

First Presbyterian Church

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Embodying Christ's inclusive love through heart, mind, and service

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Oak Ridge, Tennessee
A Congregation of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

May 15, 2022 • *Fifth Sunday of Easter*

**Please stand, in body or in spirit. Text printed in bold italics to be read in unison.*

Prelude

Welcome

***Call to Worship**

Praise the Lord!

Praise God from the heavens—sun and moon, stars and angels.

Praise God from the earth—mountains and meadows, fruit trees and flying birds.

Praise God, all peoples in all corners of the world.

Let all of them praise the name of the Lord.

For God's name stands alone, above all others.

God's glory towers over earth and heaven.

Let everything and everyone join together to worship God!

Praise the Lord!

***Hymn 19**

God of Great and God of Small

***Call to Confession**

***Prayer of Confession**

Surprising God, you are always doing a new thing. Yet, we confess that we are quick to shut windows against your breeze of change and new thoughts. We draw curtains to keep from seeing people who are different or in need. We lock doors to keep world and community concerns at bay. Have mercy on us, we pray. Break through the insulation of our hearts, so that your Spirit can flow freely in us, through us, and among us, for the sake of our risen Lord. Amen.

***Assurance of Forgiveness**

***The Peace of Christ**

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.

The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

Let us share the peace of Christ with one another.

***Sung Response** *The Steadfast Love of the Lord* *Glory to God, 59*
***The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases;
God's mercies never come to an end.
They are new every morning, new every morning;
Great is your faithfulness, O Lord, great is your faithfulness.***

Time with the Children

Anthem *Let All Creation's Wonders (Psalm 148)*

Scripture Readings Acts 11:1-18

Sermon *Our Invisible Fences* Sharon Youngs

***Affirmation of Faith** (*adapted by members of FPC*)

***We believe in God, the Father Almighty, and in Jesus Christ, his Son,
our Lord, and in the Holy Spirit. We seek to know God's will, to walk in God's
ways, and to proclaim the Gospel to all people, by our lives as well as by our
words. We work and pray for the progress of knowledge, the promotion of
justice, the reign of peace, and the realization of human unity in our time.
And we look with faith for the triumph of righteousness in our community
and in our world. Amen.***

Call to Prayer (first time choir, second time, all) *Glory to God, 240*

***Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.
Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.***

Prayers of the People with The Lord's Prayer (*ecumenical*)

***Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will
be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our
sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and
deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now
and forever. Amen.***

***Hymn 316** *Where Charity and Love Prevail*

***Charge and Blessing**

***Sung Response** *Irish Blessing*
***May the road rise to meet you, may the wind blow at your back,
May the sun shine warmly on your face.
May the rain fall softly on your field,
And until we meet again, until we meet again,
May God hold you in the palm of his hand. Amen.***

Postlude



*The flowers today are given by Wendy and Eric Myers to the glory of God
and in celebration of their anniversary.*



Announcements

—Thank you to Carolyn Dipboye for serving as our liturgist today.

—Special thanks to our guest pianist, Sophie Wang, for sharing her musical gifts with us today while Peggy Hinkle is away.

—The background artwork on this morning's slides is by Joel Bergner, a muralist/ street artist and educator who creates large-scale works of art with the participation of young people and communities around the world.

—The **2022 flower calendar** still has openings. All you need to do is (1) sign up for a Sunday in memory or in honor of someone; (2) submit the dedication information on a slip of paper located next to the calendar on the fellowship hall door; and (3) remit a check for \$35 payable to FPC (please note "flower" on the memo line).



—You are invited to sign up to **host fellowship and refreshments after worship**. You'll find a signup sheet on the A-frame sign just inside the fellowship hall entrance from the narthex.

Looking ahead:

May 21: Ginny Cone memorial service (1:00 p.m. interment, FPC memorial garden;
service afterward in sanctuary)

May 29: Fifth Sunday outdoor worship and all-church picnic

June 5: Pentecost

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