

OPEQUON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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The Fifth Sunday of Easter

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SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

May 2, 2021

11:00 am

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WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE *Prelude on "Old Hundredth"*

Arr: Pethel

Please use this time to prepare your inward spirit for the worship of God.

ENTRANCE OF THE WORD AND THE LIGHT

THE CHURCH BELL RINGS

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING SONG *The Old Rugged Cross*

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**On a hill far away, stood an old, rugged Cross
the emblem of suffering and shame.
And I love that old Cross where the dearest and best
for a world of lost sinners was slain**

(Refrain) **So I'll cherish the old rugged Cross
till my trophies, at last, I lay down.
I will cling to the old, rugged Cross
and exchange it some day for a crown**

**To the old, rugged Cross, I will ever be true
its shame and reproach gladly bear.
Then He'll call me some day to my home far away
where His glory forever I'll share. (Refrain)**

CALL TO WORSHIP (Based on 1 Corinthians 13:1-13, POAMN Resources, PC USA)

If I know the latest dance moves of the new generation and have not love;

I'm only a wannabe young person with neither the experience nor the ability to fit in.

If I have great experience and a desire to teach others and have not love;

I'm only a big mouth windbag telling everyone else what to do.

If I have great history with experiences of many years and have not love;
I'm only a grouchy curmudgeon telling insignificant stories to justify my past actions.

If I have great wisdom earned through years of suffering and have not love;

I'm only an arrogant critic making myself feel better by making others feel worse.

Love is patient and kind.

Love does not keep a record of wrongs committed over the years. Love is not weighed down by the hurts of the past.

Love never fails even with the passage of time.

All: Trends and fashions will fade away, new gadgets will become old, even the strength of youth itself will pass away, but love endures forever. Of faith, hope and love, only love is the greatest.

HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 385 *All People That on Earth Do Dwell*

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**All people that on earth do dwell,
sing to the LORD with cheerful voice.
Serve him with mirth, his praises tell,
come ye before him and rejoice!**

**Know that the LORD is God indeed;
without our aid he did us make.
We are the folk he doth us feed,
and for his sheep he doth us take.**

**For why? the LORD our God is good,
his mercy is forever sure.
His truth at all times firmly stood
and shall from age to age endure.**

CALL TO CONFESSION

Let us confess our sins.....in the presence of the One who blesses us and meets our need.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful and forgiving Savior, a review of our lives reveals a mixed bag. At times we've displayed courage, at other times fear. Faith is co-mingled with doubt. We are compassionate one minute and holding a grudge the next. Humility is nudged aside by pride. Contentment loses ground to envy. We rely on you in obedient submission only to turn around and discover that we've seized the reins of control to our lives. Worry steals the peace that passes understanding. Hopefulness dissolves into self-pity. Mature as we are; immature as we might be, we confess that we are broken and are powerless to change it by ourselves. We need your mercy. We want to be made whole and new. We ask for your forgiveness and for you to do in us and for us what we cannot.

MOMENTS OF SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

All things are possible with Christ. The God of steadfast love is our refuge and Savior. In Christ, we who are broken are healed, forgiven, filled, and transformed.

LITANY OF PARDON

Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

PASSING OF THE PEACE

May the peace of God be with you

And also with you!

THE RESPONSE OF PRAISE NO. 2068 *I Love You, Lord*

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**I love you lord,
and I lift my voice, to worship you,
O my soul rejoice.
Take joy, my king, in what you hear.
May it be a sweet, sweet sound in your ear.**

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

SPECIAL MUSIC..... *What A Friend We Have in Jesus*
William Heavner, vocalist

THE READING OF GOD'S WORD

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Acts 8:26-40

GOSPEL LESSON: John 15:1-8

CONVERSATION WITH ALL AGES *Vines and Branches*

HYMN NO. 792 *There Is a Balm in Gilead*
CCLI#1622560

Refrain: **There is a balm in Gilead
to make the wounded whole,
there is a balm in Gilead
to heal the sin-sick soul.**

