

First Presbyterian Church of Salem, Ohio

May 5, 2024

10:30 a.m.

## Sixth Sunday of Easter / Earth Sunday



Worship will be live streamed on  
**Facebook:** First Presbyterian Church of Salem, Ohio  
**You Tube:** [www.youtube / FPCSALEM](http://www.youtube.com/FPCSALEM); and  
our website, [www.fpcsaalem.org](http://www.fpcsaalem.org).

*“We are centered in Christ and powered by love.”*

## WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

### PRELUDE

*All Creatures of Our God and King  
How Lovely Are Thy Dwellings*

*Don Hustad  
Samuel Diddle*

*Let us silently turn our hearts, minds, and  
bodies to the worship of God as the  
light of Christ is brought forward.*

### PRELUDE

*A Joyful Day*

*Raymond Haan*

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Please take a moment to sign and pass the Attendance Pad.*

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

**You have set your glory above the heavens.**

When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,  
the moon and the stars that you have established;

**what are human beings that you are mindful of them,  
mortals, that you care for them?**

Let us worship God.

### \*HYMN 292

*All Beautiful the March of Days*

### \*INVITATION TO CONFESSION

### \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*Unison*)

**O God, our Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer, you gave us life and made us a little lower than the angels, to live in living relationship with you and your creation; but we have acted selfishly and embraced our will over your eternal purposes. We have abused your good creation and made excuses for the**

**consequences rather than repenting for our poor stewardship of all you provide. Forgive us for not caring for your creation as you charge us to do and guide us to live in peace with the whole creation. Amen.**

*(Moments of Silent Prayer)*

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Psalm 103:8, 10-12)**

The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

**He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities.**

For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him.

**As far as the east is from the west, so far he removes our transgressions from us.**

This is the good news of the gospel.

**In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

**\*GLORIA PATRI (Unison; Hymn 579)**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world  
without end. Amen. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC

*The First Presbyterian Preschool*

*If I Were the Wind*

*Myra Marshall*

If I were the wind, how would I sound? That's how I'd sound.

If I were a bird, how would I sound? That's how I'd sound.

If I were a bee, how would I sound? That's how I'd sound.

If I were a butterfly, how would I sound? That's how I'd sound.

God made the world and all these things.

Thank you, Thank you, Thank you dear God.

*Butterfly*

THE WORD OF GOD AMONG US

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**Heaven and earth are full of Your glory, Almighty God. The universe is a theater where You display Your power, love, creativity, and wisdom; the scriptures reveal Word and issue Your call. Grant the breath of the Spirit to open us to all You would have us know and do as faithful disciples of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. It is in his name that we pray. Amen.**

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING

*Genesis 1:24-27, 31*

<sup>24</sup> And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind." And it was so. <sup>25</sup> God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind and the cattle of every kind and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

<sup>26</sup> Then God said, "Let us make humans in our image, according to our likeness, and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over the cattle and over all the wild animals of the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth."

<sup>27</sup> So God created humans in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

<sup>31</sup> God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

This is the Word of the LORD!

**Thanks be to God!**

ANTHEM

*Look at the World*

*Haviland Choir*

*John Rutter*

Look at the world, everything all around us:  
Look at the world, and marvel every day.  
Look at the world: so many joys and wonders,  
So many miracles along our way.

Praise to thee, O Lord, for all creation,  
Give us thankful hearts, that we may see:  
All the gifts we share, and every blessing,  
All things come of thee.

Look at the earth bringing forth fruit and flower;  
Look at the sky, the sunshine and the rain;  
Look at the hills, look at the trees and mountains,  
Valley and flowing river, field and plain:

Praise to thee, O Lord, for all creation,  
Give us thankful hearts, that we may see:  
All the gifts we share, and every blessing,  
All things come of thee.

Think of the spring, think of the warmth of summer  
Bringing the harvest before the winter's cold.  
Everything grows, everything has a season,  
Till it is gathered to the Father's fold:

Praise to thee, O Lord, for all creation,  
Give us thankful hearts, that we may see:  
All the gifts we share, and every blessing,  
All things come of thee.

