



OUTSIDE ORDER OF WORSHIP

May 16th, 2021 10:00 am Seventh Sunday of Easter

Rain Location: Bethel Sanctuary

☼ please stand – in body or in spirit ☼

GATHERING

GATHERING MUSIC

WESTMINSTER CHIMES

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTSDavid Schooley, Worship Leader

OPENING HYMN "Fairest Lord Jesus"
(music prerecorded; see page 4)
JoAnn Pendley, Pianist & Organist

WE APPROACH GOD

CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 122:1-4, 7-9, KJV)David Schooley

I was glad when they said unto me, let us go into the house of the LORD. Our feet shall stand within thy gates, O Jerusalem. Jerusalem is built as a city that is compact together: Whither the tribes go up, the tribes of the LORD, unto the testimony of Israel, to give thanks unto the name of the LORD. Peace be within thy walls, and prosperity within thy palaces. For my brethren and companions' sakes, I will now say, Peace be within thee. Because of the house of the LORD our God I will seek thy good.

☼ CALL TO CONFESSIONDavid Schooley

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God is faithful and just. He will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. In humility and faith let us confess our sin to God.

☼ UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Forgive us, O God our Father, for the small concept of heart we so often have of you. For the doubting suspicion we have of your ways. Give to us more faith, for, we have so little. Yet, amazingly we have faith in each other, in banks and check cards, in airplanes, in cooks, and strangers who drive us in Ubers or taxis. Forgive us our stupidity, that we have faith in people whom we do not know, and are so reluctant to have faith in You who knows us altogether.

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If we are honest with You, we must confess we are always striving to find our own, complicated way through life, when, all along You have a plan, and we refuse to walk in it. Certainly, we bring so many of our troubles on ourselves, and when we truly pause to ponder it all, we realize how very silly we are.

Will You, therefore, grant us a greater measure of that faith that we can deposit in the Bank of Your Love so that we may receive the dividends and interest You are so more than willing to give us. We ask it all in the lovely name of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

☼ MOMENT OF SILENT CONFESSION

☼ ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESSDavid Schooley

Jesus said, 'Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.' Through his death and resurrection, our sins have been forgiven. The Holy Spirit restores us to communion with God and with each other.

HEARING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATIONElder Jim Dye

SCRIPTURE READINGMatthew 5:1-3

SERMON
"My Ways Are Higher Than Your Ways"
Elder James "Jim" Dye

HYMN OF REFLECTION
"Open My Eyes, That I May See"
(music prerecorded; see page 5)
JoAnn Pendley, Pianist & Organist

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

☼ STATEMENT OF FAITH - WESTMINSTER CONFESSION OF FAITH (unison)

All Scripture is self-attesting and being Truth, requires our unreserved submission in all areas of life. The infallible Word of God, the sixty-six books of the Old and New Testaments, is a complete and unified witness to God's redemptive acts culminating in the incarnation of the Living Word, the Lord Jesus Christ. The Bible, uniquely and fully inspired by the Holy Spirit, is the supreme and final authority on all matters on which it speaks. On this sure foundation we affirm these additional Essentials of our faith.

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1. We believe in one God, the sovereign Creator and Sustainer of all things, infinitely perfect and eternally existing in three persons, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. To Him be all honor, glory, and praise forever!
2. Jesus Christ, the living Word, became flesh through His miraculous conception by the Holy Spirit and His virgin birth. He who is true God became true man united in one Person forever. He died on the cross a sacrifice for our sins according to the Scriptures. On the third day He arose bodily from the dead, ascended into heaven, where, at the right hand of the Majesty on High, He now is our High Priest and Mediator.
3. The Holy Spirit has come to glorify Christ and to apply the saving work of Christ to our hearts. He convicts us of sin and draws us to the Savior. Indwelling our hearts, He gives new life to us, empowers and imparts gifts to us for service. He instructs and guides us into all truth, and seals us for the day of redemption.

