

First Presbyterian Church

May 5, 2024

6th Sunday of Easter

Morrison, Illinois

10:15AM

Enter This Church That We Might Worship Together!



PRELUDE

THE GATHERING WELCOME

Pastor: Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ

People: Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ

INTROIT

O Sing to the Lord

No. 472

OPENING PRAYER & MOMENT FOR MEDITATION (1 John 5:1-6)

“Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.”

CALL TO WORSHIP (Unison) (Psalm 98)

Pastor: O sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things. His right hand and his holy arm have gotten him victory.

All: The Lord has made known his victory; he has revealed his vindication in the sight of the nations.

Pastor He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel. All the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

All: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises.

Pastor: Sing praises to the Lord with the lyre, with the lyre and the sound of melody.

All: With trumpets and the sound of the horn make a joyful noise before the King, the Lord.

Pastor: Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; the world and those who live in it.

All: Let the floods clap their hands; let the hills sing together for joy at the presence of the Lord, for he is coming to judge the earth. He will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with equity.

***HYMN**

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

No. 376

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (Unison)

We thank you Lord for all the people you give us in this life who care for us—our parents and family, teachers and leaders, friends and even strangers. We give thanks as well for the care and guidance we receive from nature. Yet we so easily push people away from us and view nature as something to be exploited. In so many ways, we exclude ourselves from community. Forgive us for this, and for all the ways in which we stray from you. We pray this in Jesus’ name.....Silent prayer followed by ‘Amen’.

***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS** (Responsively)

God’s love for us is unending. God will continue to be present in our life in Word, Spirit and as Creator. God will always provide for us the people we need in our lives. We may be in right relationship with all we encounter when we focus upon love for our brothers and sisters, as well as for all of God’s creation. In this, the new life is granted. Praise be Jesus’ name forever and ever! Amen.

***HYMN**

Glory Be to the Father (Gloria Patri)

No. 579

TIME WITH THE GROWING CHURCH (Concluding with the Lord’s Prayer (p. 16))

GOSPEL READING

John 15:9-17

SERMON

HYMN

When a Poor One

No. 407

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (Concluding with “Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.”)

***HYMN**

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow (Doxology)

No. 592

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION** (Unison)

We thank you Lord for your abiding love and for the forgiveness and new life you offer to us. We pray that our lives be rededicated to you so that we may pass on your love to all we encounter and all of creation. We pray for peace, healing and good health for ourselves and all humanity. Bring us out of our struggles and grant us the new life that awaits. We pray this in Jesus’ name. Amen.

***HYMN**

Song of Hope

No. 432

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE**

PASSING OF THE PEACE (*greeting: “Peace be with you,” response: “and also with you”*)

*You are invited to stand for this portion.

**Please remain seated until the conclusion of the postlude.

The Bible verses are read from the New Revised Standard Version (NRSV).



Depart This House That We Might Witness Together!

Remember in prayer: Individuals and families fighting COVID-19 infection; residents and staff of Resthove, Homestead and Pleasant View; medical workers, essential employees, school teachers & staff; Bev & Larry Bealer, Dan Brandon, Brandy Claeys (a Friend of Stacie’s) Dale Johnson, Janet Johnson, Ella Laughlin, Richard McCoy, Ken Mills, Sheila Osborn, Youdelka Philippe (MSH), Margie Selburg, Bob Simms, Jean Temple, Rachael Tucker, Ray Tucker

Love one another!

Livestream Worship Services

Each Sunday at 10:15am from the church's Facebook group page: www.facebook.com/groups/firstpresmorrison. And after the service on YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/@firstpresmorrison>

Upcoming Community Events:

05/07:

9:30am Bible Study

05/08:

1:30pm BINGO @ Homestead

Bible Study We will meet Tuesdays at 9:30am at Pleasant View. Rick Barr will lead the weeks that Pastor Mike is unavailable.

Drive-Up Meal The next meal will be on May 30. We will be serving sloppy joe sandwiches. Meal begins at **5PM**. Help is needed on Wednesday at 1:30pm and Thursday starting at 4:15pm.

*While Peter was still speaking,
the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word.
The circumcised believers who had come with Peter
were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit
had been poured out even on the Gentiles,
for they heard them speaking in tongues
and extolling God. Then Peter said,
“Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing
these people who have received the Holy Spirit
just as we have?”
So he ordered them to be baptized
in the name of Jesus Christ.
Then they invited him to stay for several days.*

—Acts 10:44-48

Birthdays

05/05: Katie (Browning) Symington
05/06: Tim Reynolds
05/07: Karl Kruse
05/08: Margaret Esse
05/11: Lexie Laughlin

Anniversaries



05/07: Jeremy & Stacie Baker

STAFF

Pastor. Rev. Dr. Mike Selburg
Office Manager. Stacie Baker
Organist. Scott Vandermyde
Custodian. Courtney Bruckner

SESSION ELDERS:

Rick Barr	Ron Shank	Deb Zigler
Lexie Laughlin	Scott Vandermyde	Stacie Baker, Clerk
Angela Reamer	Carol Wolf	

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