First Presbyterian Church

Sunday, May 17, 2020 - 10:45 a.m. - Livestream
Sixth Sunday of Easter

Prelude
Hyfrydol
Gilbert Martin

Greetings

Call to Worship
Leader: Bless our God, O peoples, let the sound of his praise be heard,
People: who has kept us among the living, and has not let our feet slip.
Leader: Come and hear, all you who fear God, and I will tell what he has done for me.
People: I cried aloud to him, and he was extolled with my tongue.
Leader: If I had cherished iniquity in my heart, the Lord would not have listened.
People: But truly God has listened; he has given heed to the words of my prayer.
Leader: Blessed be God, because he has not rejected my prayer or removed his steadfast love from me.

Prayer of the Day
O God, you have prepared for those who love you joys beyond understanding. Pour into our hearts such love for you, that, loving you above all else, we may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Hymn
Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise (Vs. 1, 3 & 4)  No. 263

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession
Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our sinfulness, our shortcomings, and our offenses against you. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we are ashamed and sorry for all we have done to displease you. Forgive our sins, and help us to live in your light, and walk in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Silence
Choral Response

Assurance of Pardon
Hear the good news! Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us. Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace. Amen.

Song of Thanksgiving
Gloria Patri  No. 579

First Reading
Psalm 66:8-20

Kids Connection (pre-recorded)
Liz Norris
Second Reading

Sermon: 
“Song of Deliverance”
Dr. Rev. Brent O. Johnston

Testimony from Senior
Katie Young

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord’s Prayer

Call to Stewardship

Offertory Anthem
At the River
Asher Isaac, Bass

Shall we gather at the river, where bright angel’s feet have trod,
With its crystal tide forever flowing by the throne of God.
Chorus: Yes, we’ll gather at the river, the beautiful river.
Gather with the saints by the river that flows by the throne of God.
Soon we’ll reach the shining river, soon our pilgrimage will cease,
Soon, our happy hearts will quiver with the melody of peace. Chorus.

Doxology
No. 592

Prayer of Dedication

Hymn
Love Divine, All Loves Excelling (Vs. 1 & 3)
No. 376

Charge and Benediction
Leader: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.

Postlude
Chromatic Fugue
Johann Pachelbel

Worship Leaders

Pastor
Brent Johnston
Liturgist
Katie Young
Director of Music
Steve Bixler
Organist
Mark Sweeney