



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA

Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 3, 2015

A SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD
WITH THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

(In preparation for worship, please silence all mobile devices.)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS, JOYS AND CONCERNS

Marilyn T. Hedgpeth

Ritual of Friendship

PRELUDE

Sonata No. 1 in D (Allegretto)

J.C.F. Bach

Emily Hedgpeth Schauer, flute; Ben Maxwell, cello

INTROIT

When Morning Gilds the Skies

Joseph Barnby

When morning gilds the skies, my heart awaking cries: May Jesus Christ be praised!

Alike at work and prayer to Jesus I repair: May Jesus Christ be praised!

CALL TO WORSHIP

Marilyn T. Hedgpeth

Leader: Jesus said: I give you a new commandment, that you love one another.

People: **Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another.**

(John 13:34)

All: **Let us worship God.**

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN NO. 366** *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

Hyfrydol

(Please be seated.)

PRAYER OF THE DAY AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Karen Romines

Leader: Almighty God, Creator of all good and perfect things, we marvel to behold your gracious hand in the sun and the moon, the mountains and hills, the wild animals and creeping things, the babies, the confirmants, and in all of creation. We rejoice in the blessings of this day, and offer these prayers for others, as we rejoice and serve you with gladness and compassion. We pray to you as peacemakers throughout the world, remembering the men, women, and children who are victims of conflict and violence. Guide your people and the nations of the world in the ways of justice and truth as you establish peace among all of us, which is the fruit of your Spirit.

People: **Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

Leader: We pray for the poor and neglected, for as much as we revel in the abundance of material things, we remember those who suffer for want of food, clean water, housing, clothing, and other basic necessities of life. Bless them with your healing presence, O Provider, and use us as your servants and vessels of grace on their behalf.

People: **Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

* Those who are able, please stand.

Leader: We pray for those who must endure trials of injustice, prejudice, sickness or grief. Heal the sick, strengthen the faint-hearted, comfort the grief-stricken, bless those who give their lives ministering to the needs of others; alert each of us to ways we may bring hope to those who need encouragement.

People: **Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

Leader: We pray for our church as we continue a season of interim leadership. Help us to override our anxiety of change, and give us a renewed vision of your calling in our lives, and a reassurance of your unfailing love and forgiveness. Rekindle our faith and remake us stronger witnesses to your love in our community and in the wider world.

People: **Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

Leader: Hear our prayers, O God: these prayers which we have voiced, and those which we pray silently in our minds and hearts for your people. Hear our hearts' desires, even as we pray together the prayer which you have taught us to pray . . .

All: **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; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

COLLECT FOR THE DAY

Lea Bingham

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

All: **We behold your glory, O God, in the love shown by your Son, lifted up on the cross and exalted on high. Be glorified anew in the love we have for one another as disciples of the risen Lord Jesus, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.**

GOSPEL LESSON

John 15:1-8

(Pew Bible, NT Page 109)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Psalms 139:1-4, 13-17

(Pew Bible, OT Page 577)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

EPISTLE LESSON

1 John 4:7-21

(Pew Bible, NT Page 241)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

"The Red Scarf: Wrapped in God's Love"

Marilyn T. Hedgpeth

***HYMN NO. 300**

We Are One in the Spirit

They'll Know We Are Christians

(Children through 1st grade enter worship during the hymn.)

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Marilyn T. Hedgpeth

INTRODUCTION OF THE CONFIRMATION CLASS AND MENTORS

Marilyn T. Hedgpeth

LITANY OF AFFIRMATION

Sam R. Miglarese

Leader: Friends in Christ, in baptism we make promises for our children and for everyone whom the Lord, our God, calls.

People: **We have promised to rely upon God's grace as parents and family, mentors and friends; to live the Christian faith, and to teach that faith to you, and to learn the faith from you as well.**

Confirmands: And God has embraced all of us within this covenant of faith.

People: **We have promised, through prayer and example, to support and encourage you throughout your life to be faithful disciples.**

Confirmands: And Christ has embraced us within this covenant of hope.

People: **We have promised to guide and nurture you, by word and deed, with love and prayer, encouraging you to be followers of Jesus and his servant ministry.**

Confirmands: And by water and Spirit, we have been made members of the body of Christ, and joined to his ministry of justice, peace, and love. Through our baptism, the Holy Spirit has sealed within us the covenant of love.

People: **Our promises are binding. Our love is strong. Our intent is clear. Because you have been chosen by God and are precious to God, you are precious to us.**

Confirmands: And nothing will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Jesus Christ our Lord. Thanks be to God.

