

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

Prelude

Entrance Hymn Christ is the King!

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1 Christ is the king! O friends, re - joice; broth - ers and sis - ters,
 2 Oh, mag - ni - fy the Lord, and raise an - thems of joy and
 3 O Chris - tian wom - en, Chris - tian men, all the world o - ver,
 4 Let Love's all - rec - on - cil - ing might your scat - tered com - pa -
 5 So shall the church at last be one; so shall God's will on



with one voice let the world know he is your choice.
 ho - ly praise for Christ's brave saints of an - cient days.
 seek a - gain the Way dis - ci - ples fol - lowed then.
 nies u - nite in ser - vice to the God of light.
 earth be done, new lamps be lit, new tasks be - gun.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Easter Greeting

A: Christ is risen!
C: Christ is risen indeed!

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Amen.

P: The grace of our victorious and risen Lord, the love our God who raised him and the communion of the Holy Spirit which he gives to us be with you all.
C: And also with you.

Hymn of Praise

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This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.

All



1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are his.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.

2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the
 hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and
 might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Final refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain
 has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Prayer of the Day

P: The Lord be with you

C: And also with you

C: Gracious Lord you have always rooted your people in your Word, in your Sacraments and in our obedient love for one another. Come to us now and fill us with your Spirit that we will be nurtured and renewed for the works you send us to do. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

First Lesson

Acts 8:26-40

Philip Baptizes an Ethiopian Eunuch

Then an angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up at high noon and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a *dangerous* road through the wilderness.) So, he got up and went.

Now, travelling on the road was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of Candace, queen of the Ethiopians. He was her Treasurer and in charge of all her wealth. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home. At that moment, he was sitting in his chariot, reading the Biblical book of the Prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to his chariot and join him." So, Philip ran up to the chariot and heard the eunuch reading the prophet Isaiah.

So, Philip asked him, "Do you understand what you are reading?" The eunuch replied, "How can I understand this unless someone guides me?"

And the eunuch invited Philip to get in his chariot and sit beside him. Now, the passage of scripture that the eunuch was reading was this:

*"Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter,
and like a lamb silent before its shearer,
so he does not open his mouth.*

In his humiliation, justice was denied him.

Who can describe his generation?

For his life is taken away from the earth." [Isaiah 53:7-8]

The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?"

Then Philip began to teach him. Starting with this scripture, Philip proclaimed to the eunuch the good news about Jesus.

As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?"

He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away and the eunuch saw him no more, but went on his way rejoicing.

Reader: The Word of the Lord! C: Thanks be to God!



All the ends of the earth shall re-mem-ber and turn to the LORD.

*You who fear the Lord, praise the Lord!
All you offspring of Jacob, glorify the Lord;
stand in awe of the Lord, all you offspring of Israel!*

**For the Lord did not despise or abhor
the affliction of the afflicted;
the Lord did not hide the Lord's face from me,
but heard when I cried to the Lord.**

*From you comes my praise in the great congregation;
my vows I will pay before those who fear the Lord.*

**The poor shall eat and be satisfied;
those who seek the Lord shall praise the Lord.
May your hearts live forever! R**

*All the ends of the earth shall remember
and turn to the Lord;
and all the families of the nations
shall worship before the Lord.*

**For dominion belongs to the Lord,
and the Lord rules over the nations.**

*To the Lord, indeed, shall all who sleep in the earth bow down;
before the Lord shall bow all who go down to the dust,
and I shall live for the Lord.*

**Posterity will serve the Lord;
future generations will be told about the Lord,
and proclaim the Lord's deliverance to a people yet
unborn,
saying that he has done it. R**

God Abides in those who Love

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent God's only Son into the world so that we might live through that Son. In this is love, not that we loved God but that the Lord loved us and sent the Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

By this we know that we abide in God and God in us, because God has given us of the Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So, we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as the Son is, so are we in this world.

There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because God first loved us. Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from God is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

Reader: The Word of the Lord! **C: Thanks be to God!**

Children's Sermon

Verse

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, give
 thanks to the ris - en Lord; Al - le -
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, give - praise to his name.
 Spread the good news o'er all the - earth;
 Je - sus has died and has ris - sen!

Gospel Acclamation

P: The Holy Gospel according to Mark the 2nd chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord!

Gospel

Mark 2:13-22

And Jesus went out again beside the sea; the whole crowd was coming to him and he was teaching them.

And as he was passing by, he saw Levi, son of Alphaeus sitting at the tax booth, and he said to him, "Come along behind me!"

And getting up, Levi came along behind Jesus.

And as he sat at dinner in Levi's house, many tax collectors and sinners were also sitting with Jesus and his disciples--for there were many who came along behind him.

When the scribes of the Pharisees saw that he was eating with sinners and tax collectors, they said to his disciples, "Why does he eat with tax collectors and sinners?"

