



CHRIST
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

Established
October 4, 1851
Madison, Wisconsin

Christ is Risen

Easter at Christ Presbyterian Church



Sunday, May 17, 2020

The Sixth Sunday of Easter

10:00am

Online Worship

*We are ... A Community centered in Christ:
gathering in love, growing by grace, going forth to serve.*



Welcome to Eastertide—
the Sundays between Easter and Pentecost (May 31).
We are glad you chose to worship with us today!
As worship begins, take a moment to settle yourself.
Find a quiet place. Light a candle.
Participate in this worship stream as much or as little,
and in whatever way you wish.
All spoken and sung words will be streamed.

We Gather in Christ's Love

The Organ Prelude *Fanfare Processional*

William Matthias

Welcome

The Call to Worship

We are gifted people because of God's gracious design.

Some are gifted in teaching, some in fellowship; and still others in caring service.

The greatest gift of all is love. It is that gift that makes all the others alive and filled with power.

We cannot carry out the task God has assigned us, as Christ's Church, gifted though we are, without the gift of love. We desire that gift most of all.

Hymn of Praise *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling (Hyfrydol)*

Glory to God, No. 366

The Prayer of Confession

Gracious Lord, we are in your service, gifted by your whole and holy love. Jesus offers us grace that fulfills that love, and it is indeed amazing. But we confess that often we want to keep that grace to ourselves. We don't feel moved to extend to others the love that you have first shown to us. Cure us of shortsighted views of your creation and your children. Free us to catch a glimpse of the vision you have for your world, a vision beyond what we can see. Give us open hearts and minds to hear your prophetic word, and the courage to heed that word, and instill in us a courageous faith that breaks through the boundaries that separate person from person, so that we can share life in the love of Christ our Lord. Amen.

Silent Confession

The Assurance of Pardon

The nature of God is love, and whoever has been created as God's child has the capacity to apply that love.

That capacity for God's love to shine through us comes only as we open our lives and our hearts, to God, to each other, even to ourselves.

Condition us, Lord God, to be instruments of your peace,
and witnesses to your love, in all we are and become. Amen.

The Response of Praise *This is Amazing Grace* Jeremy Riddle, Josh Farro, and Phil Wickham

Sharing the Peace of Christ

The peace of Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

The Doxology

Glory to God, No. 606

We Grow by Grace as We Hear the Word

News of the Church

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Jean-René Watchou

A Reading from Scripture I Corinthians, Chapter 13

The Sermon The Gift of Divine Love

Dr. Robinson

Anthem *The Gift of Love*

arr. Hal Hopson

*Though I may speak with bravest fire and have the gift to all inspire,
but have not love, my words are vain as sounding brass and hopeless gain.*

*Though I may give all I possess, and striving so my love profess,
but not be given by love within, the profit soon turns strangely thin.*

*Come, Spirit, come! Our hearts control, our spirits long to be made whole.
Let inward love guide every deed; by this we worship, and are freed.*

We Go Forth in Joy to Serve the Lord

The Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

The Sending Song *One Thing Remains*

Brian Johnson/Christa Black/Jeremy Riddle

Arr. by Ed Kerr

The Benediction

The Organ Postlude *Toccata on "O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing"*

Lynnwood Farnham

*What's a "toccata"? A musical composition for a keyboard instrument designed to exhibit the performer's touch and technique. The word comes from the Italian **toccare** — "to touch."*

Leading in Worship Today

Preacher: Rev. Dr. Tom Robinson
Liturgists: Rev. Dr. Sharol Hayner, Natalie Handley
Call to Worship: The Wood Family
Reader: Ellen Murdoch
Organist: John Rafoth Pianist: Natalie Handley
Vocalists: Kirstin Roble, John Bohman, Kathy Otterson
Carter and Susie Baldwin, Natalie and Derek Handley
Minute for Mission: Jean René Watchou
Worship Streaming Coordinator: Bryan Yates

You are invited...

All worship services at Christ Church are online until further notice.
For more information on services and links to other online activities for children,
youth and adults, please visit:
<https://cpcmadison.org/online-worship>

Why read the Lectionary?

*The daily Lectionary readings expand the range of biblical reading in worship and personal devotion
by providing daily scripture citations for home reading.
These readings complement the Sunday and festival readings.*

Here are the Revised Common Lectionary readings for the coming week:

Monday, May 18, 2020: [Psalm 93](#); [Genesis 9:8-17](#); [Acts 27:39-44](#)
Tuesday, May 19, 2020: [Psalm 93](#); [Deuteronomy 5:22-33](#); [1 Peter 3:8-12](#)
Wednesday, May 20, 2020: [Psalm 93](#); [Deuteronomy 31:1-13](#); [John 16:16-24](#)
Thursday, May 21, 2020: [Ascension of the Lord](#)
Friday, May 22, 2020: [Psalm 93](#); [2 Kings 2:1-12](#); [Ephesians 2:1-7](#)
Saturday, May 23, 2020: [Psalm 93](#); [2 Kings 2:13-15](#); [John 8:21-30](#)
Sunday, May 24, 2020: [Seventh Sunday of Easter](#)

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