

LAKESIDE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 5, 2024, 11 AM



THE REV. DR. PAMELA ANDERSON, INTERIM PASTOR
MR. DON SCOTT CARPENTER, ORGANIST AND DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

Dan Anderson, Assistant Organist • Barbara Bruxvoort, Lector

Welcome, newcomers and visitors! We extend to you a warm and heartfelt greeting. Here, within our community, may you discover the nourishment your soul seeks, guided by the grace of God. As you journey with us, may your heart be filled with inspiration and your spirit enriched. And when the time comes for you to depart, may you carry with you a heart eager to embrace service and spread the light you've found here. Welcome, and may your time among us be blessed.



If you're joining us for the first time, we're thrilled to have you here! We invite you to take a moment to fill out a Welcome Card, conveniently located on the Welcome Table in the Narthex. Thank you for being a part of our community today!

LakesidePCSF.org @LakesidePCSF

GATHERING

Worship begins with an instrumental piece of music, during which the congregation can silently prepare. We then enter a time of singing to worship God and to offer our prayer of confession.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Plainte Suite Brève

Jean Langlais (1907-1991)

The people rise in body or spirit.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Please stand for the Call to Worship.

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

We come to join with all the earth in praise:

**to sing a new song to the Lord,
who has done marvelous things,
who has shown us steadfast love and faithfulness.**

We praise the Lord with joyful noises

joining the symphony of the earth:

**the roar of the ocean,
the call of the birds,
the wind across the hills,
people in every corner of the globe.**

On this sabbath day of rest and gladness,

we greet you with joy, our living God!

Let us worship together.

HYMN AT THE PROCESSION

318 • In Christ There Is No East or West

ST. PETER

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

There is nothing that can separate us from God's love. Therefore, let us confess our sins, trusting that God will forgive us and help us transform our lives.

Tender God, forgive us for our half-hearted faith that loves only when it is easy, and reaches out only to those who are like us, that ignores your less convenient commandments and fails to bear fruit anyone would rejoice in. How can a faith like that conquer the world? Nourish us again, to blossom with whole-hearted faith that abides in your love and shines forth with joy. Through the grace of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear the Good News! The only one who could judge us calls us friends. Jesus chose us over his own life, so let us choose Jesus in the life we have now. By the power of the Spirit, our sins are washed away, and we are made new. Let us live as God's forgiven children. Alleluia! Amen.

GLORIA

Glory to God in the Highest

John Weaver (1937-2021)

Allegro T.

Glo - ry to God - in the high - est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

9
Glo - ry to God - in the high - est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth. *mp*

13
f
Lord God, heaven-ly - King, al - might-y - God and - Fa - ther, we

17
wor-ship You,-we - give You thanks, we praise You-for Your-glo- ry. Lord Je - sus

22
mf
Christ, on-ly Son - of the - Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, You take a-way the

28
sin of the world: have mer-cy on us; You are seat-ed at the right hand of the-

34
f
-Fa - ther; re-ceive ourprayer. For You a - lone-are the Ho-ly One, You a - lone are the

40
Lord, You a - lone-are the most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Hol-ly

46
ff *rit.*
Spir - it in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther.

SUMMARY OF THE LAW

Our Lord Jesus said: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets. Believe the Gospel and be at peace. **Amen.**

The people are seated.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

We encounter the Word by preaching and song as we interpret and expound scripture. An Old Testament (Hebrew Scripture) reading are words that Jesus knew and from which he often referred or quoted. A psalm is a prayer that Jesus used and covers every mood of humanity's relationship with God and one another. A reading from the New Testament is typically a letter (epistle) to the early Church, the Acts of the Apostles, or the Revelation of John. A Gospel reading (Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John) depicts the life, teachings, death, resurrection, and ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ and concludes the scripture reading. We remain seated for the Old Testament, Psalm, and New Testament readings, but we stand for the Gospel reading to show the particular importance placed on Jesus' words and actions.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Let us all pray together, saying...

