

The Service for the Lord's Day  
5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

11:00 a.m.

May 2, 2021

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*Prelude*

*Communion*

Rene Vierne

*Welcome*

**ADORATION**

***Call to Worship***

In the wilderness, water brings life.

**Seek us out, O God, and take us to the water.**

In the Word of God, the good news gives light.

**Seek us out, O God, and fill us with understanding.**

In the bread and wine, the body of our Savior nourishes everyone.

**Seek us out, O God, and give us yourself.**

Here is the water of life, the word that feeds, and the food of eternity. Come and praise the One that gives all goodness.

***Hymn 157***

*I Danced in the Morning*

LORD OF THE DANCE

**CONFESSION**

***Call to Confession***

Trusting in the mercy of God, let us confess to God and to one another our failure to love our neighbor. Let us pray

***Prayer of Confession***

**God of mercy, we confess that we have not borne the fruit of the Spirit. We have not loved others as you have loved us. We have denied the promises of baptism and cut ourselves off from you. Forgive us, restore us, that we may abide in your love and live out your mercy, for the sake of Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.**

***Declaration of Forgiveness***

We have already been cleansed by the word that God has spoken to us. In baptism, God claims us, and joins us to Christ as branches to a vine. This is the good news of the gospel:

**In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!**

***Hymn 609***

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

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**PROCLAMATION**

***Time with the Children***

***Prayer for Illumination***

***Scripture Readings***

1 John 4:7-21  
Acts 8:26-40

The word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**RESPONSE**

*Affirmation of Faith*

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**

*Hymn 480*

*Take Me to the Water*

TAKE ME TO THE WATER

*Legacy Giving*

*Community Life and Offering*

*Prayer of Dedication*

Through our offerings, O God, give your loving Spirit to a world in need of comfort. Make our many gifts  
one offering for the world; in the name of Jesus. Amen

**Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper**

**Invitation to the Table**

**Great Prayer of Thanksgiving**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

**Communion Liturgy Continues**

**The 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**

**Distribution of the Bread and Cup**

*You may have your bread and juice with you, pre-prepared, and may serve others nearby and serve yourself saying,  
“the bread of life” for the bread and “the cup of salvation” for the cup. For those seated in the pews you may  
remove your mask to take the elements.*

**Prayer after Communion**

God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all  
your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world  
and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

*Benediction*

*Postlude*

*Toccata on ENGELBERG*

David Cherwin

We celebrate the following birthdays:

5/2 - Kathryn Haynes

5/4 - John Spies

5/5 - Hannah Valantine

5/6 - Stephanie Hampton

5/8 - Payton Miano, Sonia Russo

If we are missing your birthday, please contact Jeanne Grillo at [admin@potomacpresbyterian.org](mailto:admin@potomacpresbyterian.org).

We continue to keep in our prayers: *Members of the Armed Forces and their families; Ruth Andrew*, mother of Tom Andrew; *Louise Berman*, aunt of Pastor Emily; *Bob Conley; Bryan Conley*, son of Bob and Miriam Conley; *Gail Connor*, aunt of Beth Sherfy; *Josephine DiGioia*, friend of Louise Plumb; *Elliot Friedman*, husband of Betsey Rudnic Friedman; *Naomi & Bob Gerwin*, sister and brother-in-law of Marcia Boogaard; *Dave Gorman*, son of Nancy Tietjen & brother of Beth Rudnic; *Greg Grigorian; Atef Griess*, brother of Magda Shalaby; *Hartzog family; George Hornsby*, friend of Pat McMillen; *Velma Killion; George Lawrence; Gloria Leber; Tyler Painter*, nephew of Jon and Heather Davies; *Bob Plumb; Karen Ruan; Nettie Propps; Cam Sanders*, nephew of Marcia Boogaard; *Millie Rowan; Alex Shalaby*; and *Aleta Towle*, cousin of Sally O'Neal.

*Marye Cotton* has been hospitalized, please hold her in your prayers. Bill has requested no phone calls, only prayers and cards (11816 Winterset Terrace, Potomac, Maryland 20854; [wmcot@verizon.net](mailto:wmcot@verizon.net); [maryecotton@verizon.net](mailto:maryecotton@verizon.net)).

*We pray for health and wholeness for all suffering from COVID-19 and for all medical professionals and researchers seeking a cure, providing care, and helping to alleviate the strain.*

*We pray for individuals unemployed, those who have experienced with reductions in their work due hours, pay or responsibilities and those seeking new work due to Covid.*

If you would like to be added to the prayer list, please contact Pastor Emily at [emily.dandrea@potomacpresbyterian.org](mailto:emily.dandrea@potomacpresbyterian.org) or call the church office at 301-299-6007.

Names will remain on the prayer list for six weeks, unless otherwise requested.