JOYS & CONCERNSDavid Schooley

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER (unison)Jim Dye

SENDING

☼ SENDING HYMN "Take the Name of Jesus with You"
 (music prerecorded; see page 6)
 JoAnn Pendley, Pianist & Organist

☼ CHARGE & BENEDICTIONJim Dye

POSTLUDE

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THANK YOU FOR JOINING US FOR WORSHIP THIS MORNING!

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YOU ARE ASKED TO STAY FOR A MEETING IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE SERVICE.

THERE WILL BE A TIME OF Q & A & DISCUSSION WITH ELDER JIM DYE FROM
 FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN HARRISONBURG, VA
 ABOUT THE GRACIOUS DISMISSAL PROCESS.

Harrisonburg First Presbyterian Church left the PCUSA in 2013. Jim will have his notes on their transition to answer any questions and/or address any concerns you may have.

630 Fairest Lord Jesus

1 Fair - est Lord Je - sus, Rul - er of all
 2 Fair are the mead - ows, fair - er still the
 3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair - er still the
 4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Rul - er of the

na - ture, O thou of God to earth come
 wood - lands, robed in the bloom - ing garb of
 moon - light, and all the twink - ling, star - ry
 na - tions, Son of God and Son of

down, thee will I cher - ish, thee will I
 spring. Je - sus is fair - er; Je - sus is
 host. Je - sus shines bright - er; Je - sus shines
 Man! Glo - ry and hon - or, praise, ad - o -

hon - or, thou, my soul's glo - ry, joy, and crown.
 pur - er, who makes the woe - ful heart to sing.
 pur - er, than all the an - gels heaven can boast.
 ra - tion, now and for - ev - er - more be thine!

Franz Liszt used this melody for a "Crusaders' March" in an oratorio, but this hymn had nothing to do with the Crusades. No record of the German text exists before the middle of the 17th century or of the Silesian folk melody before the first half of the 19th century.

Open My Eyes, That I May See 451



1 O - pen my eyes, that I may see glimps - es of truth thou hast for me.
 2 O - pen my ears, that I may hear voic - es of truth thou send - est clear.
 3 O - pen my mouth, and let me bear glad - ly the warm truth ev - ery - where.



Place in my hands the won - der - ful key that shall un - clasp and
 And while the wave notes fall on my ear, ev - ery - thing false will
 O - pen my heart, and let me pre - pare love with thy chil - dren



set me free. Si - lent - ly now I wait for thee, read - y, my God, thy
 dis - ap - pear. Si - lent - ly now I wait for thee, read - y, my God, thy
 thus to share. Si - lent - ly now I wait for thee, read - y, my God, thy



will to see. O - pen my eyes; il - lu - mine me, Spir - it di - vine!
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The first woman to publish a collection of her own anthems, this author/composer has created in this hymn a sung prayer for illumination. It not only asks God to help us understand Scripture but also prays for the strength and courage to make God's love known to others.

Take the Name of Jesus with You 313

And whatever you do, in word or in deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus. Colossians 3:17

1. Take the name of Je - sus with you, Child of sor - row and of woe;
 2. Take the name of Je - sus ev - er As a shield from ev - 'ry snare;
 3. Oh, the pre - cious name of Je - sus! How it thrills our souls with joy,
 4. At the name of Je - sus bow - ing, Fall - ing pros - trate at His feet,

It will joy and com - fort give you, Take it then wher - e'er you go.
 When temp - ta - tions round you gath - er, Breathe that ho - ly name in prayer.
 When His lov - ing arms re - ceive us And His songs our tongues em - ploy.
 King of kings in heav'n we'll crown Him When our jour - ney is com - plete.

Chorus

Pre - cious name, oh, how sweet! Hope of earth and joy of heav'n;
 Pre - cious name, oh, how sweet!

Pre - cious name, oh, how sweet! Hope of earth and joy of heav'n.
 Pre - cious name, oh, how sweet, how sweet!

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 MUSIC: William H. Doane

PRECIOUS NAME
 8.7.8.7. with Chorus

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