

Prayer of Preparation

Ascended and reigning Christ,
help all of us who struggle to
worship you as Lord
perceive the beauty and glory of
your sovereign rule.

Help all of us who struggle to
worship you and witness to you
discover the beauty and power of
your ongoing prayer for us,
as well as the goodness of
the gift the Father promised
that you have given.

~Amen.

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Welcome!

We are grateful that you joined us today and would love to keep in touch. After worship, please join us downstairs for refreshments provided by Arbor Dale's Patience Group.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Refreshments for next Sunday: Kindness Group
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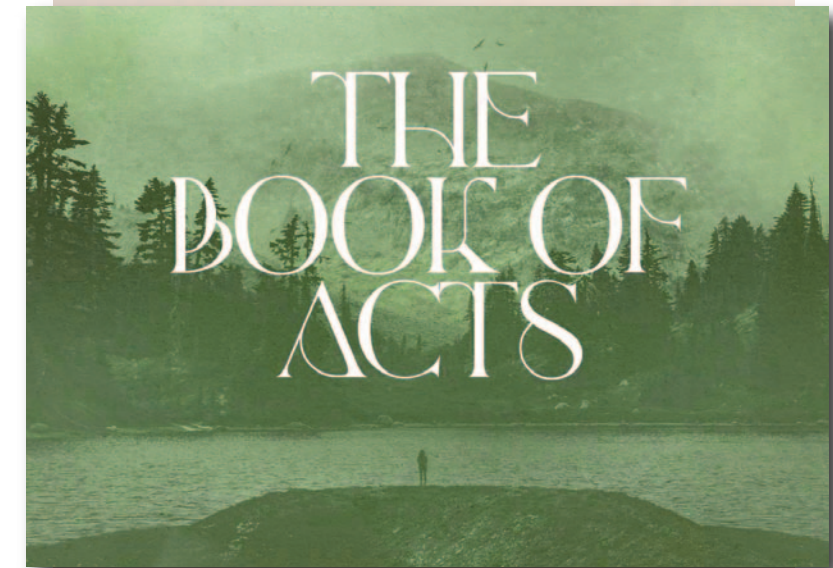
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Service for the Lord's Day

8 May 2022



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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



GREETING

Leader: *Christ is risen!*

All: He is risen indeed!

PRELUDE *Christ is the Life of the World*

* CALL TO WORSHIP *Psalm 62:5-8*

Leader: *Yes, my soul, find rest in God;
my hope comes from him.*

**All: Truly he is my rock and my salvation;
he is my fortress, I will not be shaken.**

Leader: *My salvation and my honor depend on God;
He is my mighty rock, my refuge. Trust in him at
all times, you people; pour out your hearts to him,*

All: for God is our refuge.

* HYMN OF PRAISE *I'll Not Be Shaken (See Insert)*

CALL TO CONFESSION

*While we claim to celebrate the ascension of our Lord,
the way we live proclaims our lack of faith in his power to
deal with the world. Let us confess the incongruity
between our faith and practice. Let us pray.*

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We come, O Lord, to confess our lack of trust.

***While we sing of your lordship over all creation, we have
too often acted as though you are powerless in the face
of today's events. We confess that we don't like to wait
for you or receive power from you or be your witnesses.***

***We have forgotten who you are and what you promise to
do. Forgive us, we pray. Help us to live with confidence in
your presence today and in hope for life with you forever
as you send us out into the world you love. ~ Amen.***

* **ASSURANCE OF PARDON** *based on Ephesians 2:4-7*
*Hear the good news of the gospel: God, who is rich in
mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us
even when we were dead through our trespasses, made
us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been
saved—and raised us up with him and seated us with
him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in
the ages to come he might show the immeasurable
riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ
Jesus. In Christ, by God's grace, we are saved.
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow!*

* PASSING THE PEACE

* DOXOLGY

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise Him, all creatures here below
Praise Him above the Heavenly host
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. ~ Amen*

* CONFESSION OF FAITH *From Colossians 1*

Leader: *This saying is sure and worthy of full
acceptance:*

**All: that Christ Jesus came into the world to
save sinners.**

Leader: *There is one God; there is one mediator
between God and humankind, Christ Jesus,*

**All: who gave himself as a ransom for all, to whom
we testify.**

Leader: *Great indeed is the mystery of our religion:*

**All: He was revealed in flesh, vindicated in spirit,
seen by angels, proclaimed among the na-
tions, believed in throughout the world, taken
up in glory.**

* **HYMN OF PREPARATION** *#589 Here I am, Lord*

SCRIPTURE AND SERMON *Acts 1: How to Wait*

* **COMMUNION HYMN** *The Lord's Prayer (see insert)*

*CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Leader: *The Lord be with you.*

All: And also with you.

Leader: *Lift up your hearts.*

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: *Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Leader: *Therefore we join our voices with all the
saints and angels and the whole creation
to proclaim the glory of your name.*

**All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and
might, heaven and earth are full of your
glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes In the name
of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

* **HYMN OF SENDING** *#375 Jesus Shall Reign*

* BENEDICTION