**Sometimes I feel discouraged
and think my work's in vain,
but then the Holy Spirit
revives my soul again.** Refrain

**If you cannot preach like Peter,
if you cannot pray like Paul,
you can tell the love of Jesus
and say, "He died for all."** Refrain

SERMON "Roots and Shoots"
Reverend Tracie Martin

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY *Bless Be the Tie That Binds*
arr: Shackley

THE DOXOLOGY (HYMN NO. 606) AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION, IN SANCTUARY AND AT HOME

Invitation

Prayer of Consecration and Prayers of Intercession

The Lord's Prayer (Hymnal p. 35. We say "debts" and "debtors" in the prayer)

Words of Institution
Sharing the Bread and Cup
Communion Music *Just As I Am*
Closing Communion Prayer

WE GO OUT IN GOD'S NAME

HYMN OF DEDICATION NO. 839 *Blessed Assurance! Jesus Is Mine!*
CCLI#1622560

**Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
born of His Spirit, washed in his blood**

Refrain: **This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long;
this is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long.**

**Perfect submission, perfect delight,
visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
angels, descending, bring from above
echoes of mercy, whispers of love. Refrain**

**Perfect submission, all is at rest,
I in my Savior am happy and blest,
watching and waiting, looking above,
filled with his goodness, lost in his love. Refrain**

CHARGE AND BLESSING

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE.. *They'll Know We are Christians by Our Love*
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**We will walk with each other, we will walk side by side,
we will walk with each other, we will walk side by side,
and together we'll spread the word that God is in the land,
and they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love.
And they'll know we are Christians by our love.**

POSTLUDE *Epilogue*
Martin

ANNOUNCEMENTS

May 2-9, 2021

TODAY

The Fifth Sunday of Easter Communion, CCAP Offering Older Adult Sunday

8:30 AM In-Person Worship (With Reservations & Restrictions)
9:45 AM Faith Formation via ZOOM
11:00 AM: Live Stream Worship

THIS WEEK

Tuesday: 10:00 AM – Staff Meeting
6:30 PM – Ministry Team Night via ZOOM
Wednesday: 12:00 NOON -- “Snackin & Chattin” via ZOOM
Thursday: 10:00 AM – Tai Chi @ the Picnic Shelter
6:30 – 8:00 pm – Sherando Food Pantry

NEXT SUNDAY

The Sixth Sunday of Easter Mother’s Day

In-Person Worship – 8:30 AM
Faith Formation via ZOOM – 9:45 AM
Live Stream Worship—11:00 AM

We are blessed to have Barbara Rupert to lead the singing of our hymns. Thank you, Barbara, for sharing your musical gifts.

Today, the flowers are given to the Glory of God by the Worship Committee.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

OPC Family/Staff
Ellie Lingo
Judy Foster Family
The Family of Jim Friend
Trudie Cope
Laurel Look
Paula & Mac McNichols
Mary Lou Thomas
Betty Lou Kelly
Carol Tubbs
Pam Bayliss
Lance Weeks
Ann & Edgar Tufts
Jack Grubbs
Laurel Hathaway & Family
Sandy Haney
Nancy & Curt Budny
June Windle
Carlene Lemasters
Atlanta Shootings
Boulder Shootings
E.F. "Shorty" Green
Tammy Workman
Jarett Cestaro
Gary Seabright

Peggy Gruenther
Nathan Windle
Jeff & Kim Barbour
Sylvia Wingfield
Grace & Sid Eadie
Dr. Michael Albig
Cindy Corell (missionary)
Doug Dicks (missionary)
Jose Lamont Jones
(missionary)
Donna Schmidt
Ben & Theresa Montgomery
Katie Teets
Unity of Our Nation
Ethiopia
Erin Richman
Jay Beach
Nancy Kerns
David Trickle
Dianne Fleming
Racial Injustice
Reconciliation
Local Schools
Firefighters
Police Officers

First Responders
Tom Schmidt
Al "Pop" Owens Sr
Food Banks
Homeless
Underemployed &
Unemployed
Mike Shade
Associate Pastor Nominating
Committee (APNC)
Casey Carr
Brad Treece
Patricia Ferguson
Women & Children of
Domestic Violence
Families of Children, Youth &
Young Adults with Special
Needs
Disaster Relief Agencies
Kes Mersha
Jane Lewis
Doug Koch
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Church Mekane Yesus

PRAY FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY SERVICE

Joshua Blake, Max Crane, Andrew Crane, Thomas Crane, Edison Gomez, Taylor McMurdo, Samuel & Julia Phillips, Brandon Michael, Jared Snawder, Greg Sousa, Katherine Tufts, Michael White, and their families.