When Jesus heard this, he said to them, "Those being healthy have no use for a physician, only those having illness. I have come to call not the righteous, but sinners."

Now John's disciples and the Pharisees were fasting; and they came and said, "Why do John's disciples and the disciples of the Pharisees fast, but your disciples do not fast?"

Jesus said to them, "The sons in the bridal chamber do not have the power to fast when the bridegroom is with them, do they? For as long as they have the bridegroom with them, they do not have the power to fast. But the days will come when the bridegroom will be taken away from them, and then they will fast on that day. No one sews a piece of unshrunk cloth on an old cloak; if they do, it takes away the fullness of it, the new from the old, and a bad tear is made. And no one pours new wine into old wineskins; if they do, they will burst the skins, and the wine and the skins will be destroyed.

P: The Gospel of the Lord! C: Praise to you, O Christ!

Sermon

Hymn of the Day *Thou true Vine, that Heals the Nations*

[tune: Pleading Savior]

Thou true Vine, that heals the nations,
Tree of life, thy branches we.
They who leave thee fade and wither,
None bear fruit except in thee.
Cleanse us, make us sane and simple,
Till we merge our lives in thine,
Gain ourselves in thee, the Vintage,
Give ourselves through thee, the Vine.

Nothing can we do without thee;
On thy life depends each one.
If we keep thy words and love thee,
All we ask for shall be done.
May we, loving one another,
Radiant in thy light abide;
So through us, made fruitful by thee,
Shall our God be glorified.

Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Prayers

Passing of the Peace

Offering

Offertory

Praise, my soul, the God of heaven;
joyfully your tribute bring.
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
evermore God's praises sing.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praises everlasting ring!

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Angels sing in adoration,
in God's presence, face to face.
Sun and moon and all creation,
all who dwell in time and space.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise with us the God of grace

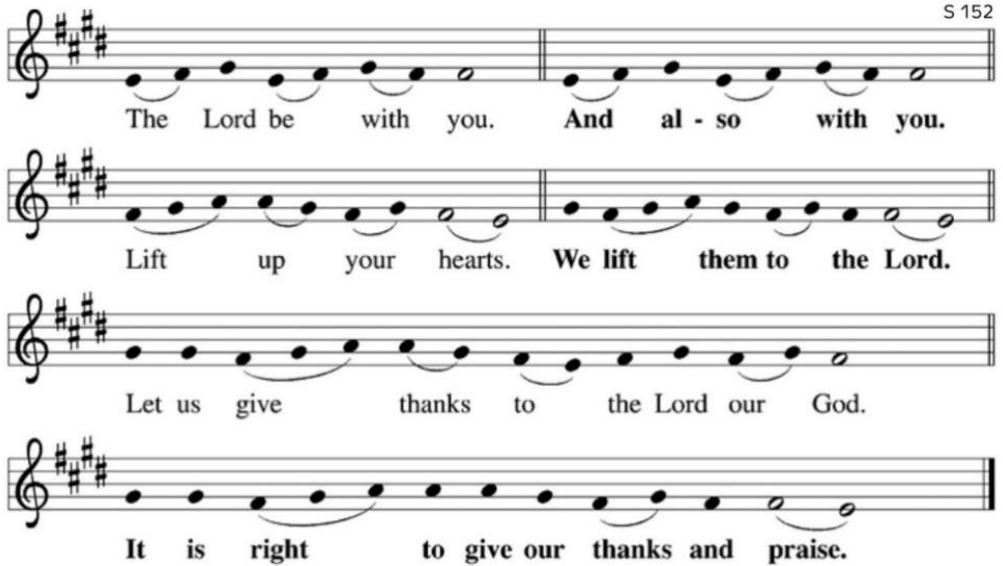
Offertory Prayer

P: Let us Pray

C: Living God, we praise you for the abundant blessings of this life. In humble recognition of the love you always show to us, we bring these gifts and ourselves as our thanks. Use them and us to bear the fruit of goodness and grace so that your glory will be known to all. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Great Thanksgiving

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The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

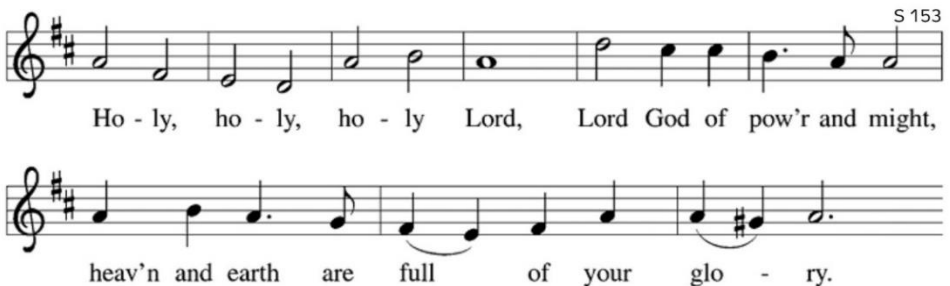
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed . . .

