

Order of Service
May 29, 2022
7th Sunday of Easter

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*We are so glad you have joined us for worship – either in person or online. You can get the latest information by visiting our website ([www.firstprespaestine.com](http://www.firstprespaestine.com)) and signing up to be on our e-mail list. We know that God is present whenever we gather, whether we gather in person or virtually, and hears the praise and prayers of our hearts. God’s peace be with you.*

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****INDICATES TO PLEASE STAND IF ABLE TO DO SO.**

GATHERING

Meditation in Preparation for Worship

Gathering Music

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Call to Worship

Leader: There is one Lord, therefore one church. That means all Christians are one in Christ’s Spirit!

People: We rejoice in being a part of Christ’s fellowship of believers! But we confess our human nature has hindered the unity for which he prayed.

Leader: When Christ prayed for Christian unity, he was praying for a oneness of Spirit that would bind all Christians together in a united witness.

People: We are broken pieces of precious vessel. But we are excited about the strong bond of unity that Christ’s Spirit can restore to us.

****Hymn of Praise**

“The Church’s One Foundation”

Red Hymnal #200 vs. 1,2

*The Church’s one foundation Is Jesus Christ her Lord;
She is His new creation By water and the word:
From heav’n He came and sought her To be His holy bride;
With His own blood He bought her And for her life He died.

Elect from every nation, Yet one o’er all the earth,
Her charter of salvation One Lord, one faith, one birth;
One holy name she blesses, Partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses, With every grace endued.*

Invocation

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

We confess with the deepest sadness, glorious God, our proneness to fall into disunity and disharmony, and in every way to fail to be a true communion of saints who share your glory. Forgive us, we pray, and provide us an extra measure of your grace, so that we may move beyond our petty differences and divisions to become one with the Christ, one with you, and one with one another. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness

Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven. **Thanks be to God.**

Song of Thanksgiving

I am a Child of God

I am a child of God, I am a glimpse of God's new creation. I am a child of God, I am a child of God.

THE WORD

Scripture **John 17:20-26**

The Word of God for the People of God. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

"Answering Jesus' Prayer"

Rev. Tom Akers

Choir Anthem

Let There Be Peace on Earth

Sy Miller & Jill Jackson

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Minutes for Mission – Pentecost

Lynn Pifer

Call for the Offering



How to Give: you can go directly to our website and use our online giving platform to set up a one-time or recurring gift; you can mail your offering directly to the church (POB 132, Palestine IL 62451), or you can drop your tithes and offerings at the church office, Mon – Thurs, 10 am – 2 pm.

Presentation of Offerings and Song of Dedication

*****Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow (Doxology) (#606)***

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

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. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory forever. AMEN.

SENDING

****Closing Hymn**

"The Church's One Foundation"

Red Hymnal #200 vs. 3

*Though with a scornful wonder Men see her sore oppressed,
By schisms rent asunder, By heresies distressed;
Yet saints their watch are keeping, Their cry goes up, "How long?"
And soon the night of weeping Shall be the morn of song.*

Benediction

God, send us from this place refreshed, renewed, restored.

Unite us in heart and mind, that we might go as followers of Jesus, to love and serve in a world of need. Amen.

Postlude

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PRAYER REQUEST

People of Ukraine

Family of Helen (Taylor) Hibbs

Family of Blanche McDaniel

Family of Jim Love

Sue Trimble – Recovering well

Miranda (Inbodden) Waddel – Breast cancer

Dalton Herlocker – Non-Hodgkins Lymphoma

Blain Loll – Diagnosed with Leukemia

Mark & Harry Redman – Home and improving.

Nick, Lawrence, & Jacob (friend’s children of the Knobletts).

Brenda Wolfe

Jason Gress (Sally Shepherd's nephew)

Remember our college students:

Kendra Biggs – Bellarmine

MaryAnn Catt - EIU

John Hunter - Cancer has returned

Joe Bush’s niece, Rachel

Amber Ramsey

Sally Shepherd – Healing Slowly

Doris & Bill Powell

Jim Smith – Undergoing therapy and getting stronger

Levi, Samantha Knoblett & Kids

Mei Judge – doing well with treatment

Cheryl Mefford

Kimberly Harmon – Undergoing chemo treatments

Kent Simms – Released from hospital & recovering well at Sister’s

Angie Fulling – Tumor is shrinking!

Lindsay Ryan – EIU

Charlie Catt – LTC

Remember those in our church family who are in assisted living or care homes:

Timber Creek Village

Sharon Biggs, Mary Laughead

1302 W Highland Avenue, Robinson, IL 62454

BridgePointe Health Campus

Cheryl Mefford

1900 College Ave, Vincennes, IN 47591

Cotillion Ridge

Richard & Lee Vehling

600 Robinwood Dr, Robinson, IL 62454

Sisters of Providence

Guileen Manual

1 Providence Pl, St Mary-Of-The-Woods, IN 47876

Arbor Rose of Robinson

Carolyn Ripley

500 S Reed Street, Robinson, IL 62454

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Mission Giving: Presbyterian Disaster Assistance – Through May**
- **Mission Giving: Pentecost – Through June**
- **Sunday, June 5 – Pentecost**
- **Sunday, June 5 – Communion**

Session Meeting Highlights – May 17, 2022

- The Worship / Christian Education / Sunday School committee met to discuss family worship space and the use of the Koinonia room. The committee requests that the signature quilts be hung on the back north/west wall of the sanctuary.
- The continued consideration of the merger of the Session and Trustees was discussed. Eric had spoken with a Presbyterian Elder from Vincennes who states they have operated with 1 board plus a buildings and grounds committee for a long time and it works well. It was agreed to pause and consider a meal/cookout opportunity to let members discuss if they choose.

The next Session meeting will be June 21, 2022

Trustee Meeting Highlights – May 18, 2022

- Sidewalks – Sandy checked in with Tim McDaniel. He estimated that it would be two weeks before the schedule of sidewalk repairs would be ready. After that comes out, we'll know about a repair date. Sidewalks are the Village's responsibility, so the church will not get a bill.
- Landscaping – Sandy had an estimate from Smitty's Garden Center. It was for trimming bushes & spraying weeds around the church for \$272.32. Mark had been told about Dan's Lawn Care from Annapolis. They charge approximately \$30/hour. After some discussion, Sandy was asked to check back with Smitty's to get a price for the previous items as well as trimming trees and dealing with sidewalks for both church & manse. Robert moved that if they could clean/weed/spray/trim for up to \$600, Sandy should get the church on their list. Doug seconded. Motion passed.

The next Trustee meeting will be June 22, 2022

Financial Report		
	April 2022	Year to Date
Income/Offering	\$ 14,046.21	\$ 56,132.41
Expenses	\$ 11,227.34	\$ 47,463.01
Difference	\$ 2,818.87	\$ 8,669.40

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