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**3rd Sunday of Easter
April 26, 2020
10:00 AM**

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WE ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

+ *GATHERING SONG*

My Lighthouse

Rend Collective (CCLI#: 7002032)

Verse 1

In my wrestling and in my doubts
In my failures You won't walk out
Your great love will lead me through
You are the peace in my troubled sea whoa oh
You are the peace in my troubled sea

Verse 2

In the silence You won't let go
In the questions Your truth will hold
Your great love will lead me through
You are the peace in my troubled sea whoa oh
You are the peace in my troubled sea

Chorus

My Lighthouse my Lighthouse
Shining in the darkness
I will follow You oh
My Lighthouse my Lighthouse
I will trust the promise
You will carry me safe to shore
Safe to shore safe to shore safe to shore

Verse 3

I won't fear what tomorrow brings
With each morning I'll rise and sing
My God's love will lead me through
You are the peace in my troubled sea whoa oh
You are the peace in my troubled sea

Bridge

Fire before us
You're the brightest
You will lead us
Through the storms (hey)
(Repeat 3 times)

WELCOME

✝ Session Notes

+ CALL TO WORSHIP

As You walk with us, as we journey together,
Lord, Your word fills our hearts!
As You speak with us, as Your love is revealed,
Lord, Your fire burns in our hearts!
As we proclaim what we have seen and heard,
may all people be drawn to You, the risen Lord!

+ OPENING HYMN

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

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1 Praise ye the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near;
join me in glad adoration!

2 Praise ye the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!
Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been
granted in what he ordaineth?

3 Praise ye the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him!
Let the amen sound from his people again;
gladly for aye we adore him.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Loving God, come and speak to our hearts today. May we, like those on the Emmaus Road, find Your words burning with hope in our lives. Strengthen us and give us courage for the journey ahead. For we pray in Christ's Name.

Amen.

CALL TO CONFESSION

Sometimes we fear that when we confess all that is wrong, we will be exposed and condemned. Our hope in Christ tells us a different thing, that when we confess we open up the way to mercy and forgiveness. Trusting in that hope, let us make our confession, by praying together. . .

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O Holy One, we call to You and name You as eternal, ever-present, and boundless in love. Yet there are times, O God, when we fail to recognize You in the dailyness of our lives. Sometimes shame clenches tightly around our hearts, and we hide our true feelings. Sometimes fear makes us small, and we miss the chance to speak from our strength. Sometimes doubt invades our hopefulness, and we degrade our own wisdom.

Holy God, in the daily round from sunrise to sunset, remind us again of Your holy presence hovering near us and in us. Free us from shame and self-doubt. Help us to see You in the moment-by-moment possibilities to live honestly, to act courageously, and to speak from our wisdom.

Hear us now, as we continue to confess in the silence of our hearts. . .

(Silence is kept)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Whether we believe it, or not,
Jesus Christ never leaves us nor forsakes us.
Let us open our hearts to receive the grace
which Christ brings to us in faithfulness.
We are forgiven!
Thanks be to God!

+ **RESPONSE** *Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me (verse 1)* 582

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

+ **PASSING OF THE PEACE**
The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

WE PROCLAIM GOD’S WORD

TIME FOR CHILDREN

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 24:13-35 NRSV

¹³ Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁴ and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. ¹⁵ While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, ¹⁶ but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷ And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. ¹⁸ Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" ¹⁹ He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, ²⁰ and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. ²¹ But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. ²² Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, ²³ and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. ²⁴ Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him." ²⁵ Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! ²⁶ Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" ²⁷ Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

²⁸ As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. ²⁹ But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. ³⁰ When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. ³¹ Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. ³² They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" ³³ That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. ³⁴ They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" ³⁵ Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Emmaus
Dana Van Slyke, Soloist

Gerald Custer

MESSAGE

The Power of Memory

Rev. Adam C. Bowling

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

If you would like to speak with someone about becoming a Christian, about church membership, or about a special prayer need, please email Pastor Adam, Adam.Bowling@fupcdc.org.

