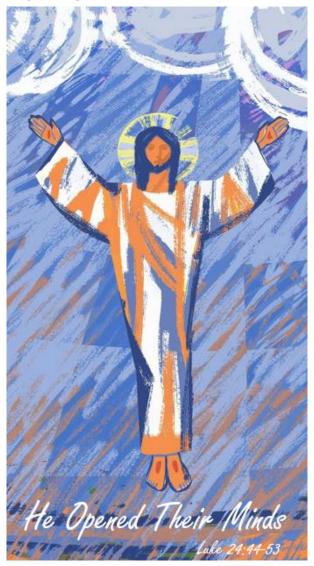
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7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter Ascension of the Lord Sunday May 24, 2020 10:00 AM

The Reverend Adam C. Bowling - Pastor

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828.448.8914

## WE ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

#### + GATHERING SONG

Today is The Day

Lincoln Brewster, Paul Caloche (CCLI#: 5200924)

#### Verse 1

I'm casting my cares aside
I'm leaving my past behind
I'm setting my heart and mind on You Jesus
I'm reaching my hands to Yours
Believing there's so much more
Knowing that all You have in store for me is good
It's good

#### Chorus 1

Today is the day You have made
I will rejoice and be glad in it
Today is the day You have made
I will rejoice and be glad in it
And I won't worry about tomorrow
I'm trusting in what You say
Today is the day today is the day

#### Verse 2

I'm putting my fears aside
I'm leaving my doubts behind
I'm giving my hopes and dreams to You Jesus
I'm reaching my hands to Yours
Believing there's so much more
Knowing that all You have in store for me is good
It's good

#### **Bridge**

I will stand upon Your truth
(I will stand upon Your truth)
And all my days I'll live for You
(All my days I'll live for You)
And I will stand upon Your truth
(I will stand upon Your truth)
And all my days I'll live for You
(All my days I'll live)

#### Chorus 2

Today is the day You have made
I will rejoice and be glad in it
Today is the day You have made
I will rejoice and be glad in it
And I won't worry about tomorrow
I'm giving You my fears and sorrows
Where You lead me I will follow
I'm trusting in what You say
Today is the day (5X)

#### WELCOME

Session Notes

Norman Cobb

+ CALL TO WORSHIP (Acts 1, Psalm 47, Ephesians 1)
Christ is alive. He is risen from the dead.
The Holy One calls us to worship and praise.
Baptized with the power of the Holy Spirit,
we live with Christ in our hearts.
Clap your hands and shout to God
with loud songs of joy.
Sing praises to God, who fills the world

with forgiveness and grace.

+ OPENING HYMN

Here in This Place (Gather Us In)

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1 Here in this place the new light is streaming; now is the darkness vanished away; see in this space our fears and our dreamings brought here to you in the light of this day.

Gather us in, the lost and forsaken; gather us in, the blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall awaken; we shall arise at the sound of our name.

2 We are the young; our lives are a mystery. We are the old who yearn for your face. We have been sung throughout all of history, called to be light to the whole human race. Gather us in, the rich and the haughty; gather us in, the proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so lowly; give us the courage to enter the song.

3 Here we will take the wine and the water; here we will take the bread of new birth. Here you shall call your sons and your daughters, call us anew to be salt for the earth. Give us to drink the wine of compassion; give us to eat the bread that is you; nourish us well, and teach us to fashion lives that are holy and hearts that are true.

4 Not in the dark of buildings confining, not in some heaven, light years away: here in this place the new light is shining; now is the kingdom, and now is the day.

Gather us in and hold us forever; gather us in and make us your own; gather us in, all peoples together, fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY** (based on Ephesians 1)

Nancy Hummer

Almighty God, through Jesus Christ, You revealed to us a power that has no parallel. May the eyes of our heart be enlightened to this power and all it has done in our lives. Pour out Your Spirit of power upon us, that we may proclaim Your glory and Your grace. Amen.

### **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, by praying together. . .

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Forgiving and gracious God, you have called us to be the church, to live out our Resurrection faith. You have asked us to place our trust in You and to bring to all the good news of Your saving love. But we have failed to do this. We have given our faith a back seat to the troubles of the world, and to the stresses in our own life. We look for quick and easy answers. Forgive us for the smallness of our faith. You, who raised Christ from the dead, have promised to raise our spirits and bring us to new life. You have done this and yet, we remain static in our response to You. Clear our spirits of the clutter of everyday living. Help us to be open always to Your Word and Your love. Challenge us to move in directions of peace and hope for all people. Hear us now, as we continue to confess in the silence of our hearts. . .

