TUSTIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH WORSHIP



May 25, 2025

10:00 a.m.

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

The livestream for this service can be accessed from our main YouTube page: http://bit.ly/TPC-YouTube-Page The livestream will begin several minutes before the service begins. Feel free to tune in whenever you are ready. If you prefer to view the service later, the video will be available soon after the service has concluded.

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

No matter where you come from or where you're going, no matter what you believe or what you doubt, no matter what you feel or just don't feel today, no matter whom you love, you are welcome into this space to be met by a God who knows you by name, who knows your heart, who knows your mind, and...who wants to have a relationship with you

When the prelude begins, please silence your cell phones and prepare your hearts and minds for worship.

PRELUDE

arr. by Fred Bock (1939-1998)

Nearer, My God, To Thee Dr. Hye Kyung Lee, Organ

IN THE LIFE

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor Steve

Lord, Your greatness is beyond our understanding **But we still know You.** Your power is too great for us to grasp, **But we still come to You.** Your wisdom is beyond our puny minds, **But we still desire to learn from You.** Your love calls us to be with You, **So we come every week to worship You.** Thank You for accepting us as we are. **Let us worship God.**

* OPENING HYMN

Hymn No. 12



* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, should we try to compare ourselves to You, we are like a grain of sand compared to the oceans. Your greatness, power and wisdom are beyond our comprehension. Yet we often pretend that the small part of You that we see is all that You are. We want to keep You small enough for us control so that we can keep our comfortable lives the way they are. Forgive us Lord, for trying to keep You small like us. Forgive us for not being willing to grow enough to see more of Your majesty. Help us to lay our selfishness aside long enough to get a glimpse of who You really are, so that we can begin to trust Your greatness, power and wisdom to guide us. We pray in Jesus' name, Amen.

* A MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR PERSONAL CONFESSION

* ASSURANCE OF PARDON

By the power of the Holy Spirit, I proclaim to you the forgiveness of all your sins, that with renewed life you may serve this creation and the people of God in peace and strength. *Amen.*

* PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you. *And also with you.*

We invite you to share the peace of Christ in whatever way feels comfortable to you—whether with a handshake, a friendly wave, or a simple "Peace be with you."



WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Lori Ruff-Schmalenberger

The children will remain seated. Following the Children's Moment, the children are invited to be escorted to Sunday School.



bless ev - ery soul whose hap - pi - ness springs from the Lord's own praise! TEXT: David Mowbray, 1989, alt.MUSIC: Johann B. König, 1738; arr. William Henry Havergal, 1847 Text © 1990 The Jubilate Group (admin. Hope Publishing Company)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

By the breath of Your Spirit, inspire us, that in the hearing of Your Word we may be filled with new understanding, and fresh desire to please You in all we do, for the sake of Your Son, Jesus. Amen.

FIRST LESSON

1 Corinthians 3:1-10

And so, brothers and sisters, I could not speak to you as spiritual people, but rather as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. ²I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for solid food. Even now you are still not ready, ³for you are still of the flesh. For as long as there is jealousy and quarreling among you, are you not of the flesh, and behaving according to human inclinations? ⁴For when one says, "I belong to Paul," and another, "I belong to Apollos," are you not merely human?

⁵What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you came to believe, as the Lord assigned to each. ⁶I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. ⁷So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. ⁸The one who plants and the one who waters have a common purpose, and each will receive wages according to the labor of each. ⁹For we are God's servants, working together; you are God's field, God's building.

¹⁰According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation, and someone else is building on it. Each builder must choose with care how to build on it.

ANTHEM

arr. by Gilbert M. Martin (b. 1941)

I Need Thee Ev'ry Hour

TPC Chancel Choir

I need Thee ev'ry hour, most gracious Lord; no tender voice like Thine can peace afford. I need Thee, O I need Thee; ev'ry hour I need Thee; O bless me now, my Savior, I come to Thee. I need Thee ev'ry hour, stay Thou nearby; temptations lose their pow'r when Thou art nigh. I need Thee, O I need Thee; ev'ry hour I need Thee; O bless me now, my Savior, I come to Thee. I need Thee ev'ry hour, most Holy One; O make me Thine indeed, Thou blessed Son. I need Thee, O I need Thee; ev'ry hour I need Thee; O bless me now, my Savior, I come to Thee.

text by Annie S. Hawks (1835-1918)

SECOND LESSON

New Testament, Page 220

Hebrews 5:11-14

¹¹ About this we have much to say that is hard to explain, since you have become dull in understanding. ¹² For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you again the basic elements of the oracles of God. You need milk, not solid food; ¹³ for everyone who lives on milk, being still an infant, is unskilled in the word of righteousness. ¹⁴ But solid food is for the mature, for those whose faculties have been trained by practice to distinguish good from evil.

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

SERMON

Pastor Steve

Reuben and Mel Part 4 - The Cliffs of Maturity

GIVE THANKS TO GOD

Choral Call to Prayer

Prayers of the People

We thank God for those who gave their lives to stand between us and those who would do us harm...
We acknowledge our need for Your wisdom...
We thank You for being patient with us as we grow into the people You want us to be...
We pray for spiritual, physical, and emotional healing for all...
We pray that our leaders will seek Your wisdom...
We pray for those who have suffered loss...
We pray for those who are struggling to find hope...
We offer thanks for helping us know the joy of giving...
We offer You our hearts for You to change...
We offer ourselves to be Your hands, feet and voices...

Glory to God, Page 35

Lord's Prayer (Traditional)

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.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

melody by Gastoldi (1555-1609) arr. by Henry G. Ley (1887-1962)

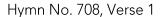
In Thee is Gladness

TPC Chancel Choir

In You is gladness amid all sadness, Jesus, sunshine of my heart. By You are given the gifts of heaven, You the true Redeemer are. Our souls are waking, our bonds are breaking; who trusts You surely has built securely and stands forever. Alleluia! Our hearts are pining to see Your shining, dying or living to You are clinging now and forever. Alleluia! If he is ours, we fear no powers, not of earth or sin or death. He sees and blesses in worst distresses; he can change them with a breath. Wherefore the story tell of his glory with heart and voices; all heav'n rejoices in him forever. Alleluia! We shout for gladness, win over sadness, love him and praise him and still shall raise him glad hymns forever. Alleluia!

> words by Johann Lindemann (1549-1631) tr. by Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878)

*** OFFERTORY RESPONSE**





* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

God of life, receive with these gifts our gratitude for Your goodness, and our dedication to Your service in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

GO IN GOD'S NAME



* BENEDICTION AND BENEDICTION RESPONSE

During the postlude, please feel free to depart, or to remain and enjoy the music.

POSTLUDE

J.S. Bach (1695-1750)

Prelude in A Minor

Dr. Hye Kyung Lee, Organ

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