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.

Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Lord's Prayer

C: 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. Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the Kingdom and the Power and the Glory now and forever. Amen.

Distribution Hymns

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1 We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.
2 We share by wa - ter in his sav - ing death.
3 The Fa - ther's splen - dor clothes the Son with life.
4 A new cre - a - tion comes to life and grows

Em - braced by death, he broke its fear - ful hold,
Re - born, we share with him an Eas - ter life,
The Spir - it's fis - sion shakes the church of God.
as Christ's new bod - y takes on flesh and blood.

and our de - spair he turned to blaz - ing joy.
as liv - ing mem - bers of our Sav - ior Christ.
Bap - tized, we live with God the Three in One.
The u - ni - verse re - stored and whole will sing:

Hal - le - lu - jah!

1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. The cross stands
 2 Christ is a - live! No long - er bound to dis - tant
 3 In ev - 'ry in - sult, rift, and war, where col - or,
 4 Wom - en and men, in age and youth, can feel the
 5 Christ is a - live, and comes to bring good news to

emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with
 years in Pal - es - tine, but sav - ing, heal - ing,
 scorn, or wealth di - vide, Christ suf - fers, still, yet
 Spir - it, hear the call, and find the way, the
 this and ev - 'ry age, till earth and sky and

prais - es ring. Love, drowned in death, shall nev - er die.
 here and now, and touch - ing ev - 'ry place and time.
 loves the more, and lives, where e - ven hope has died.
 life, the truth, re - vealed in Je - sus, freed for all.
 o - cean ring with joy, with jus - tice, love, and praise.

1 Now the green blade ris - es from the bur - ied grain,
 2 In the grave they laid him, love by ha - tred slain,
 3 Forth he came at Eas - ter like the ris - en grain,
 4 When our hearts are win - try, griev - ing, or in pain,

wheat that in dark earth man - y days has lain;
 think - ing that he would nev - er wake a - gain,
 he that for three days in the grave had lain;
 your touch can call us back to life a - gain,



love lives a - gain, that with the dead has been;
laid in the earth like grain that sleeps un - seen;
raised from the dead, my liv - ing Lord is seen;
fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been;



love is come a - gain like wheat a - ris - ing green.

Recessional Hymn On Our Way Rejoicing

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1 On our way re - joic - ing glad - ly let us go.
2 Un - to God the Fa - ther joy - ful songs we sing;



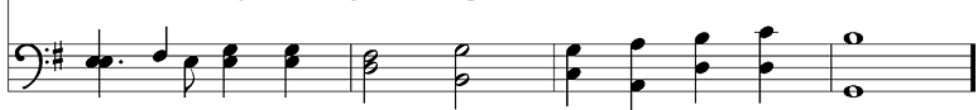
Christ our Lord has con - quered; van - quished is the foe.
un - to God the Sav - ior thank - ful hearts we bring;



Christ with - out, our safe - ty; Christ with - in, our joy;
un - to God the Spir - it bow we and a - dore,



who, if we be faith - ful, can our hope de - stroy?
on our way re - joic - ing now and ev - er - more.



Refrain

On our way re - joic - ing; as we for - ward move,
 hear-ken to our prais - es, O blest God of love!

Postlude & Dismissal

Altar flowers are dedicated by Margaret DiRubba in loving memory of Jane, Jean, John, Joan, Pat, Peg, George & Katherine.



Sunday, April 28

8:30 & 11:00 a.m. Worship

9:45 a.m. Sunday School & Confirmation
Classes

7:00 p.m. Youth Mental Health Seminar @
First Presbyterian Church of Yorktown

Monday, April 29

9:30 a.m. Widowed Support Group

Tuesday, April 30

6:30 a.m. Early Birds Bible Study & Breakfast

8:00 a.m. Endowment Committee Meeting

11:00 a.m. Bible Study w/ Pastor Chris – hybrid

4:30 p.m. Confirmation Class

6:00 p.m. Memorial Garden Planning Meeting

7:00 p.m. Bible Study w/ Pastor Chris - online

Wednesday, May 1

9:00 a.m. Peacemakers Quilting Group Meeting

5:30 p.m. Personnel Committee Meeting

Sunday, May 5

Name Tag Sunday

8:30 & 11:00 a.m. Worship

9:45 a.m. Sunday School & Confirmation Classes



YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH 101

Anxiety, Depression
& Other Stuff

Sunday, April 28
@ 7:00pm

First Presbyterian Church—2880 Crompond Rd, Yorktown Heights

You are invited to a welcoming community conversation about a topic that effects us all. Attention will be given to signs and symptoms of anxiety, depression and other topics.

Workshop with Q&A will be led by Dara Caputo, LCSW-R
(*Licensed Clinical Therapist & Coach with 30+ years experience*)

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