Holy Spirit, help us to hear familiar words with fresh ears, and to take your Holy Word to us seriously, as **guide and pattern for our lives. Amen.**

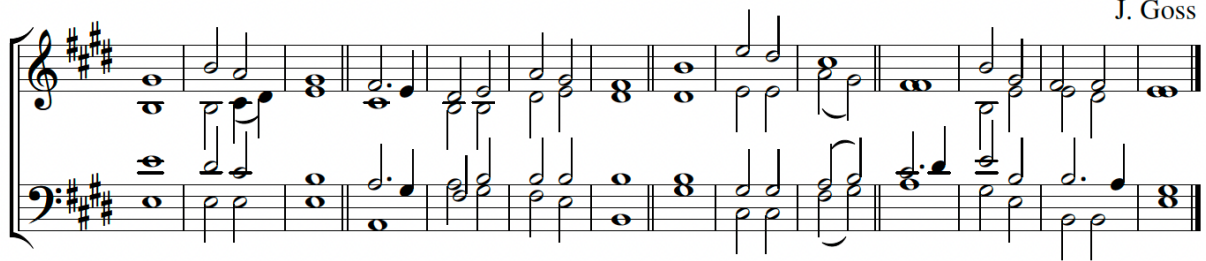
ACTS OF THE APOSTLES • ACTS 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48

As Peter entered the house, Cornelius met him, dropped to his knees and bowed low. As he helped Cornelius to his feet, Peter said, "Get up! I am a human being, just like you!" Peter said to Cornelius and the people assembled in the house, "I begin to see how true it is that God shows no partiality — rather, that any person of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to God."

Peter had not finished speaking these words when the Holy Spirit descended upon all who were listening to the message. The Jewish believers who had accompanied Peter were surprised that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out on the Gentiles also, whom they could hear speaking in tongues and glorifying God.

Then Peter asked, "What can stop these people who have received the Holy Spirit, even as we have, from being baptized with water?" So he gave orders that they be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. After this was done, they asked him to stay on with them for a few days.

Anglican chant led by the choir, sung by all; please remain seated.



- Sing to the | Lord a • new | song, *
- For | God has • done | marvel•ous | things.
- 2 With God's right hand and thy | holy | arm *
- has God | won for • the | One the | victory.
- 3 The Lord has made | known thy | victory; *
- God's righteousness has been openly | shown • in the | sight of • the | nations.
- 4 God remembers the mercy and faithfulness to the | house of | Israel, *
- and all the ends of the earth have seen the | victo•ry | of our | God.
- 5 Shout with joy to the | Lord, • all you | lands; *
- lift up your | voice, re | joice, and | sing.
- 6 Sing to the | Lord • with the | harp, *
- with the | harp • and the | voice of | song.
- 7 With trumpets and the | sound of • the | horn *
- shout with joy be | fore the | Lord, our | God.
- 8 Let the sea make a noise and | all that • is | in it, *
- the lands and | those who | dwell there | in.
- 9 Let the rivers | clap their | hands, *
- and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord,
- when God | comes to | judge the | earth.
- 10 In righteousness shall God | judge the | world *
- and the | peoples • with | equi | ty.
- Glory be to the Creator, and | to the | Son,
- And | to the | Holy | Spirit.
- As it was in the be | ginning, • is | now,
- and | will be • for | ever. • A | men.

EPISTLE LESSON • I JOHN 5:1-6 (NIV)

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God, and everyone who loves Abba God loves their child as well. This is how we know that we love the children of God: by loving God and carrying out God's commands. In fact, this is love for God: to keep God's commands. And God's commands are not burdensome, for everyone born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith. Who is it that overcomes the world? Only the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God.

This is the one who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ. He did not come by water only, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit who testifies because the Spirit is the truth.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

The people rise in body or spirit at the introduction to the hymn.

SERMON HYMN

366 vs 1-2 • Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

HYFRYDOL

We turn to face the Gospel as it is read by the pastor.

GOSPEL LESSON • JOHN 15:9-17

Jesus said to the disciples:
As my Abba has loved me, so I have loved you.
Live on in my love.
And you will live on in my love
if you keep my commandments,
just as I live on in Abba God's love
and have kept God's commandments.
I tell you all this that my joy may be yours
and your joy may be complete.
This is my commandment: Love one another as I have loved you.
There is no greater love
than to lay down one's life for one's friends.
And you are my friends,
if you do what I command you.
I no longer speak of you as subordinates,
because a subordinate does not know a superior's business.
Instead I call you friends,
because I have made known to you
everything I have learned from Abba God.
It was not you who chose me;
it was I who chose you to go forth and bear fruit.
Your fruit must endure,
so that whatever you ask of Abba God in my name,
God will give you.
This command I give you: that you love one another.

