universe.

One: We gather to lift our praise
to the God who gives us voice,

**All: we bring the songs which have echoed
in our hearts all week long.**

One: We gather as the children of God,
our joy unbroken in God's love.

**All: Young and old, tone deaf and perfect-pitched
lift the new, new songs of faith.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**All: Joy-giving God, we know who we are: people who hear
the harmony of your grace and love in our souls, but sing
off-key so often. We want to learn new songs, but those
haunting tunes of our past mistakes run through our
heads. We long to make a joyful noise to you, but the
hurts inflicted on us, and the pain we have caused others,
silence our voices.**

**Sing to us, Conductor of Grace: sing of your forgiveness,
your hope, your love for us. Strike a chord of humility in
our hearts so our eyes could see all you have done for us;
and in seeing, we might believe how much you love us;
and in believing, we would echo that new song of hope
and life composed through Jesus Christ our Lord and
Savior.**

Silence is kept

SHARING OF THE PEACE

One: We're now going to share the peace. May the peace of
Christ be with you all.

All: And also with you.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

All: 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, the power, and the glory;
for ever and ever. AMEN

BLESSING OF THE PRAYER SHAWLS

One: Let us give voice to the gratitude and love that rest within
our hearts.

All: Generous God, we thank you for bringing us together in
this circle. We thank you for the gift of knitting and the gift
of praying. We thank you for those who have passed on
this ancient art to us. We thank you for those who created
the yarn, those who brought it to market, and those who
stocked the shelves. We are blessed by the loves of the
many people who make our knitting possible.

One: Let us pray for those who will receive these shawls.

All: Compassionate God, we ask you to bless all the people
for whom our shawls are knit. May these shawls be a
reminder of your presence in their lives. May these shawls
bring them love and light, hope and joy.

Blessing:

One: May God's grace be upon these shawls, warming,
comforting, enfolding, embracing. May these mantles be
a safe haven, a sacred place for security and well-being,
sustaining and embracing in good times as well as difficult
ones. May the ones who receive these shawls be cradled
in hope, kept in joy, graced with peace, and wrapped in
love. Blessed Be!

Adapted from *Knitting in the the Mystery*, Morehouse Publishing,
2003

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

One: Take our gifts, Composing God,

All: and weave a song of healing for the broken,

One: of nourishment for the hungry,

All: of hope for those who despair,

One: and peace for those torn by violence.

All: We sing our praises, as we offer our treasures,

One: as well as our hearts, in the name of Jesus. Amen.

SENDING

One: As God has loved us,

All: so we will go to love those despised by the world.

One: As Jesus has forgiven us,

**All: we will go to forgive everyone who has hurt us
and to bring healing into their brokenness.**

One: As the Spirit calls us 'friends,'

**All: so we will go to befriend the outcasts,
the lonely, and the lost of our society.**