Every good gift, all that we need and cherish  
Comes from the Lord in token of his love;  
We are his hands, stewards of all his bounty;  
His is the earth, and his the heavens above:

Praise to thee, O Lord, for all creation,  
Give us thankful hearts, that we may see:  
All the gifts we share, and every blessing,  
All things come of thee, all things come of thee.

THE GOSPEL READING

*Matthew 6:25-33*

<sup>25</sup> “Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing? <sup>26</sup> Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? <sup>27</sup> And which of you by worrying can add a single hour to your span of life? <sup>28</sup> And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, <sup>29</sup> yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. <sup>30</sup> But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? <sup>31</sup> Therefore do not worry, saying, ‘What will we eat?’ or ‘What will we drink?’ or ‘What will we wear?’ <sup>32</sup> For it is the gentiles who seek all these things, and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. <sup>33</sup> But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

This is the Gospel of the LORD!

**Praise to you, O Christ!**

SERMON

*“Dominion, Not Domination”*

*Rev. Dan Schomer*

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD IN OUR LIVES

\*HYMN 267

*All Things Bright and Beautiful*

\*A CANTICLE OF CREATION

Let the whole creation bless the Lord.

**Praise and exalt our God forever.**

O let the heavens bless the Lord.

**Bless the Lord, you angels of the Lord.**

Bless the Lord, you waters above the heavens;

**bless the Lord, sun and moon and stars of the sky.**

Bless the Lord, every shower of rain and fall of dew;

**bless the Lord, every breeze and gusty wind.**

Bless the Lord, fire and heat;

**bless the Lord, scorching wind and bitter cold.**

Bless the Lord, each drop of dew and flake of snow;

**bless the Lord, nights and days, light and darkness.**

Bless the Lord, frost and cold, ice and sleet;

**bless the Lord, thunderclouds and lightning flashes.**

Bless the Lord, mountains and hills;

**bless the Lord, all that grows from the earth.**

Bless the Lord, O springs of water;

**bless the Lord, seas and rivers.**

Bless the Lord, you whales;

**bless the Lord, all that swim in the depths of the seas.**

Bless the Lord, all birds of the air;

**bless the Lord, beasts of the wild, flocks and herds.**

Bless the Lord, men and women, children and youth;

**bless the Lord, all people everywhere.**

Bless the Lord, you people of God;

**bless the Lord, all who serve the Lord.**

Bless the Lord, all who are upright in spirit;

**bless the Lord, all who are holy and humble in heart.**

**Praise and exalt our God forever.**

*(The Song of the Three Young Men, 35-65\*)*

#### MINUTES FOR MISSION

*Pollinators*

*Carol Ricciardi*

*Pentecost Offering*

*Mickey Buck*

#### CALL TO OFFERING / OFFERTORY

*All Things Bright and Beautiful*

*Dale Wood*

*Pentecost Offering envelopes are in pew racks through May.*

\*RESPONSE HYMN 592 *(Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow)*

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (*Unison*)**

**Generous God, who provides every good and perfect gift, receive our offerings along with our heartfelt thanks for all you give and all you promise, through Jesus Christ our Lord, crucified and risen again. Amen.**

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND SUPPLICATION/LORD'S PRAYER (*Sins*)**

**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.**

**WE ENTER THE WORLD AS GOD'S PEOPLE**

**\*HYMN**

*We Have the Whole World in Our Hands  
(adapted from the traditional spiritual  
"He's God the Whole World in His Hands")*

We have the whole world in our hands.  
We have the whole world in our hands.  
We have the whole world in our hands.  
We have the whole world in our hands.

We have the flowers and the trees in our hands...

We have the bees and the butterflies in our hands...

We have all of God's creatures in our hands...

We have the whole world in our hands.  
We have the whole world in our hands.  
We have the whole world in our hands.  
We have the whole world in our hands. (Repeat)

**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**



\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE (*Hymn 467, How Great Thou Art, Refrain*)

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee,  
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!  
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee,  
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!

*Please remain standing as the Light of Christ  
is carried into the world.*

POSTLUDE

*This Is My Father's World*

*Robert J. Hughes*

\*Please stand if you are able.

*\*The Song of the Three Young Men (or the Three Children)* appears in ancient manuscripts between Daniel 3:23 and 3:24. While it is considered as Scriptural by some other Christian traditions, Protestants consider the Song part of the Apocrypha, books which may be read devotionally but which are not part of Scripture.