(Silence is kept)

#### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Jesus said to His disciples before He ascended to God, "Repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in My name to all nations."

By the grace of Jesus Christ we are forgiven and empowered to serve.

May God give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation, that the power of Jesus Christ may be visible in your life.

To God be the glory! Thanks be to God!

#### + RESPONSE

Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me (verse 1)

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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

Rev. Landon Whitsitt

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 24:44-53 NRSV

Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." <sup>45</sup> Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, <sup>46</sup> and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, <sup>47</sup> and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup> You are witnesses of these things. <sup>49</sup> And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."

<sup>50</sup> Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. <sup>51</sup> While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. <sup>52</sup> And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; <sup>53</sup> and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

SPECIAL MUSIC

No Matter What Martin Andrews, Soloist

Bryan Fowler, Jonathan Smith, Ryan Stevenson (CCLI#: 7105904)

**MESSAGE** 

He Opened Their Minds

Rev. Landon Whitsitt Executive, Synod of Mid-America

## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

+ HYMN OF RESPONSE

I Danced in the Morning

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1 I danced in the morning when the world was begun, and I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun, and I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth.

At Bethlehem I had my birth.

#### Refrain:

Dance, then, wherever you may be; I am the Lord of the Dance, said he, and I'll lead you all, wherever you may be, and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.

2 I danced for the scribe and the Pharisee, but they would not dance and they would not follow me. I danced for the fishermen, for James and John. They came with me and the dance went on. (Refrain)

3 I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame.

The holy people said it was a shame.

They whipped and they stripped and they hung me high, and left me there on a cross to die. (Refrain)

4 I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black. It's hard to dance with the devil on your back. They buried my body and they thought I'd gone, but I am the dance and I still go on. (Refrain)

5 They cut me down and I leapt up high.I am the life that will never, never die.I'll live in you if you'll live in me,I am the Lord of the Dance, said he. (Refrain)

#### PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

After each prayer petition we will respond with: In your mercy, Lord, hear our 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

Touch of the Master's Hand Wayne Watson, Arr. Ethan Wills Ethan Wills, Pianist

## The Poem "Touch of the Master's Hand"- the song is based on:

'Twas battered and scarred,
And the auctioneer thought it
hardly worth his while
To waste his time on the old violin,
but he held it up with a smile.

"What am I bid, good people", he cried,
"Who starts the bidding for me?"

"One dollar, one dollar, Do I hear two?"

"Two dollars, who makes it three?"

"Three dollars once, three dollars twice, going for three,"

But, No,
From the room far back a gray bearded man
Came forward and picked up the bow,
Then wiping the dust from the old violin
And tightening up the strings,
He played a melody, pure and sweet
As sweet as the angel sings.

The music ceased and the auctioneer With a voice that was quiet and low, Said "What now am I bid for this old violin?" As he held it aloft with its' bow.

"One thousand, one thousand, Do I hear two?"
"Two thousand, Who makes it three?"
"Three thousand once, three thousand twice,
Going and gone", said he.

The audience cheered,
But some of them cried,
"We just don't understand."
"What changed its' worth?"
Swift came the reply.
"The Touch of the Masters Hand."

"And many a man with life out of tune All battered and bruised with hardship Is auctioned cheap to a thoughtless crowd Much like that old violin

A mess of pottage, a glass of wine, A game and he travels on. He is going once, he is going twice, He is going and almost gone.

But the Master comes,
And the foolish crowd never can quite understand,
The worth of a soul and the change that is wrought
By the Touch of the Masters' Hand.

+ 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** (John 17:6-19)

Isabella Maxwell

Dear God, thank You for Your great generosity toward the whole world. You give us guidance and encouragement through Your word. You did not hold back even Your Son so that we would have eternal life! You make our joy complete. Let us find joy by giving with joy to the ministries of this church for the sake of Christ Jesus our Lord.

Amen.

