

Go Out as God's People in the World

✠ Closing Hymn **HoF #48**: "O God Our Help in Ages Past"

✠ **BENEDICTION**: by *Pastor Janet*

✠ **POSTLUDE** by *Tracy (Yu) Qian*

Following today's service please join us
in the upstairs hall
for a celebration to continue the new member reception!



If you are **visiting** today, we thank you for coming and hope you return soon.

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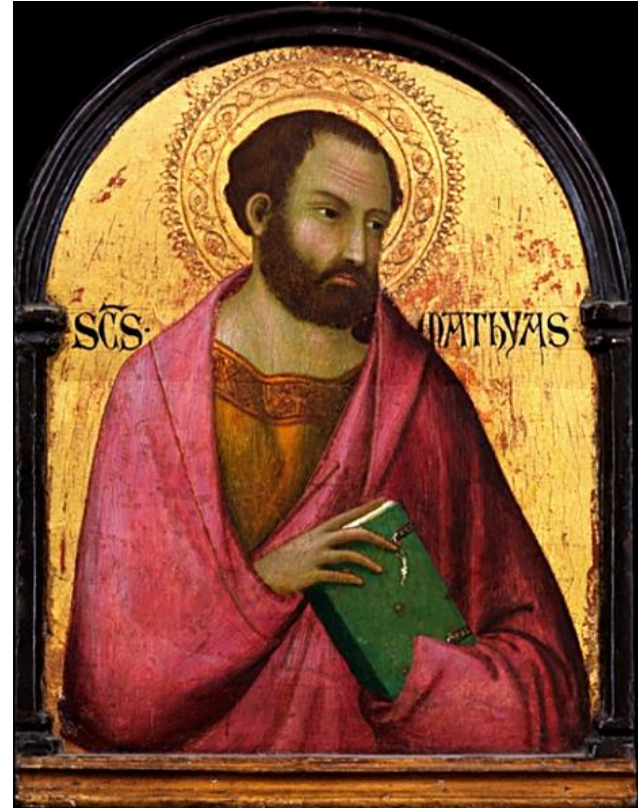
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Today's Worship Leaders:

Organist/Pianist: Tracy (Yu) Qian

Officer Assisting & Clerk of Session: Sally Kean

Pastor: The Reverend Dr. Janet A. Hufford

The Lord's Day Worship

May 22, 2022 – 6th Sunday of Easter - Worship, 11am

Assisted Listening Devices are available in the Sanctuary during Worship.

(Those not wanting to be seen on the **video recording**, please sit under the balcony.)

Hymnals: HB is "The Hymnbook" (burgundy) & HoF is "Hymns of Faith" (scarlet)

Gathering of God's People

After the chimes, please be in quiet reverence & silence cell phones.

3 RINGS OF THE STEEPLE BELL & CHIMES

WELCOME by Sally Kean

ANNOUNCEMENTS (See insert.)

PRELUDE by Tracy (Yu) Qian

† stand as able

† **CALL TO WORSHIP:** Psalm 97:11-12: *(responsively):*

Light shines on the righteous and joy on the upright in heart.

Rejoice in the Lord, you who are righteous, and praise his holy name.

† **Opening Hymn HoF #171:** "Easter Song"

† **PRAYER OF CONFESSION:** *(unison):*

We have been charged to quickly go tell that Jesus Christ is no longer dead! Yet we are ashamed to admit how few people with whom we have shared the Gospel during this Easter season. We admit that we usually keep this good news to ourselves and confined behind these closed doors, when the world is oppressed with bad news and much darkness. Jesus, you told us that we are the light of the world, but our lamps lack oil and our wicks are not trimmed. Forgive this serious sin. Revive us. Enable us to live into your resurrection and ours.

(Pause in silent confession.) Amen.

† **ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS:** *(responsively)*

Hear the good news! Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us.

Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation.

The old life has gone; a new life has begun.

Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

Amen.

† **GLORIA PATRI / RESPONSE:** *(unison)* Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be world without end. Amen, Amen.

Proclamation of God's Word

† **CALL TO GOD'S WORD:** John 10:35 & Romans 4:3 *(unison)*

"Scripture cannot be set aside... What does Scripture say?"

† **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

SCRIPTURE: Acts 1:12-17, 20-26 N.T. p. 1549-50

SERMON: "With Us the Whole Time"
by the Reverend Janet Hufford.

Response to God's Word

Baptism & Public Reception of New Members *insert*

† **Hymn of Response HoF #39:** "Great is Thy Faithfulness"

PRAYERS of JOYS & CONCERNS followed by **LORD'S PRAYER** *(unison)*
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.

CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

(Receptacles for offerings are found at each exit)

OFFERTORY to prayerfully consider giving in thankfulness.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

† **DOXOLOGY:** *(unison)* Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host, Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

(Pastor pours water into the Baptismal font & leads the following:)

Statement about Baptism: Sisters and brothers in Christ, our baptism is the sign and seal of our cleansing from sin, and of our being grafted into the life of Christ. Through the birth, life, death, and resurrection of Christ, the power of sin was broken and God's kingdom entered our world. Through our baptism we were made citizens of God kingdom, and freed from the bondage of sin. Let us celebrate that freedom and redemption through the renewal of the promises made at our baptism. I ask you in the congregation, therefore, once again to reject sin, and profess your faith in Christ, and to confess the faith of the church, in which we were baptized.

✠ **Reaffirmation of Baptismal Vows**

Pastor: Trusting in the gracious mercy of God, do you turn from the ways of sin and renounce evil and its power in the world? Do you?

ALL: I do.

Pastor: Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Lord and Savior, trusting in his grace and love? Do you?

ALL: I do.

Pastor: Will you be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying his Word and showing his love? Will you?

ALL: I will.

✠ **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:** "The Apostles' Creed" (*unison*)

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen!

Presentation of Candidates for Baptism & Membership Clerk

On 5/12 session approved for baptism & membership by Profession of Faith: Gracee, Keegan & Maycee Horn.

BAPTISMS of Keegan, Gracee & Maycee

Presentation of New Members Clerk

These were received as new members on 5/12 by the session of FPC: by Profession of Faith: Alaina Dixon & Wyatt Harvell and by Reaffirmation of Faith: Robert McCloud Peters III.

Confirmands Profession of Faith: Baptismal Scriptures

Gracee, Keegan & Maycee Horn: Galatians 5:22-23:

"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law."

Alaina Dixon: Galatians 5:24-25:

"Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit."

Wyatt Harvell: Jesus says in John 10:9:

"I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved."

New Member Questions

You have publicly professed your faith. Will you be a faithful member of this congregation, share regularly in its worship and ministry through your prayers and gifts, your study and service, and so fulfill your calling to be a disciple of Jesus Christ? Will you?

New Member: I will.

After the Holy Spirit was poured out on believers on Pentecost, just as the first followers of Jesus described in Acts 2:42 did, will you devote yourself regularly to the church's teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and prayer? Will you?

New Member: I will.

Prayer for New Members: Holy God, we praise you for calling us to be a servant people, and for gathering us into the body of Christ. We thank you for choosing to add to our number *Alaina, Gracee, Keegan, Maycee, Rob & Wyatt* in faith. Together, may we live in your Spirit, and so love one another, that we may have the mind of Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom we give honor and glory forever. Amen.

✠ **Promise of Congregational Nurture**

Do you, as members of the church of Jesus Christ @FPCP, promise to guide and nurture *Alaina, Gracee, Keegan, Maycee, Rob & Wyatt* by word and deed, with love and prayer, encouraging *them* to know and follow Christ and to be faithful members of his church? Do you?

Congregation: We do.

✠ **Welcome**