

## WE GATHER IN GOD’S NAME

### Prelude

### Welcome and Announcements

### The Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

*Please turn to your neighbor and exchange the greeting of peace.*

### \*Gathering Music #37 “Let All Things Now Living”

*Ash Grove*

Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving  
To God our Creator triumphantly raise;  
Who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,  
By guiding us on to the end of our days.  
We too should be voicing our love and rejoicing;  
With glad adoration, a song let us raise,  
Till all things now living unite in thanksgiving:  
To God in the highest, hosanna and praise.

### \*Call to Worship

from Thom Shuman

Leader: In the morning, God hears our voices as we lift our prayers and songs.

**People: In the morning, God whispers to us in the gentle breezes stirring the world.**

Leader: In the morning, we look for God alive and active around us.

**People: In the morning, we find God playing hopscotch with the kids on the corner.**

Leader: In the morning we come together to worship our God.

**People: In the morning, God gathers us up to lead us down the streets of justice and faithfulness.**

### \*Hymn of Praise #20 “All Things Bright and Beautiful”

*Royal Oak*

All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small,  
All things wise and wonderful, the Lord God made them all.

1. Each little flower that opens, each little bird that sings,  
God made their glowing colors; God made their tiny wings.  
All things bright and .....
2. The purple headed mountain, the river running by,  
The sunset, and the morning that brightens up the sky:  
All things bright and .....
3. The cold wind in the winter, the pleasant summer sun,  
The ripe fruits in the garden, God made them every one.  
All things bright and .....
4. God gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell  
How great is God Almighty, who has made all things well.  
All things bright and .....

### Prayer of Confession

*The Want of Peace* by Wendell Berry

**All goes back to the earth, and so I do not desire pride of excess or power, but the contentments made by men who have had little: the fisherman’s silence receiving the river’s grace, the gardener’s musing on rows.**

**I lack the peace of simple things. I am never wholly in place. I find no peace or grace. We sell the world to buy fire, our way lighted by burning men, and that has bent my mind and made me think of darkness and wish for the dumb life of roots.** *(Silence for personal confession)*

### Assurance of Pardon

*The Peace of Wild Things* by Wendell Berry

When despair for the world grows in me and I wake in the night at the least sound in fear of what my life and my children’s lives may be, I go and lie down where the wood drake rests in his beauty on the water, and the green heron feeds.

I come into the peace of wild things who do not tax their lives with forethought of grief. I come into the presence of still water. And I feel above me the day-blind stars waiting with their light. For a time I rest in the grace of the world, and am free.

My friends this is a world full of grace.

**In Jesus Christ we are forgiven, Thanks be to God.**

Rest. Be free! Amen.

### Prayer Response #471 “O Lord, Hear My Prayer”

*Hear My Prayer*

O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer.  
When I call, answer me.  
O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer.  
Come and listen to me.

## WE PROCLAIM GOD’S WORD

### The Word Spoken

In the beginning was the Word

**And the Word was with God, and the Word was God.**

### The Word *Psalms* 65 – Responsive Reading

<sup>1</sup> Praise is due to you, O God, in Zion; and to you shall vows be performed,

<sup>2</sup> O you who answer prayer! To you all flesh shall come.

<sup>3</sup> **When deeds of iniquity overwhelm us, you forgive our transgressions.**

<sup>4</sup> Happy are those whom you choose and bring near to live in your courts.

**We shall be satisfied with the goodness of your house, your holy temple.**

<sup>5</sup> By awesome deeds you answer us with deliverance, O God of our salvation;

You are the hope of all the ends of the earth and of the farthest seas.

<sup>6</sup> **By your strength you established the mountains; you are girded with might.**

<sup>7</sup> You silence the roaring of the seas, the roaring of their waves, the tumult of the peoples.

<sup>8</sup> **Those who live at earth’s farthest bounds are awed by your signs; you make the gateways of the morning and the evening shout for joy.**

<sup>9</sup> You visit the earth and water it, you greatly enrich it; the river of God is full of water; you provide the people with grain, for so you have prepared it.

<sup>10</sup> **You water its furrows abundantly, settling its ridges, softening it with showers, and blessing its growth.**

<sup>11</sup> You crown the year with your bounty; your wagon tracks overflow with richness.

<sup>12</sup> **The pastures of the wilderness overflow, the hills gird themselves with joy,**

<sup>13</sup> **the meadows clothe themselves with flocks, the valleys deck themselves with grain, they shout and sing together for joy.**

### The Word with the Children

**Anthem** “The Garden Song”

by Dave Mallett

### The Word Declared

Elder Laura Maher, Rev. Karen Ware Jackson

“5 Things I’ve Learned in the Garden”

1. Mother Nature Rules
2. Patience...Please!
3. Let’s Get Dirty
4. Bugs Rock!
5. Families Matter

## WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

### \*Hymn of Response #36 “For the Fruit of All Creation”

*Ar Hyd Y Nos*

1. For the fruit of all creation, thanks be to God.  
For the gifts to every nation, thanks be to God.  
For the plowing, sowing, reaping, silent growth while we are sleeping,  
Future needs in earth’s safe-keeping, thanks be to God.
2. In the just reward of labor, God’s will be done.  
In the help we give our neighbor, God’s will be done.  
In our worldwide task of caring for the hungry and despairing,  
In the harvests we are sharing, God’s will be done.
3. For the harvests of the Spirit, thanks be to God.  
For the good we all inherit, thanks be to God.  
For the wonders that astound us, for the truths that still confound us,  
Most of all that love has found us, thanks be to God.