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## WE GO IN GOD'S NAME

#### + CLOSING SONG

## Every Move I Make

#### Verse

Every move I make I make in You
You make me move Jesus
Every breath I take I breathe in You
Every step I take I take in You
You are my way Jesus
Every breath I take I breathe in You

### **Bridge**

La la

#### Chorus

Waves of mercy waves of grace Everywhere I look I see Your face Your love has captured me Oh my God this love how can it be

## **Ending**Jesus

+ CHARGE (based on Ephesians 1:17-19, New Living Translation)
May God,
the glorious Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
give you spiritual wisdom and insight
so that you may grow in your knowledge of God.
And may He continue to flood your hearts with light
so that you may comprehend the confident hope He has given
to those He has called—His holy people,
who are His rich and glorious inheritance.
Go, in the love and grace of God!

#### + BENEDICTION

+ POSTLUDE

Amazing Grace! How Sweet the Sound

NEW BRITAIN, Arr. Mark Haves

Davis Ruis (CCLI#: 1595726)

+ Please stand, in body or in spirit.

#### Rev. Landon Whitsitt

The Rev. Landon Whitsitt joined The Synod of Mid-America (SoMA) as its Synod Executive in 2011. He also served as its Stated Clerk from 2011 to 2019.

He is a graduate of Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary, and before entering the pastorate was a member of Session at First Presbyterian Church in Lawrence, KS, served in campus ministry, and was the music director for a new church development. He was ordained as the Program Director for The Center for Interfaith Relations in Louisville, KY before accepting a call to First Presbyterian Church in Liberty, MO (Heartland Presbytery).

From 2008 to 2012, Landon served on the PCUSA Committee on Theological Education, and in July 2010, he was confirmed as Vice-Moderator of the 219th General Assembly of the PCUSA for a two year term. From 2012-2014, he was a member of the General Assembly's Mid Council Commission, and served on the board of the Presbyterian Mission Agency from 2012 to 2018. He currently is co-moderator of the General Assembly Family Leave Task Force.



Programmatically, the most visible part of Landon's work is <u>Theocademy</u> (http://www.theocademy.com/), high quality free videos for all stages of faith development.

## 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.

## 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 <a href="https://fupcdc.org">https://fupcdc.org</a>.
- \* 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.

## Ministry in Action

GRADUATION SUNDAY: If you have graduated or are graduating from high school, college/university, or a certificated program, we would like to acknowledge your accomplishments during worship on Sunday, June 7th. Please email the Church Office, office@fupcdc.org, your information and a picture of you by May 31st. Thank you!

First and Last Name
Where are you graduating from?
Name of Degree
Plans for the Future

- \* HELP SUPPORT ACTS: FUPCDC has partnered with ACTS to improve the lives of vulnerable populations in Prince William County for many years. Our Mission and Outreach Committee works closely with the ACTS staff and learned of the increased need for their services in many areas-domestic violence, hunger, mental wellness, and assistance with utility bills. Food donations, which our congregation provided for many years through the pantry in the Narthex Welcome Center, are currently lacking. If you are in a financial position to do so, we encourage you to help FUPCDC support ACTS by making a special donation for this ministry. If you donate by mailing a check to FUPCDC or through your bank bill pay please write ACTS in the memo line of the check; if you give online please use "Designated Giving" and write ACTS in the note field. Thank you for the ways you are responding to the needs of others and for your continued support of FUPCDC.
- \* MEN'S GROUP: In lieu of our monthly Men's Breakfast, we now have several small groups of men that meet weekly for 30 minutes for devotion and prayer time. This is a phone-in conference call. We have slots available on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday. Please contact Sam Parris for your slot: 703-946-7266 or email at samiparris@aol.com.
- \* SPREAD THE BREAD: Spread the Bread is our ministry for people experiencing homelessness. We currently provide a meal each Sunday at 12:20 PM for around 50 people in Prince William County. Volunteer opportunities include making sandwiches, donating drinks and chips, prayer, and more! If you would like to help in any way, please email Jon Guest, jon.a.guest@gmail.com.
- \* SPREAD THE LOVE: We need volunteers to write cards/notes to those in quarantine or to folks who are experiencing isolation due to COVID-19. Other volunteer opportunities include making phone calls to check in with people who may need socialization. If you would like to volunteer for Spread the Love or suggest people to receive cards or calls, please email Sam Parris, <a href="mailto:samjparris@aol.com">samjparris@aol.com</a>.
- \* EMAIL PRAYER CHAIN: We need volunteers to receive one to two emails a week with prayer requests...and pray! If you would like to volunteer to pray, please contact the Church Office, office@fupcdc.org.

