

The Worship of God
Caring for Creation Sunday, April 27, 2025 – 9:00 Morning Worship
Welcome to First Presbyterian Church via Zoom!

PRELUDE

“Christ, You Are the Day and Light”

Georg Böhm

WELCOME

GATHERING AROUND GOD’S WORD

CALL TO WORSHIP

In the shadow of resurrection,

we will live out our faith.

In the crumbs of broken bread,

we will proclaim Christ is risen.

In the cup of the communion,

we will trust the promise of grace.

In the community at the empty tomb,

we will believe what the world does not.

In the gravestone now rolled away,

we will break out in the joy of resurrection.

Come, let us worship.

OPENING PRAYER

We are your witnesses, O God, that, in you,

suffering and death do not have the final word.

Praise be to you, for the dawning of this new day;

a day when gentleness rules over might,

Spirit makes a way for true community, and love always wins.

This is the day you have given us.

We will rejoice and be glad in it.

Amen.

SING

“Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty”

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

When we are quick to judge the doubts of others,

and are not welcoming of their questions,

forgive us, God.

When we are timid to speak out against injustice,

forgive us, God.

When we wait for proof instead of claiming your peace,

forgive us, God.

When we shut ourselves off from the world, and hide behind walls of fear,

forgive us, God.

Forgive us and strengthen us, O God.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The God of resurrection is our cornerstone,
the foundation of our strength and hope.

Let us rise and be the people of God.

Let us rise and be a living testimony of the way of Christ.

Let us rise and join in the Spirit's song of living.

SUNG RESPONSE

"Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!"

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SHARING GOD'S PEACE

I invite you to turn to one another and share a sign of peace:

You're invited to unmute yourselves and exchange peace with one another

LISTENING TO GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE

Psalm 150

SECOND SCRIPTURE

Acts 5:27-32

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

REFLECTION

Reverend Susan Phillips

God, You Made Your Good Creation

Carolyn Winfrey Gillette

attr. B. F. White;
harm. Christopher Gage



1. God, you made your good cre - a - tion and you hold it in your care— From each
2. Yet, O God, the earth is cry - ing, times are chang - ing, storms are strong. Now the
3. God, you love this world we live in, so you sent your on - ly Son. "Here on



star - ry con - stel - la - tion to each for - est un - der - layer. Ti - ny
co - ral reefs are dy - ing, floods are rag - ing, droughts are long. Though the
earth as in your heav - en," God, we pray, "Your will be done." By your



crea - tures, moun - tain splen - dor, riv - ers, lakes and o - cean floors— You are
cir - cum - stan - ces dif - fer, when the earth is in di - stress, See! The
Spi - rit, may we lis - ten to the earth and to the poor; May we



lov - ing, kind and ten - der in your care for what is yours.
poor are first to suf - fer from our greed and sel - fish - ness.
care for all you've gi - ven till cre - a - tion is re - stored.

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

SING

"God, You Spin the Whirling Planets"

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GIVING OUR GIFTS

DOXOLOGY

"Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!"

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PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

We offer these gifts to you, gracious God,
that they may serve your purposes in the world.

And we offer ourselves as witnesses to your love.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE FROM THE CHAT

THE LORD'S PRAYER (debts & debtors)

SENDING INTO GOD'S WORLD

SING

"Praise the Lord! God's Glories Show"

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BENEDICTION

Let us go out into God's world in peace;
have courage; hold on to what is good;
return to no one evil for evil; strengthen the faint-hearted;
support the weak; help the suffering; honor all persons;
love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

SENDING

Go forth to take part in the story of God's love.
Go with courage, uplifted by the example of those who have gone before
and vitalized by the mystery and possibility that lies ahead.
And may God continue to bless and keep you.
Amen? **Amen.**

POSTLUDE

"The Rejoicing"

George Frederic Handel