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

+ **HYMN OF RESPONSE** *O Lord My God (How Great Thou Art)*

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O Lord my God! When I in awesome wonder
consider all the works thy hand hath made,
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,
thy power throughout the universe displayed;

Refrain:

Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee,
how great thou art, how great thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee,
how great thou art, how great thou art!

When through the woods and forest glades I wander
and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
and hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze:
(Refrain)

And when I think that God, his Son not sparing,
sent him to die - I scarce can take it in
that on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
he bled and died to take away my sin:
(Refrain)

When Christ shall come with shouts of acclamation
and take me home - what joy shall fill my heart!
Then shall I bow in humble adoration
and there proclaim, 'my God, how great thou art!'
(Refrain)

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE AND THE 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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

SERVICE OF GIVING

Music at the Offering

Oceans (Where Feet May Fail)

Joel Houston, Matt Crocker, Salomon Ligthelm (CCLI#: 6428767)

Chris and Becca Anderson

+ *DOXOLOGY*

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

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Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

+ *PRAYER OF DEDICATION*

Like the disciples at Emmaus, we offer what we have. They offered their company, their table, their bread. We invite You to be with us as we offer You our love, our devotion, and these gifts. May our eyes be opened to Your holy presence, now and always. In Jesus' name we pray.

Amen.

WE GO IN GOD'S NAME

+ *CLOSING SONG*

Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)

Chris Tomlin, John Newton, Louie Giglio (CCLI#: 4768151)

Verse 1

Amazing grace how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost but now I'm found
Was blind but now I see

Verse 2

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
And grace my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed

Chorus

My chains are gone I've been set free
My God my Savior has ransomed me
And like a flood His mercy rains
Unending love amazing grace

Verse 3

The Lord has promised good to me
His word my hope secures
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures

Verse 4

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow
The sun forbear to shine
But God who called me here below
Will be forever mine
Will be forever mine
You are forever mine

+ *CHARGE AND BENEDICTION*

+ *POSTLUDE*

Abide with Me

William H. Monk, Arr. Kevin Olson

+ *Please stand, in body or in spirit.*

Worship Notes

- * **WELCOME!** Whether you are new in the area, a resident of the community, or visiting the FUPCDC website, we are delighted you joined us in worship online via live stream. Please fill out the online attendance and please let us know if you have any prayer concerns or needs. To find out more about this church, please email the Church Office at office@fupcdc.org or call at 703-670-7834.
- * **FLOWERS** are given by Brian and Diane Fulton in honor of their 55th wedding anniversary.

Connect with Us

- * **WE ARE ON FACEBOOK:** If you use Facebook, become a Facebook friend, and become a fan of First United Presbyterian. Make friends with others from the church.
- * **WE ARE ON INSTAGRAM:** Find us on Instagram @fupcdc.
- * **FUPCDC WEBSITE:** For detailed news and information, visit the church website at <https://fupcdc.org>.
- * **TEXT ALERTS:** Remind is a free text messaging service that will help our church communicate quickly and efficiently. On your cell phone, start a new message to 81010. In the message, type @fupcdc and send. You can unsubscribe at any time.

Ministry in Action

- * **THESE DAYS DEVOTIONS:** Click on this [link](#) to have access to “These Days” devotions online for the month of April. “These Days” books are on the table in the Narthex Welcome Center.

Student Ministry News

- ✚ **TEXT MESSAGES:** Sign up for Text Messages: Text @youthfupc to 81010.

Joys and Concerns

All those who are ill or facing difficulties, including:

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| ✚ Mark Levy | * Marjorie Lawrence | * Timothy Elliott | * Joy and Jim Brommel |
| ✚ Josh | * Jenni and Jon | * Bill Porter | * Rob and Ashley |
| ✚ Rosemary McGilloway | * Evelyn Crawford | * Mildred Shenk | * Linda Ford |
| * Rosemary Wolstenholme | * Marie and Gordon | * Larry Menzie | |
| * Baby Louisa Wolstenholme | * Richard Grossman | * Lynn Wilson | |
| * Martha Ashton | * Russ | * Mike Gundel | * Grace Ofosu-Addo |
- * Congregational love and sympathy is extended to the family of Lois Walker. Lois' uncle, Jim Vermeulen, passed away on April 12th.

