

May 15, 2022

Wrestling with Doubt -

GATHERING MUSIC

***Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen* Keith Kolander**

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We gather in the name of God our Creator,
Jesus our Savior
And the Holy Spirit our Comforter.

Leader: We gather in this space and time to declare news
that changes the world.
This is the news:

All: Jesus is risen!

Leader: This is the moment:

All: Jesus is alive!

Leader: This is the gospel:

**All: Jesus is with us!
Alleluia!**

OPENING HYMN #377 vss 1, 4 –5 ***Alleluia! Jesus is Risen!***

1 Alleluia! Jesus is risen!
Trumpets resounding in glorious light!
Splendor, the Lamb, heaven forever!
Oh, what a miracle God has in sight!

Refrain

Jesus is risen and we shall arise.
Give God the glory! Alleluia!

4 Weeping, be gone; sorrow, be silent:
death put asunder, and Easter is bright.
Cherubim sing: O grave, be open!
Clothe us in wonder, adorn us in light. *Refrain*

5 City of God, Easter forever,
golden Jerusalem, Jesus the Lamb,
river of life, saints and archangels,
sing with creation to God the I AM! *Refrain*

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS (from PCUSA)

Pastor: Almighty God,
you love us, but we have not loved you with our
whole heart;
you call us, but we have not listened fully.

**All: We walk away from neighbors in need,
wrapped up in our own concerns.
We have gone along with evil,
with pride, quarreling, and divisiveness.**

Pastor: Holy God, help us to face up to ourselves,
so that, as you move toward us in mercy,
we may repent, turn to you, and receive mercy;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Pastor: In the name of the risen Jesus Christ, you are
forgiven and renewed by the power of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen. Thanks be to God!

SONG OF RESPONSE #801 *Change Me Heart, O God*

Change my heart, O God;
make it ever true.

Change my heart, O God;
may I be like you.

You are the potter;
I am the clay.

Mold me and make me;
this is what I pray.

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

WELCOME/LIFE IN COMMUNITY



Next Sunday, May 22

CUTTING CAKE + BREAKING GROUND

10:15am | Courtyard

Butterfly
Renovation

Graduation
Sunday

8:15 **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

10:45 **HOLY BAPTISM...**Jordan and Jade Butler

Today we celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Baptism for **Jordan Irving Butler**, son of Carolyn and Gene Butler. Jordan was born on December 26, 2019. His baptismal sponsor is Caitlin Neuman.

Today we celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Baptism for **Jade Irene Butler**, daughter of Carolyn and Gene Butler. Jade was born on November 15, 2021. Her baptismal sponsor is Bailey Nabors.

SCRIPTURE READING... REVELATION 21:1-6 (NRSV)

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

'See, the home of God is among mortals.

He will dwell with them;

they will be his peoples,

and God himself will be with them;
he will wipe every tear from their eyes.
Death will be no more;
mourning and crying and pain will be no more,
for the first things have passed away.'

And the one who was seated on the throne said, 'See, I am making all things new.' Also he said, 'Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.' Then he said to me, 'It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.

Leader: The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SONG OF RESPONSE *Lord, I Lift Your Name on High*

Verse 1

Lord I lift Your name on high
Lord I love to sing Your praises
I'm so glad You're in my life
I'm so glad You came to save us

Chorus 1

You came from heaven to earth
To show the way
From the earth to the cross
My debt to pay
From the cross to the grave
From the grave to the sky
Lord I lift Your name on high

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SCRIPTURE READING... ACTS 16:16-34 (NRSV)

Read by: Pr. Tom Grevlos

Once when we were going to the place of prayer, we were met by a female slave who had a spirit by which she predicted the future. She earned a great deal of money for her owners by fortune-telling. She followed Paul and the rest of us, shouting, "These men are servants of the Most High God, who are telling you the way to be saved." She kept this up for many days. Finally Paul became so annoyed that he turned around and said to the spirit, "In the name of Jesus Christ I command you to come out of her!" At that moment the spirit left her.

When her owners realized that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace to face the authorities. They brought them before the magistrates and said, "These men are Jews, and are throwing our city into an uproar by advocating customs unlawful for us Romans to accept or practice."

The crowd joined in the attack against Paul and Silas, and the magistrates ordered them to be stripped and beaten with rods. After they had been severely flogged, they were thrown into prison, and the jailer was commanded to guard them carefully. When he received these orders, he put them in the inner cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to

God, and the other prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly there was such a violent earthquake that the foundations of the prison were shaken. At once all the prison doors flew open, and everyone's chains came loose. The jailer woke up, and when he saw the prison doors open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself because he thought the prisoners had escaped. But Paul shouted, "Don't harm yourself! We are all here!"

The jailer called for lights, rushed in and fell trembling before Paul and Silas. He then brought them out and asked, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?"