The Gospel of the Lord. **PRAISE TO YOU, LORD CHRIST.**

SERMON HYMN

366 vs 3-4 • Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

HYFRYDOL

The people are seated.

SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Pamela Anderson

OUR RESPONSE

We respond by singing and affirming our faith.

The people rise in body or spirit.

Let us stand and say what we believe...

We believe in the triune God, Creator, Son, and Holy Spirit, who gathers, protects and cares for the church through Word and Spirit. This, God has done since the beginning of the world and will do to the end.

We believe that Christ's work of reconciliation is made manifest in the Church, as the community of believers who have been reconciled with God and with one another; that unity is, therefore, both a gift and an obligation for the Church of Jesus Christ.

We believe that this unity of the people of God must be manifested and be active in a variety of ways: in that we love one another, and that we experience, practice, and pursue community with one another.

We believe that the variety of spiritual gifts, opportunities, backgrounds, convictions, as well as the various languages and cultures, are by virtue of the reconciliation in Christ, opportunities for mutual service and enrichment within the one visible people of God.
Jesus is Lord. Amen.

The people are seated.

THANKSGIVING

We gratefully offer back to God some of what God has given us presenting our offerings, setting the table, lifting prayers, and praising the triune God. We pray for ourselves and particularly on behalf of others. In our prayers we pray for the Universal Church, the nation and all who govern, the welfare of the world, the concerns of our community of faith—including those who are in need or suffering. We are reminded in prayer that we are part of a larger fellowship—the Church—the Body of Christ.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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 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. Amen.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Let us share the peace of Christ with one another and especially our guests.

THE LIFE OF OUR CHURCH

OFFERTORY INVITATION

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.



We welcome you to scan this QR code and visit the Giving page on our website.

There you can offer your financial support for the ongoing ministries of Lakeside Presbyterian Church. Thank you!

ANTHEM AT THE OFFERTORY

And I Saw a New Heaven

Edgar Bainton (1880-1956)

*And I saw a new heaven and a new earth:
for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away;
and there was no more sea.
And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem,
coming down from God out of heaven,
prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.
And I heard a great voice out of Heaven, saying,
Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men,
and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people,
and God himself shall be with them, and be their God.
And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes;
and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying,
neither shall there be any more pain:
for the former things are passed away.*

The people rise in body or spirit at the introduction.

DOXOLOGY

609 • Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us all pray together, saying...

God, you call us to Christ's mission ministry. Bless these gifts that they might spread the hope of your good news, feed the hungry, shelter the poor, comfort the suffering, and free the captives. Bless us, also, so that our lives conform to radical love and faithful humility. Amen.

The people are seated.

Invitation to the Table

In the spirit of Christ, we at Lakeside welcome you to share your spiritual journey with us as we share ours with you in a sacrament designed to bridge all differences in a spirit of extravagant welcome, of heartfelt openness, and of mutual loving-kindness. In coming together, let us recognize our responsibility in living in love and peace with one another and all creation so as to be joined together as one Holy Communion of Body and Spirit throughout this good earth.

The Holy One be with you.

And also with you.

Open your hearts.

We open our hearts to you, O God.

Let us give thanks to God, an Abiding Presence.

To the One who companions us through all things, we give thanks and praise.

Faithful One, we come to your table hungry for a taste of your kingdom. In a world where evil and empire come together to hoard and exploit, we crave the fruits of your Spirit. We long for kindness. We dream of peace. We hope to be disciples of generosity – sharing and redistributing the resources you intended for the flourishing of all.

Gathering at your table, we remember the ordinary gifts of heaven among us.

Those that nurture hope when it's hard to find.

That surprise us in destruction's wake.

That bring new life from sites of death.

And sustain our labors of love across generations.

In awe and gratitude, we join together in praise of you, Source of Abundance:

SANCTUS

565 • Holy, Holy, Holy

SANCTUS (Haugen)

Since the beginning, you have been building a lineage of love and liberation.

Inviting all who wish to belong.

Through the saints and prophets,

you call us to turn from the temptations of power and individualism.

To deepen our commitments to building communities of care and justice.

And to practice a more radical solidarity across identities and communities, so that none must struggle alone. You have shown us the way. Taken on flesh and dwelled among us.

In Jesus, we come to understand. God enfleshed as a Brown, Jewish, Palestinian man. A refugee. Born into a frowned upon familial structure, with neither security of wealth nor access to power. His life is a witness to hope that does not come from climbing ladders of power or begging for crumbs of dignity. Hope that is born in community, nurturing love, taking risks together, multiplying what we have and finding it is more than enough.