Celebrations of joys with thanksgiving to God:

- ✚ Prayers of thanksgiving, my nephew, Richie, and his wife, Maria are fever free for 3 days. They are improving. Thank you for your prayers. God is good! ~ Debbie Cornelius
- * Kelsey Gibson has safely returned from Afghanistan and is stationed at Camp Pendleton, CA. He would love to receive cards and letters via his mother. Please contact Gretchen Snyder for the address at gretchenasnyder@aol.com. Praise the Lord!
- * Praise God that Charlie Ashton is cancer free!

The churches of National Capital Presbytery, especially:

- ✚ Silver Spring Presbyterian Church - Silver Spring, MD
- ✚ Sixth Presbyterian Church - Washington, DC

Calendar

April 26 - May 3, 2020

SUNDAY, April 26

10:00 AM Worship - one service
Online Live Stream

MONDAY, April 27

Newsletter Deadline
8:30 PM Production Meeting via 8X8

TUESDAY, April 28

WEDNESDAY, April 29

7:00 PM Pastor's Bible Study via Zoom

THURSDAY, April 30

FRIDAY, May 1

SATURDAY, May 2

SUNDAY, May 3

10:00 AM Worship - one service
Online Live Stream

DEACONS: THE MINISTRY OF COMPASSION AND SERVICE

The ministry of deacon as set forth in Scripture is one of compassion, witness, and service, sharing in the redeeming love of Jesus Christ for the poor, the hungry, the sick, the lost, the friendless, the oppressed, those burdened by unjust policies or structures, or anyone in distress. Persons of spiritual character, honest repute, exemplary lives, brotherly and sisterly love, sincere compassion, and sound judgment should be chosen for this ministry.¹

2020 BOARD OF DEACONS

Class of 2020

Agnes Fokwa
Lisa Fortner
Kathy McNeely
Carol Schwalm
Celine Sonkwa

Class of 2021

Amy Bean
Karen Elliott
Liz Goolgasian
Peggy Heins
Therese Same

Class of 2022

Bob Albrecht
Sandy Chamberlin
Claudia Cunningham
Pam Emert
Ellen Nuernberger

Carol Schwalm, *Moderator*.....703-680-7673

RULING ELDERS: THE MINISTRY OF DISCERNMENT AND GOVERNANCE

As there were in Old Testament times elders for the government of the people, so the New Testament church provided persons with particular gifts to share in discernment of God's Spirit and governance of God's people. Accordingly, congregations should elect persons of wisdom and maturity of faith, having demonstrated skills in leadership and being compassionate in spirit. Ruling elders are so named not because they "lord it over" the congregation (Matt. 20:25), but because they are chosen by the congregation to discern and measure its fidelity to the Word of God, and to strengthen and nurture its faith and life. Ruling elders, together with teaching elders, exercise leadership, government, spiritual discernment, and discipline and have responsibilities for the life of a congregation as well as the whole church, including ecumenical relationships. When elected by the congregation, they shall serve faithfully as members of the session. When elected as commissioners to higher councils, ruling elders participate and vote with the same authority as teaching elders, and they are eligible for any office.²

See current ruling elders of FUPCDC on page 12 of bulletin.

¹ *The Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (USA), Part II, Book of Order: 2013/2015*, 2013. Published by The Office of the General Assembly, 100 Witherspoon Street, Louisville, KY 40202, p. 26.

² *ibid.*, p. 60.

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 Pianist/Organist Justin Streletz
 Contemporary Worship Directors..... Becca and Chris Anderson
 Children’s/Youth Choir Directors..... Becca and Chris Anderson
 Jubilation Handbell Director..... Ike Evans
 Nursery Supervisor..... Joann Paige
 Little Hands Preschool Director Tiffany Ramsey
 Sexton..... Homer Detrich
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