They replied, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved—you and your household." Then they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all the others in his house. At that hour of the night the jailer took them and washed their wounds; then immediately he and all his household were baptized. The jailer brought them into his house and set a meal before them; he was filled with joy because he had come to believe in God—he and his whole household.

Pastor: The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE Pr. Tom Grevlos **Paul and Silas—Walking Together**

MESSAGE SONG *They'll Know We Are Christians*

We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord;
We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord;
And we pray that all unity will one day be restored.

Chorus:

And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,
yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand;
We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand;
And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land.

Chorus:

We Will work with each other, we will work side by side;
We will work with each other, we will work side by side;
And we'll guard each man's dignity and save each man's pride. *Chorus:*

All praise to the Father, from whom all things come;
And all praise to Christ Jesus, His only Son.
And all praise to the Spirit who makes us one.
Chorus:

CHRIST HYMN CREED... based on Philippians 2:5-11

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death - even death on a cross.

Therefore, God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Led by: (8:15) Pete Forsberg, (10:45) Karen Stern

THANK OFFERING

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- By mail, send to 3525 Bee Caves Rd, Austin, TX 78746



GENEROSITY MOMENT

Joel Timmons, our Youth Director, has successfully concluded his studies at Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary, receiving today his Master of Divinity. Walking alongside Joel on this journey has been the Shepherd of the Hills Faith Community, providing encouragement and financial support. Joel's achievement is due to his own hard work and the outpouring of generous love and support from others. Thank you Shepherd of the Hills for your generosity in helping to shape our future leaders, like Joel, in the Church!

OFFERING MUSIC

10:45 Bells Ensemble

***Amazing Grace* arr. Linda Lamb**

8:15 OFFERING RESPONSE *Give Thanks*

Verse 1

Give thanks with a grateful heart

Give thanks to the Holy One

Give thanks because He's given

Jesus Christ His Son

2x

Chorus 1

And now let the weak say I am strong

Let the poor say I am rich

Because of what the Lord has done for us

2X

Give thanks

PRAYER OF THANKS

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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 trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,
and the power,
and the glory, forever and ever.
Amen.

COMMUNION INVITATION

For the rest of Easter season, the Chalice on the altar was made by those who participated in *For You: A Holy Communion Retreat*. *This Sunday we honor Miller Dertien.*

As we celebrate this sacrament, all are invited to receive the Risen presence of Jesus.

God is really present—in bread and wine—forgiving sins and promising new life.

Bread/wafer— “The body of Christ given for you”;

Wine— “The blood of Christ shed for you.”

COMMUNION MUSIC

8:15 ***Be Thou My Vision* arr. Mark Hayes**

10:45 Choir ***Be Thou My Vision* arr. Alice Parker**

COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER

BENEDICTION

COMMISSIONING HYMN

#875 3x

Praise, Praise, Praise the Lord!

Praise, praise, praise the Lord!
Praise God's holy name. Alleluia!
Praise, praise, praise the Lord!
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COMMISSIONING

Leader: As Jesus walks alongside us, as Easter people may we walk alongside one another as we go out to love and serve the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God...and We Will!**

POSTLUDE

Fugue in G Pachelbel

PRAYERS

We pray for Sandy Nielsen, Rodney Varner, Walter and Stacia DeBill, Tom Smith and Wallace Behrhorst.

We pray in celebration for the baptism of Jordan and Jade Butler. Children of Carolyn & Gene Butler, grandchildren of Sue and Ray Vaughan.

We pray for the people of Ukraine and all who find themselves in the midst of war, gripped by fear and uncertainty. Send your peace.

We pray for our global ministry partners: Rev. Karen Castillo in Guatemala; Iglesia Luterana Augustina Virgen del Rosario, Aurora 8 de Octubre, Guatemala. We pray for Malcolm and Joy Henderson and the ministry of CHARIS in Haiti.

We pray for our local ministries: Mariposa Family Learning Center, Bread For All and Upbring Ministries.

We pray for our faith community, that we may be a church without walls and live out loud...faithfully!

**Prayers for family and friends are listed for 2 weeks, unless we are notified otherwise.*

WORSHIP TEAM

Pastors Pr. Tom Grevlos, Pr. Lauren Dow Wegner

Director of Worship/Arts Kevin McClure

Altar Care (8:15) Elnora and Ken McDonald;
(10:45) Linda Roesle, Miller Dertien

Assisting Minister (8:15) Pete Forsberg; (10:45) Karen Stern

AV (8:15) Bill Dawson and Dave Wegner; (10:45) Pete Forsberg,
Bill Dawson, Dave Wegner, Jamie Nichols and Peter Walsh

Food For Fellowship The Wissman Family

Hosts (8:15) Terrie Thomas; (10:45) Rick Burnight,
Sandy and Larry Smith

Admin Ministry Coordinator Amanda Forsberg

Campus Operations Dave Wegner

Creative Media Dabney Gomes

Director of Youth Ministry Joel Timmons

Executive Director Bill Dawson

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HAVE A BLESSED WEEK!

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