Leader: Our affirmation of God's claim upon all of you is clear. Some of you have decided at this time to respond to this claim by being confirmed. Some of you will perhaps make this decision later; you are loved, either way. So, I ask of you who have expressed to the Session of this church your willingness to be confirmed as young adults: Children of the Covenant, are you willing to honor your baptismal vows and follow Jesus, while continuing to ask the hard questions of faith within this loving community?

Confirmands: Yes, we will with God's help.

***THE APOSTLES' CREED** (in unison)

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

LAYING ON OF HANDS AND PRAYER OF AFFIRMATION AND CONFIRMATION

Loving God, we thank you for parents, grandparents, friends, and mentors who have encouraged these young adults in the faith since their birth. We thank you that they have been surrounded by this cloud of witnesses to journey with them as they grow and wrestle with difficult issues, to observe them praying, to go along with them as they have served, and to offer praise and thanksgiving alongside them. Now, we thank you that these youth are coming of age, and stepping out in faith to embrace your style of servant ministry. May your grace continue to bless their young lives, and may the world prosper from the gifts they bring with their ministry. To the One who calls and blesses all faith journeys we pray, in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

(Confirmands, mentors, and children may return to their seats during the passing of the peace.)

***THE PEACE**

Sam R. Miglarese

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.
 People: **And also with you.**

DEDICATION OF OFFERINGS

Offertory Anthem

O How Beautiful!

John D. Horman

Phyllis Supple, piano; Emily Hedgpeth Schauer, flute; Handbells

*Oh, how beautiful is your dwelling place, Lord of hosts!
My soul longs, even faints for the courts of the Lord.
With heart and soul I cry with joy to the living God.
Even sparrows and swallows find a nest for their young.
And so, O God, your temple calls for your people to come.*

*Doxology (Hymn No. 232, verse 4)

Easter Hymn

*Sing we to our God above, Alleluia! Praise eternal as God's love. Alleluia!
Praise our God, ye heavenly host, Alleluia! Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!*

(As the symbolic gifts of the people are brought to the table, the elders will take their place for the communion.)

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Marilyn T. Hedgpeth

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING *(adapted from the Ancient Armenian tradition)*

Cheryl B. Henry

- Leader: The Lord be with you.
People: **And also with you.**
Leader: Lift up your hearts.
People: **We lift them to the Lord.**
Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: **It is right for us to give thanks and praise.**
Leader: It is truly right always to adore you, O God. Holy are you, truly and all-holy; and who are we to presume to contain in words the outpouring of your loving-kindness to us? From the very beginning you cared for us who had fallen, and comforted us by the law and the prophets. And then, tearing up the sentence of condemnation for all our debts, you gave us your only-begotten Son; and becoming human, he journeyed through all the passions of our human life without sin and came willingly to the world-saving cross. And descending into death, and mightily breaking asunder the bolts of hell, he made known to us, the God of the living and the dead. And now, O Lord, we remember his redemptive sufferings for us, his life-giving crucifixion, his blessed resurrection, his enthronement at your right hand, O God.
People: **In all things blessed are you, O Lord. We bless you, we praise you; we give thanks to you, our God.**
Leader: We do indeed praise and give thanks to you, O Lord, who having overlooked our unworthiness, had made us ministers of this awesome mystery. Not by any good works of our own, but ever taking refuge in your overflowing mercy, we are bold to receive the body and the blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, to whom is glory and honor, now and forever.
People: **Son of God, bread of life, we humbly ask: have mercy on your flock saved by your sacrifice.**
Leader: We bow down and ask you, God, send upon us and upon these gifts your Holy Spirit. Through this bread and this cup, grant love, stability and peace to the whole world: in the church and to all leaders of the world, to travelers, to prisoners, to those who are in danger, to those who are afflicted, to the weary and to those who are at war.
People: **Be mindful, Lord, and have mercy.**
Leader: Be mindful, Lord, and have compassion on the souls of those who are at rest. Count them among your saints in the kingdom of heaven and make them worthy of your mercy.
People: **Be mindful, Lord, and have mercy.**

Leader: Be mindful, Lord also of those who have commended themselves to us for prayers, and direct them to what is right and abounding in salvation, and reward them all with your blessed bounties that pass not away. Have mercy on us, O Lord our God, according to your plenteous mercy. Let us all say with one accord:

All: **Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: God of truth, grant us to open our mouths with a cry of bold voice, to call upon you, O heavenly Father, for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever.