**Head Ushers:** Wanda Navoyosky, Sandy Quinn

**Liturgist:** Mickey Buck

**Acolyte/Light-Bearer:**

**Bulletins and Flowers** have been given by Ellen Maticcik in memory of Alan Knizat. *Bulletin donors are needed for June 9, 16, July 7, 28, August 4, 11, and 18. Cost is \$15.00 a Sunday.*

**Flowers** have been given anonymously in memory of loved ones.

**Flower Seeds**

As you leave today, please take with you a few packets of flower seeds to grow in your gardens to attract the pollinators. There are 5 varieties – Short Marigolds, Tall Marigolds, Short Zinnias, Tall Zinnias, Regular and Mexican Sunflowers. The names are marked on the packets.

**Geraniums for Pentecost** – Plants are \$5 for a 4" pot. Order today in Fellowship Hall or call the Church Office this week, 330-337-9555, or

e-mail [phyllis@fpcsaalem.org](mailto:phyllis@fpcsaalem.org). Plants not taken by donors will be planted on church grounds.

The **April Garage Sale** was a success, but only because of all of you who donated items and all of the team of people who worked diligently to make it happen. Those people included Tyson Jackson, Tegan Jackson, and Joseph Seefeldt of our Middle School class, plus Barb Loudon, Melissa and Ed Tonkinson, Phyllis Garlock, Jennifer Gillis, Melinda and Bill Penfold, Judy and Bud Herron, Grace and Mark Smith, Adam and Grace Seefeldt, Tricia and Tyler Jackson, Grace and Mark Smith, Rev. Trina Lewis, LuAnn Cole, Sue Merry, Mike Quinn, John Krauss, and Jan Jones. We are also thankful for the two people who brought us breakfast and lunch on both Friday and Saturday. We are working to tally the funds raised. Leftover items have been graciously shared with the church neighborhood, ReStore, the Salem Public Library, and other donation centers. Children's books were saved to give away at Big Back Yard this summer and to place in our own gazebo Little Library box and the Little Library boxes around town over the coming months. It is with prayerful thanks that we move forward, with appreciation of time and talents and gifts provided by all our church family. We have shared the Spirit and love of Christ with our families, our community, and the world.

**Big Item Recycling Opportunity** – My friend Carl Hunt AKA “Carl the Scrap Guy” has volunteered to help FPC with our recycling efforts during the month of May. He can come to your house to collect any unwanted items that contain metal. Appliances, lawn mowers, lawn furniture (with metal), metal fencing, and more. Simply call Carl and say you are from the First Presbyterian Church and tell him what you would like him to pick up. He will tell you if it is something he can recycle or use. His number is 234-320-2363. His offer is good for the month of May only. ~ *Barb Yonker, Environmental Team*

### **Calling All Used Cell Phones!**

If you have a cell phone that you threw in a drawer somewhere, it's time to dig it out. The Environmental Team is sponsoring a collection drive during the month of May to gather old cell phones for recycling. There will be a box at each entrance throughout the month. Just drop in the phone and the ET will do the rest. It doesn't matter what

condition the phone is in, or what kind of phone it is. Folks at the Verizon store say that if a phone can be refurbished, it can be given to a women's shelter or military personnel. If it's a wreck, no worries; it can be used for parts. Wins for everyone.

**Church Office Hours** will be 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday, May 9 through June 20. The office will be closed on Fridays.

Sunday, May 5

6:00 Cub Scout Pack 3 (Scout Room)

Monday, May 6

**11:00-4:00 Church Office Hours**

6:30 Scouts Troop 3 (SR) and 2003G (209)

**7:00 Board of Deacons (L)**

Wednesday, May 8

6:15 Carillon Ringers (200)

7:00 Haviland Choir (S)

**7:00 Finance and Administration via Zoom**

Thursday, May 9

**9:00-12:00 Church Office Hours**

**5:30 Preschool Board of Trustees**

Friday, May 10

**Church Office Closed**

Vision Statement

*To glorify God and share the Spirit and love of Christ  
with our community and the world.*

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- Temporary Pastoral Leadership ..... Rev. Dr. Frank Lewis, 304-266-8154  
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