



# WALLACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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We support Presbyterian Church (USA) mission co-workers,  
Rev. Dustin and Sherri Ellington, in Lusaka, Zambia, Africa.

*Please silence your cell phones.*

*\*All who are able may stand.*

## THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

*Seventh Sunday of Easter*

May 24, 2020

11:00 A.M.

### GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements



Opening Sentences

*Leader: Lord of all time and space, who was and is and is to come, we worship and adore you for you alone are worthy of our praise.*

**All: There is none before you, none above you. Your glory is ever before us and this morning we are glad to take our place alongside all those who even now, on earth and in heaven, are raising their voices to exalt you, their minds to know you and their hearts to love you.**

*Leader: Gracious God, with thankful hearts we bow before you, believing that you love us so much that you gave your only Son into the world for us, that we might live and know life in all its fullness.*

**All: We give thanks that Jesus came. Gracious God, with thankful hearts we bow before you, believing that in you, life is stronger than death, hope is stronger than despair, light is stronger than darkness. We thank you that Jesus rose, and lives! May our worship be a fitting offering – a gift in return to the giver of every good and perfect gift.**



Hymn #260

"Alleluia! Sing to Jesus"

HYFRYDOL



## Unison Prayer of Confession

**Lord, you pray that your followers will be one as you and your Father are one, and yet we divide into factions, demonize those with whom we disagree and fail to show the world we are yours through our love of one another. We are to be your witnesses to the ends of the earth, revealing your mercy and enacting your compassion. Instead we keep silent when we should speak and speak when we ought to remain silent. Forgive us for our failure to take risks for your sake. Grant us your grace and embolden us to share it, forgiving others as we have been forgiven. Lord, hear our prayers . . .**

**(A time for silent prayers of confession . . .)**

## Responsive Assurance of Pardon

*Leader: Friends, Christ himself restores, supports, strengthens and establishes us. Believe the good news!*

**All: Through Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Thanks be to God.**

## Gloria Patri

## Glory Be to the Father

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.**

## PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

## Children's Sermon

## Special Music

## "Blessings"

Laura Story

Randy Bittner, baritone

*We pray for blessings. We pray for peace.*

*Comfort for family, protection while we sleep.*

*We pray for healing, for prosperity. We pray for Your mighty hand to ease our suffering.*

*All the while, You hear each spoken need. Yet love is way too much to give us lesser things.*

*'Cause what if your blessings come through raindrops.*

*What if Your healing comes through tears.*

*What if a thousand sleepless nights are what it takes to know You're near.*

*What if trials of this life are Your mercies in disguise.*

*We pray for wisdom. Your voice to hear. We cry in anger when we cannot feel You near.*

*We doubt your goodness, we doubt your love. As if every promise from Your Word is not enough. All the while, You hear each desperate plea. And long that we'd have faith to believe.*

*When friends betray us. When darkness seems to win.*

*We know that pain reminds this heart. That this is not our home.*

*What if my greatest disappointments. Or the aching of this life.*

*Is the revealing of a greater thirst this world can't satisfy.*

*What if trials of this life. The rain, the storms,  
the hardest nights. Are your mercies in disguise.*



Assurances of Pardon





Unison Prayer for Illumination

**Holy God, we cast our anxieties on you, knowing that you care for us. Send your Spirit to open our hearts, settle our minds and grant us discernment. May your living Word come alive in us. Amen.**



Gospel Lesson

*John 17:1-11*



Hymn #468

**"In My Life"**  
(Lord, Be Glorified)

LORD, BE GLORIFIED

New Testament Lesson

*Acts 1:1-26*

Sermon

**"Following in Jesus' Footsteps"** Dr. Philip K. Gladden

A Time for Silent Reflection



Pastoral Prayer with 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.**

### **GIVING THANKS TO GOD**

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings



Offertory

Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

*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.*

The Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles' Creed  
I believe in God the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth;  
And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord;  
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried.  
He descended into hell.  
The third day he rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty.  
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Ghost,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.



Hymn #743

"O God, You Are My God"  
(Step by Step)

STEP BY STEP

Benediction

Postlude



*The beautiful flowers in the sanctuary today are given by  
Dean and Gerri Hanson in honor of their grandchildren.*

\* **The church office** will be closed on Monday, May 25 in observance  
of Memorial Day.



**With Honor & Gratitude**  
**We Remember**