Jesus shared a meal with his companions, his community, his chosen family, before he would be arrested.

The people rise in body or spirit.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

AGNUS DEI

604 • Lamb of God

AGNUS DEI (Farlee)

COMMUNION HYMN

516 • For the Bread Which You Have Broken

KINGDOM

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of Persistence, though you have been betrayed many times, you still do not give up on love. Evil is relentless but so, too, is your belief in us. In our ability to be transformed. To turn from dominance. To mend and repair where harm has been done. May we, too, believe in our potential for co-creating with you a future of flourishing for all life. We give thanks for this meal, a reminder of your unending grace and abiding companionship. Amen.

SENDING

We follow the Word into the world; sent forth with God's blessing to live lives of service and love.

HYMN AT THE RECEPTION

257 • The Risen Christ

WOODLANDS

BENEDICTION AND BLESSING

Amen. **Peace and Shalom!**

The people may be seated to meditate on today's service.

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Moto Perpetuo (2020)

John S. Dixon (b.1957)

THE GRAPEVINE

If you'd like to submit information for the Grapevine, please email your text to dscarpenter@LakesidePCSF.org no later than the Monday before the Sunday, you would like it placed. Thank you!

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

Lakeside Children's Sunday School class meets on Sundays from 11:00 am to 12:00 pm in the Multi-purpose Room. Children from the ages of 3-8 are welcome to attend. Lessons are filled with fun and engaging activities. Child Care will be available for up to three years old during the worship service in the nursery.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please continue to pray for: Benia Meyer, Charlie Calamoneri, Chuck Neighbor, Donna Rae Wickstrom, Eugene Thomas, Georgenia Latter, Jeannie Richardson, Anna Harris Bianchi, Children's Sunday School, and the Lakeside Children's Center.



CIRCLE OF STEWARDSHIP

No matter our recent struggles, let us remember that we're an Easter people, celebrating Christ's joy every day. In worship, we join Jesus' sacrifice, becoming renewed. As stewards of God's gifts, we commit to reconciliation and proclaiming Christ's risen glory, despite the cost. Each dawn brings a chance to deepen our faith. Let us reflect on rising above challenges and experiencing Christ's peace daily.

BIBLE STUDY

Join us for Bible Study every Thursday at 10 am in the Fireside Room. For those who can't join us in person, Zoom link: <https://bit.ly/4awCx1e>

LGBTQIA+ Listening Sessions

Thursday, May 9, 5 pm

Thursday, May 16, 12 noon

PUBLIC CALENDAR • MAY 5 - 12

RED = PUBLIC EVENTS, ALL ARE INVITED

Blue = Lakeside Events

Black = Community Groups/Organizations

5	Children's Sunday School SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER COFFEE HOUR Session GKI WORSHIP SERVICE	11:00am - 12:00pm 11:00am - 12:15pm 12:15pm - 1:15pm 12:30pm - 2:30pm 4:00pm - 5:00pm	Multi-Purpose Room SANCTUARY FIRESIDE ROOM FIRESIDE ROOM CHAPEL
6	Bel Canto Flutes	7:00pm - 9:00pm	Fireside Room
7	Counting Committee	9:30am-11:30am	Fireside Room
8	Wednesday Morning Al-Anon	9:30am - 12:00pm	Fireside Room
9	THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY SF Forest Choir Girl Scouts Chancel Choir Sectionals	9:30am - 12:00pm 10:00am- 12:30pm 5:00pm-7:30pm 6:30pm-7:30pm	FIRESIDE ROOM Sanctuary Fireside Room Sanctuary
10	Al-Anon Friday AM	9:30am - 12:00pm	Fireside Room
11	SF FOREST CHOIR 20 TH ANNIVERSARY	4:00pm - 6:00pm	SANCTUARY
12	Children's Sunday School ASCENSION SUNDAY COFFEE HOUR GKI WORSHIP SERVICE	11:00am - 12:00pm 11:00am - 12:15pm 12:15pm - 1:15pm 4:00pm - 5:00pm	Multi-Purpose Room SANCTUARY FIRESIDE ROOM CHAPEL

LAKESIDE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

201 Eucalyptus Drive
San Francisco, CA 94132

WWW.LAKESIDEPSSF.ORG | 415-564-8833