



Christ
Presbyterian
Church

The Fifth Sunday after Easter

Saturday, May 8, 2021

5:00pm

Sunday, May 9, 2021

11:00am

Welcome

We're glad you're with us today. If you're visiting with us and you would like to connect, please fill out a Welcome Card on the table in the foyer and a staff member will follow up with you.

Chairs are placed throughout the sanctuary to promote social distancing. We ask that you wear your mask for the duration of the service. Please silence your mobile device.

Call to Worship – Galatians 4

Minister: But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law.

All: In order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children.

Minister: And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!"

All: We are no longer slaves but children.

Prayer of Adoration (Concluded by the Lord's Prayer)

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 and ever. Amen.

Psalm 92 (O Most High)

It is good to praise You Lord,
And make music to Your name, O Most High. *(repeat)*

To proclaim Your love in the morning,
And Your faithfulness at night. *(repeat)*

Chorus

Oh, I sing for joy
At the sound of Your name,
And the works of Your hands.
Oh, You make me glad;
And, for all of my life, let my song to You rise
Oh, Most High.

It is good to praise You Lord,
Oh, Most High

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A Mighty Fortress is our God

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;
Our helper He amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe-
His craft and pow'r are great, and, armed with cruel hate,
On earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing,
Were not the right man on our side, the man of God's own choosing.
Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is He-
Lord Sabaoth His name, from age to age the same,
And He must win the battle.

And though this world, with devils filled, Should threaten to undo us,
We will not fear, for God hath willed His truth to triumph thru us.
The prince of darkness grim, we tremble not for him-
His rage we can endure, for lo, his doom is sure;
One little word shall fell him.

That word above all earthly pow'rs, No thanks to them, abideth;
The Spirit and the gifts are ours thru Him who with us sideth.
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also-
The body they may kill; God's truth abideth still;
His kingdom is forever.

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Confessional Reading – Psalm 139:1-4

O LORD, you have searched me and you know me. You know when I sit and when I rise; you perceive my thoughts from afar. You discern my going out and my lying down; you are familiar with all my ways. Before a word is on my tongue you know it completely, O LORD.

Confession of Sin

Minister: Heavenly Father, loving King, our thoughts and motives cannot be hidden from your sight.

All: Our self-pity and pride, our cowardice and sloth, our anger and envy, are laid bare before your eyes and ours.

Minister: We open ourselves to you, and ask that you cover us in Christ.

All: Let us hear your voice saying: His blood is your peace, His death is your freedom, His Spirit is your power. Let our hearts know that your service is perfect freedom. Amen

Private Confession

Words of Encouragement — Romans 6:3-4

Minister: Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

All: I've been united to Christ in His death and resurrection. The old has gone, the new has come!

O God, Be Merciful to Me

To thee I come, a sinner poor,
And wait for mercy at thy door;
Indeed, I've nowhere else to flee;
O God, be merciful to me!

To thee I come, a sinner weak,
And scarce know how to pray or speak;
From fear and weakness set me free;
O God, be merciful to me!

Chorus:
Hear, gracious God, a sinner's cry,
For I have nowhere else to fly;
My hope, my only hope's in thee;
O God, be merciful to me!

To thee I come, a sinner great,
And well thou knowest all my state;
Yet full forgiveness is with thee;
O God, be merciful to me!
(Chorus)

To glory bring me, Lord, at last,
And there, when all my fears are past,
With all thy saints I'll then agree,
God has been merciful to me!
(Chorus)

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Congregational Prayer

Children's Recessional

Sermon: Be filled with the Spirit

Scripture Reading – Ephesians 5:18-20 (NIV)

¹⁸ Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit. ¹⁹ Speak to one another with psalms, hymns and spiritual songs. Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord, ²⁰ always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Figure A.

"I was merely thinking God's thoughts after him."

Johannes Kepler (1571 – 1630)

Outline

1. The theological groundwork for Ephesians 5:18
 - a. The Spirit's work to bring us to Christ is irresistible
 - b. The Spirit's work to renew us in Christ can be resisted
2. The *command* to be filled with the Spirit
3. The inadequacy which opens the door

Figure B.

John 16:13-14 ¹³ When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. ¹⁴ He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

Figure C.

Romans 7:9 I was once alive apart from the law, but when the commandment came, sin came alive and I died.

Figure D.

Luke 11:8-9, 13 ⁸ I tell you, though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, yet because of his impudence he will rise and give him whatever he needs. ⁹ And I tell you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. . . . ¹³ If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

Figure E.

Q: What prevents us from being filled with the Spirit?

A: We don't seek it; we don't ask for it. The reason we don't ask is because of our pride. We're confident that we can live this life in our own strength and wisdom.

Anything that leads me to trust in myself will prevent me from being filled with the Spirit.

Figure F.

"Where there is acknowledgement of need, the Holy Spirit delights to show the Lord Jesus as the supply of just that need."

Roy and Revel Hession, *We Would See Jesus* (1961)

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Christ Presbyterian Church welcomes all baptized Christians who actively trust in Jesus Christ for salvation, who are willing to forsake their sin, and who are members of congregations that proclaim the gospel, to receive the Holy Communion with us. Baptized children are welcome to receive Communion after they profess faith and are received as communicant members. If you are not able to receive Communion, please speak with Pastor Matt after the service to learn how to receive Jesus Christ.

Before the Throne of God Above

Before the throne of God above,
I have a strong and perfect plea;
A great high Priest Whose name is Love,
Who ever lives and pleads for me.
My name is graven on His hand;
My name is written on His heart;
I know that while in heaven He stands,
No tongue can bid me thence depart;
No tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair,
And tells me of the guilt within;
Upward I look and see Him there,
Who made an end to all my sin.
Because the sinless Savior died,
My sinful soul is counted free;
For God the Just is satisfied,
To look on Him and pardon me;
To look on Him and pardon me.

Behold Him there, the risen Lamb,
My perfect spotless righteousness;
The great unchangeable I Am,
The King of Glory and of grace.
One with Himself, I cannot die;
My soul is purchased by His blood.
My life is hid with Christ on high,
With Christ my Savior and my God;
With Christ my Savior and my God.

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Benediction

This week may the Holy Spirit fill you with the presence, power, and wisdom of our risen Savior.

Announcements

Town Hall about Commercial Real Estate

There will be a congregational meeting on Tuesday, May 18 at 8:30pm via Zoom to discuss options for leasing or purchasing commercial real estate. Please anticipate an email which provides a broad overview of the various options and listings of properties currently available.

The Olney-Rockville Community Group

The group will meet on Fridays at 8:30pm to discuss *The Beautiful Community*. The sessions are scheduled for May 14, 28, June 11, 25, and July 9. Please contact Danny Hurtado if you have any questions.

Contact Us

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