MINISTRY TEAM NIGHT IS TUESDAY, MAY 4, AT 6:30 PM VIA ZOOM

Watch for the link in the daily emails.

BEGONIAS FOR PENTECOST

Begonias will be ordered to decorate the Sanctuary on Pentecost Sunday. If you would like to place an order the cost is **\$8 per pot**. You may purchase them in honor/in memory/to the Glory of God – please be specific. A form will be going out via email or is available in the church office. Contributions are due no later than **May 7**.

ROOTS & SHOOTS PLANTING DAY & BLESSING OF THE GARDEN

OPC Roots & Shoots is a garden ministry that serves the hungry in our community and engages others in this ministry. It has already touched the lives of many and we are meeting and talking to our neighbors who have been watching us grow. If you are interested in getting involved, there will be a **planting day and blessing of the garden on May 8th from 9:00am to noon; please join us if you are able!**

ROOTS & SHOOTS GARDEN NEEDS

The Opequon Presbyterian Church Roots & Shoots Garden is in need of **1 or 2 full-sized rounded blade shovels**. A member stepped up and has donated two! Thank you!!!

HAVE YOU HEARD ABOUT VBS?

There WILL BE Vacation Bible School this summer in an exciting new way! The dates are **June 21-23 (Monday-Wednesday), open 5-7pm each evening**. The focus will be on Serving our own families, serving our friends, and serving our neighbors; with loads of fun in 'God's Big Backyard'! There will be indoor and outdoor stations for families to roam around to, each with a different activity each night. Dinner meals can be reserved for pick-up while you are here. Families are invited to come ANY and ALL nights that work for you. Watch and listen for more details to come.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL CLASS (FOR ADULTS) COMING IN JUNE!

Stay tuned for details regarding VBS for Adults in June, the evenings of **June 27-30**. We look forward to an engaging book study.

OPEQUON ON SOCIAL MEDIA

You may already visit the Opequon YouTube channel regularly, but did you know that Opequon is on other social media sites?! Search for Opequon Church on Facebook and Instagram to see pictures, announcements, and other happenings!

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

The One Great Hour of Sharing offering is one of the four church-wide special offerings sponsored by the Presbyterian Church (USA). It is highlighted during Lent, received and dedicated on Easter. This year marks the 72nd anniversary of the first OGHS, begun as American Christians recognized the need to respond to the worldwide devastation caused by World War II. In March 1949, a national broadcast on a Saturday evening asked Americans to give generously the next morning in their churches; a remarkable assembly of national leaders and celebrities gave their efforts to the broadcast, and more than 75,000 churches responded the next day.

Contributions to One Great Hour of Sharing are divided equally among the Presbyterian Hunger Program, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, and Self-Development of People. A special envelope for you was enclosed with the April newsletter or you may give on-line. If you haven't given yet, we invite your contribution.

WONDERFUL OUTDOOR WORSHIP

WOW services are returning starting May 23 @ 6 PM. These services will be on the 4th Sunday of each warm weather month @ 6 PM.

WORSHIP NOTES AND REFLECTIONS

Notes on Today's Music

What makes an old hymn memorable?

What life experiences can you relate to hymns you have heard?

Notes on Today's Children of All Ages Sermon

Jesus uses easily available objects in his teaching. Have you ever watched a vine as it grew? What is the advantage of sending out a shoot to find an anchor?

Notes on Today's Prayers

Do you find our prayers of confession helpful? How?

Notes on Today's Scripture and Sermon

Does the story of the Ethiopian Eunuch surprise you?

Do new value older adults well at OPC?

How could you become acquainted with more of our older adults?