All: **Amen.**

THE CONSECRATION

***THE SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP** (*Peanut- and gluten-free bread is served by the baptismal font.*)

(*Please stand*)

Leader: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

People: **Amen.**

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Marilyn T. Hedgpeth

Leader: We thank you, Holy God, who prepared the holy Church for us as a haven. Alleluia.

People: **We thank you, Christ, who granted us life through your body and blood. Alleluia.**

Leader: We thank you, Spirit of Truth, who have renewed the holy Church. Alleluia.

All: **We give thanks to you, O Christ, who granted us this tasting of your goodness for the holiness of life. Keep us holy, dwelling in and about us by your grace. Amen.**

*HYMN NO. 69

I, the Lord of Sea and Sky

Here I Am, Lord (Schutte)

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

Marilyn T. Hedgpeth

*POSTLUDE

Voluntary in a

John Stanley

Parents of **Children's Choir** are asked to remind their children to come promptly upstairs to rehearse the song for the service on May 10. There will be plenty of food left from the reception for them.

Youth Bells will meet for a short time in the upstairs bell room following the service.

First Presbyterian Church welcomes all who worship here. We honor and celebrate the human diversity and unity that God gives us in Christ. We welcome individuals of every age, race, nationality, gender, ability, sexual orientation, and economic circumstance to participate fully in the life of the church. So that we may better know each other, please sign the *Ritual of Friendship pad*, pass it along the center pew across to the shorter side pew, and then **return it to the starting point**, noting the names of those sitting near you. We welcomed 12 visitors and their children to worship on Sunday, April 26.

The *flowers* in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God by *Linda and Chuck Barenchi*.

Nursery care for children 3-6 years of age is provided during worship on the second floor of the Education Building. After the sermon is delivered, these children join worship for the remainder of service. Childcare for infants – 2 years continues in the nursery. There is a changing table in the narthex, located to the left as you exit the rear of the sanctuary.

Worship bags and activity bulletins are available in the foyer for children and youth. Books are on the pews in the narthex which young children can read and enjoy if they need to take a break from the worship service.

Hearing Assistance Receivers are available from the ushers. Before you leave the sanctuary, please turn off the receiver and place it in the specially marked receptacle or return to an usher.

Portions of *today's worship texts* were reprinted from *Book of Common Worship* and *Glory to God*.

Copies of recently transcribed *sermons* are available from the table in the foyer.

Class of 2015 Graduates: Students graduating from high school or college will be acknowledged in worship in June. Please provide the student's name, school, and degree info to *Valerie McMillian* in the church office (v.mcmillian@firstpres-durham.org) by Sunday, May 24.

SUNDAY, MAY 10

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The Session has called a Congregational Meeting for next Sunday, May 10 for the purpose hearing a report from the Nominating Committee for officers and electing ruling elders and deacons to the class of 2018.



MOTHER'S DAY LUNCHEON

Give mom a break, avoid long restaurant lines, and join FPC for lunch following worship. Complete the enclosed meal reservation card or call the church office (919-682-5511) to make a reservation for your family. The menu will include items for younger appetites.

~ OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS ~

The love and concern of the congregation is extended to *Chris, Meredith, and Logan Brown* on the birth, baptism, and death of *Seth Greyson Brown* on April 29, 2015.

Dewey Lawson, transferring to Hillcrest Convalescent Center

Traveling mercies for *Joseph Ngumi* as he travels to Kenya to commemorate the anniversary of his wife Phyllis' death.

Wajid Bangura, grandson of Cecil and Mary Macaully, at Duke Hospital

Doug Oldenburg, former moderator of the PC(USA)

Bonnie Creadick *Edward Kwon* *Mercy Ndambiri*
Ann Prospero *Jacque Robins* *Rosemary Seve*

Carolina House (Durham): *Julian Boswell*

Hillcrest: *Randall McLeod*

Clare Bridge (Chapel Hill): *Helen Garrison*

The Forest at Duke:

Fran Bryant *Joan Englund*
Ken Goldner *Peaches McPherson*

Croasdaile Village:

Pavilion: *Bob Rankin, Jerry Tyren*

Friendship Hall: *Bob Keever, Anne Davis*

Treyburn (Peak Resources):

Sara Anne Martin, sister of Beth Neece

- *Patricia Adcock*, mother of Catherine Admay
- *Roy Blackwell*, father of Sheila Miglarese
- *Becky Brown*, mother of Amy Sanchez
- *Ruby Brown*, mother of Eugene Brown
- *Geneva Day*, friend of Jeanne Hervey
- *Gino England*, nephew of Larry Reed
- *Gera Fleming*, mother of Christyn Klinck
- *Cherie Haines*, sister of Vernon Neece
- *Genie V. Martin*, cousin of Emily Wilkins
- *Brooks Minks*, grandmother of Lucie House
- *Lindsay Morris*, sister of Emily McClure



PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE

OUT OF CHAOS, HOPE

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance responds to earthquake disaster in Nepal

The death toll from the massive earthquake in Nepal continues to rise. Nearly 5,500 are known dead and more than 11,000 were injured when the 7.8 quake struck just west of the capital of Kathmandu on April 25. The quake, the worst in more than 80 years, along with many serious aftershocks has also caused damage in parts of India and Bangladesh. Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) is providing emergency relief and short-term recovery in the impacted areas with our partner, ACT Alliance and its members who are already on the ground. Immediate response will help provide needed food, water, supplies and medicine to the impacted towns and villages. As long term recovery plans are developed, PDA will accompany and further financially support our partners in the area to insure that a comprehensive recovery is sustained.

The needs for the response will be great. God's people are once again called on to stand in the "GAP" – Give. Act. Pray.

Give: Financial support for relief efforts can be designated to DR999999 with reference to Nepal. Gifts can be made online, by phone (800) 872-3283 weekdays between 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. (EDT), or checks can be mailed to Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), P.O. Box 643700, Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700.

Act: Learn how your congregation can help families who have lost everything in the devastation. Go online to: <http://pda.pcusa.org/situation/nepal-earthquake-april-2015/>

Pray: Pray for those who suffered loss of family or those who are working tirelessly to provide rescue, humanitarian aid, and spiritual and psychological support.

For more information, visit www.pcusa.org/pda.

“And after the earthquake....the sound of sheer silence, and a Voice said: ‘what are you doing here?’”
(1 Kings 19:12-13)

Be the presence of God with Presbyterian Disaster Assistance for the people of Nepal.

The Week at a Glance!

<p>After Worship: Reception for Confirmands Youth Handbells Children's Choir</p> <p>3:00 – 4:30 PM Bible Study at Croasdaile Village</p> <p>5 – 8 PM Youth Groups</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Monday, May 4</p> <p style="text-align: center;">10:00 AM Presbyterian Women Spring Gathering and Bible Study</p> <p style="text-align: center;">5:00 PM Bell Choir</p> <p style="text-align: center;">5:00 PM Time Out Radio Show featuring Anna Kasibhatla, Kennedy Wilkins, and Ian Feather (live broadcast on FM 103.5 and online at wcomfm.org)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Tuesday, May 5</p> <p style="text-align: center;">1:00 PM Worship Planning</p> <p style="text-align: center;">2:00 PM Program Staff</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Wednesday, May 6</p> <p style="text-align: center;">7:00 PM Chancel Choir</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Thursday, May 7</p> <p style="text-align: center;">8:00 PM SONAM in Concert</p> <p style="text-align: center;">National Day of Prayer</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Friday, May 8</p> <p style="text-align: center;">10:30 AM – 12 Noon Bible Study (last one)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Saturday, May 9</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Sunday, May 10 Mother's Day</p> <p style="text-align: center;">9:45 AM Sunday School 10:55 AM Announcements 11:00 AM Worship</p> <p style="text-align: center;">After Worship: Mother's Day Luncheon Committee Chairs No Children's Choir No Youth Bells</p> <p style="text-align: center;">2:00 PM Shape Note Choir</p> <p style="text-align: center;">3:00 – 4:30 PM Book Study at Croasdaile Village</p> <p style="text-align: center;">No Evening Youth Groups</p>

~ Serving Today ~

Acolytes: *Nathan Creadick, Jenna Leonard*

Crucifer: *Ben Maxwell*

Croasdaile Driver: *Miriam Morey*

Narthex Greeters: *Edward & Delia Kwon*

After Worship Greeters: *Sharon Hirsch* (rear/narthex), *Bob Breitweiser* (side/font)

Ushers: *Nate Pienkowski* (head), *Dick Boulden* (flowers), *Emily Wilkins, Dale Gaddis, Talitha Kwon*

Communion Elders:

Bread: *Kate Busa* (B1), *Peter Compton* (B2), *Mary Gitata* (B3, process), *Lea Bingham* (B4)

Cup: *Will McDow* (C1), *Sharon Hirsch* (C2, process), *Michael Schultz* (C3), *Kristin Meade* (C4)

Shepherds: *Alice Raney* (pulpit aisle), *Andy Henry* (center aisle), *Edward Kwon* (font aisle)

Head /replenish elements: *Emily Durham*