### Offering “Garden in the Rain”

by James Dyrenforth & Carroll Gibbons

### \*Doxology #591 “Halle, Halle, Hallelujah”

*Halle, Halle*

Halle, halle, hallelujah!

Halle, halle, hallelujah!

Halle, halle, hallelujah!

Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

### \*Prayer of Dedication

### Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper

Lift up your hearts

**We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Gratitude, praise, hearts lifted high, voices full and joyful – these you deserve...

Lord God, as we come to share the richness of your table, we cannot forget the rawness of the earth. We cannot take bread and forget those who are hungry.

Your world is one world and we are stewards of its nourishment.

**Lord, put our prosperity at the service of the poor.**

We cannot take wine and forget those who are thirsty. The ground and the rootless, the earth and its weary people cry out for justice.

**Lord, put our fullness at the service of the empty.**

We cannot hear your words of peace and forget the world at war, all those fleeing violence and oppression, and the global threat of terrorism.

**Show us quickly, Lord, how to turn weapons into welcome signs and the lust for power into a desire for peace.**

We cannot celebrate the feast of your family and forget our divisions. We are one in spirit, but not in fact. History and hurt still dismember us.

**Lord, heal your church in every brokenness.**

We cannot look to you as King, and forget the discord and partisanship in our nation.

**Lord, give our leaders the wisdom to listen and the courage to work together.**

We pray for those who are ailing in body, mind, or spirit...

We pray for those who grieve...

**... 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.**

### Words of Institution

**\*Communion Hymn #527 “Eat This Bread”**

Eat this bread; drink this cup; come to Christ and never be hungry.  
Eat this bread; drink this cup; trust in Christ and you will not thirst.  
*(Repeat until all are served)*

*Berthier*

**Salem Presbytery Prayer List**

Trinity, Elon  
Mt. Vernon, Woodleaf  
Riverview, Eden

**WELCOME TO FAITH PRESBYTERIAN**

**Blessing the Earth**

**WE GO IN GOD’S NAME**

**\*Charge and Benediction**

**Postlude**

*\* Please rise in body or spiri*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Upcoming Worship Services - Let's Party!**

We're celebrating the resurrection with a fun new series:

May 8 - Baby Shower - Celebrate Mother's Day by caring for babies!

We'll be collecting items for our refugee moms, and we particularly recommend diapers in sizes 2 and 3. Talk to Karen for info on who has the good deals and coupons ;)

May 15 - Pentecost - Birthday Party for the Church - Celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit and the birthday of the Church with us!

- Please **join us today at 3:00 p.m.** for the inaugural Swahili-English service at Faith Presbyterian, led by Prince Mundeke Mushunju!
- The **Mission Group** is scheduled to meet Wednesday, May 4 at 2 p.m.

**FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH PRAYER LIST:**

Please be in touch with the office regarding any additions or corrections to the Prayer List. You may call (336.292.5150) or e-mail (faithpresgsonc@gmail.com).

Rick Barreau	Jo Anne Jennings
Jim Bodkin	Sara Kearns
Priscilla Christiansen	Tommy Knight (Betsy Rule's cousin)
Bertha Collins (Ralph Bazhaw's sister)	Steve Ladds (Laura Maher's colleague)
Davidson Family (Friends of Karen Ware Jackson)	Marge Mack
Vicki Duncan	Andy Moye
Bonnie Evans	Garth and Inky Payne
Clyde Fraley	Georgia Renfrow
Kem Gomo	Dr. John Saunders (friend of Larry and Sandy Jones)
'Cile Gorman	Karen Thomas (Helen Hall's daughter)
Pat Greeson	Stephen Ware (Karen Ware Jackson's father)
Helen Hall	The Family of Ken Wheat
Harold and Sandy Henderson	
Judy Herron and Family	



**We embrace inter-generational worship and welcome the giggles, questions, tears, and even shouts that enliven our oh-so-orderly service. We do have a professionally staffed nursery available for babies and toddlers, but we encourage our youngest members to learn with and from us throughout the worship service.**

There is a “PrayGround” available for children and adults at the front of the sanctuary. Feel free to join our young people in their interactive worship activities! **These experiences are great for active learners of all ages, and our children and their parents appreciate your engagement and support.**

We want to be a true family of faith and that means celebrating the gifts, questions, and talents of each of our members from young in age to young at heart!

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May 1, 2016 Service for the Lord's Day  
11:00 A.M. 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

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