- \* SEWING FACE MASKS: In keeping with FUPCDC's commitment to serve the needs of the community, the Mission and Outreach Committee is launching a campaign to make face masks and distribute them where they are needed within the local community. We are committed to donate masks to the Greater Prince William Community Health Center and to Westminster at Lake Ridge for both staff and residents. If you have any questions about the Face Mask Ministry please call Pat Manalio (703-283-2948) or Lora Nedimyer (703-680-5526).
- \* PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY: Join us each Wednesday at 7:00 PM via Zoom, or by phone, for a Bible Study on the Gospel of Matthew led by Pastor Adam. Email Pastor Adam for more information, adam.bowling@fupcdc.org.
- \* GIVING: We thank you for your continued support of the ministries, staff, and programs of FUPCDC. There are 2 ways to give: You can mail your gift to FUPCDC, 14391 Minnieville Road, Woodbridge, VA 22193. You can also give online by going to the church website, https://fupcdc.org/give-online. Thank you for giving to the Lord.

## **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:

- \* Bill and Luara Parris \* Josh
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- Barb

\* Lynn Wilson

- \* Kayla Brain
- Maurice Wilson
- Jason and Michael

Joe Cobb

\* Linda Ford

- \* Jody Hutcherson \*
- Baby Louisa Wolstenholme
- Joseph Pritchard
- Larry Menzie

- \* Linda Chrzan
- Marjorie Lawrence
- Grace Ofosu-Addo
- Mark Levy

- \* Sharon Haverty
- Mildred Shenk

- Nate Johnson
- Leigh Anderson
- Congregational love and sympathy is extended to the family of Ellen Joynt. Ellen, Sara Porter's sister, passed away on May 15<sup>th</sup>.

## Celebrations of joys with thanksgiving to God:

- 🕈 I am grateful for Garden Angel Volunteers ~ Gretchen Snyder
- I am grateful and blessed that I made it to another birthday, May 18<sup>th</sup>. I have had many problems due to my disability. Please keep me in your prayers. ~ Leigh Anderson
- \* Praise God for the birth of James Joseph Johnston III, son of Katie and Jay Johnston and grandson of Tina Johnston. James was born on May 13, 2020.
- \* Thanks to God that both my grandsons found employment ~ Lee Watenpaugh

- \* For blessings to all mothers and those who act as mothers for patience and strength in all that they do ~ Grace Ofoso-Addo
- \* Thank you to all who gave to the One Great Hour of Sharing last month. We collected \$1,572.50 as a church to support Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA), the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and the Self-Development of People. All of these programs work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need. From initial disaster response to ongoing community development, their work fits together to provide people with safety, sustenance, and hope.

## The churches of National Capital Presbytery, especially:

- Trinity Presbyterian Church Herndon, VA
- The United Korean Presbyterian Church Bethesda, MD

## Report on Offering: April 2020

-	APR 2020 Actual	APR 2020 Budget	Year to Date Actual	Year to Date Budget
Offering Pledged	39,592	35,056	140,405	130,156
Offering Unpledged	5,881	3,818	18,859	13,746
Total Offering	45,473	38,874	159,264	143,902

## Calendar May 24 - May 31, 2020

SUNDAY, May 24

10:00 AM Worship - one service Online Live Stream

MONDAY, May 25 Memorial Day Church Office Closed

8:30 PM Production Meeting via 8X8

TUESDAY, May 26 Newsletter Deadline WEDNESDAY, May 27

7:00 PM Pastor's Bible Study via Zoom

THURSDAY, May 28

FRIDAY, May 29

SATURDAY, May 30

SUNDAY, May 31

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.<sup>1</sup>

## 2020 BOARD OF DEACONS

Class of 2020	Class of 2021	Class of 2022
Agnes Fokwa	Amy Bean	Bob Albrecht
Lisa Fortner	Karen Elliott	Sandy Chamberlin
Kathy McNeely	Liz Goolgasian	Claudia Cunningham
Carol Schwalm	Peggy Heins	Pam Emert
Celine Sonkwa	Therese Same	Ellen Nuernberger

Carol Schwalm, Moderator······703-680-7673

### RULING ELDERS: THE MINISTRY OF DISCERNMENT & 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.<sup>2</sup>

See current ruling elders of FUPCDC on page 15 of bulletin.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> 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.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> ibid., p. 60.

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Jubilation Handbell Director	····· Ike Evans
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