

Lord’s Day Worship

A DIVINE SERVICE OF COVENANT RENEWAL

ASCENSION SUNDAY

May 29, 2022

PRELUDE

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Quiet our minds, O God, and gladden our hearts; that, as we come together to worship you, we may draw near to your presence and find that this place is indeed the very gate of heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SILENT PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

GOD CALLS US

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 24:7-10

†HYMN OF PRAISE

“A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing” Selection 289

†SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF PRAISE

Pastor: We gather to worship in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit!

People: Amen!

The LORD be with you!

And also with you! Ruth 2:4

Keep us, O LORD, as the apple of your eye;

Hide us in the shadow of your wings! Ps. 17:8

For we have died, and our life is hidden with Christ in God.

When the Christ who is our life appears, Col.
we also will appear with him in glory. Alleluia! 3:3-4

Let us pray together:

O God, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before us; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen!

GOD CLEANSSES US

Most holy and merciful Father; I acknowledge and confess before you my sinful nature—prone to evil and slothful in good—and all my shortcomings and offenses. You alone know how often I have sinned in wandering from your way, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love.

+Silent Prayer of Confession+

But O Lord, have mercy on me, for I am ashamed and sorry for all the ways I have displeased you. Teach me to hate my errors, cleanse me from my secret faults, and forgive my sins for the sake of your dear Son. Amen.

†DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Pastor: Now lift up your heads, and hear these words of comfort and good news from the Scriptures...

“The former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office, but he holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever. Consequently, he is able to save to the uttermost those who draw near to God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.” Hebrews 7:23-25

Our heavenly Father, in his great mercy, has given his only Son to die for you, and for his sake forgives you all your sins; wherefore as Christ's minister and by his authority, I declare to you that all of your sins are forgiven, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen!

†“Doxology” Selection 733

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below: Alleluia, Alleluia! Praise him above, ye heavenly host, praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost: O praise him, O praise him, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

WELCOME OF NEW MEMBERS

VOWS OF MEMBERSHIP

Roy, Mary & Lydia Lyons

Prayer

CONGREGATIONAL WELCOME & BLESSING

Pastor: Roy, Mary & Lydia, in the Name of the Lord Jesus, we, the body of Christ gathered at Colleyville Presbyterian Church, bid you welcome to our worship and life together, and pledge to you our fellowship and love.

All: May we all, thus united in one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all; grow into the likeness of Christ, being faithful in every good work and increasing always in the love of God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen!

GOD CONVERSES WITH US

OLD TESTAMENT READING Psalm 24

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

EPISTLE READING Revelation 5:1-14

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

†GOSPEL READING Mark 16:14-20

This is the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ!
Praise be to you, O Christ!

†HYMN OF PRAISE

“Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise” Selection 290

†We Respond by Confessing Our Faith. *Scots Confession, Chapter 11 (1560)*

We believe that the selfsame body, which was born of the virgin, was crucified, died, and buried, and which did rise again, did ascend into the heavens for the accomplishment of all things; where, in our names, and for our comfort our Lord Jesus has received all power in heaven and on earth, where he sits at the right hand of the Father in his kingdom, the Advocate and only Mediator for us; which glory, honor, and prerogative he alone amongst the brethren shall possess, till all his enemies be made his footstool, as we undoubtedly believe they shall be in the final judgment; at which time we certainly believe that the same our Lord Jesus shall visibly return, just as he was seen to ascend.

The remembrance of the last day, and of the judgment to be executed in the same, is not only to us a bridle whereby our carnal lusts are refrained; but also such an inestimable comfort, that neither may the threatening of worldly princes, nor the fear of death and present danger move us to renounce and forsake that blessed fellowship which we possess now with our Head and only Mediator Christ Jesus, whom we confess and avow to be the Messiah promised, the only Head of his Church, our just Lawgiver, and our only High Priest, Advocate, and Mediator. Amen!

†“Gloria Patri” Selection 735

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.

SERMON TEXT Acts 6:1-15, 7:51-60

“The Story of Stephen” Pastor Bradford Green

GOD COMMUNES WITH US

†COMMUNION HYMN

“We Rest on Thee” Selection 449

†The Great Thanksgiving

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord!

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise!

Pastor: It is indeed right and good and a joyful thing, always and everywhere, to give thanks unto you, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God. Therefore, in union with the saints who have gone before us and the whole church on earth, we praise you, joining our voices with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

All: Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts; heaven and earth are full of your glory. Glory be to you, O Lord Most High!

INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE

Prayer of Preparation & Faith

We do not presume to come to this your table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your steadfast love, which endures forever. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table. But you are the same Lord, whose character is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Father, to partake of the body and blood of your son Jesus Christ, that we may grow into his likeness, and evermore abide in union with him, and he with us. Amen.

Prayer of Thanksgiving for the Bread

Pastor: Alleluia, Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us:

All: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

‡Prayer of Thanksgiving for the Wine

Pastor: Let us confess the mystery of our faith:

**All: Christ has died, Christ is risen,
Christ will come again!**

GOD COMMISSIONS US

†Prayer of Dedication

All gracious God, who of your infinite love gave your only begotten son, Jesus Christ, to die for our sins and rise again for our justification, and have made us partakers of your divine nature through the gift of the Holy Spirit; accept the fruits of our labors which we now present to you in this offering and also our very selves as we stand before you; and hear us as we pray as your Son taught us: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your 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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen!

†Hymn of Praise

“Crown Him with Many Crowns” Selection 295

†Pastoral Benediction

Pastor: The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD turn his face toward you and give you peace.

People: Amen!

†Those who are able are invited to stand.

Acts 6:1-15, 7:51-60

6 [1] Now in these days when the disciples were increasing in number, a complaint by the Hellenists arose against the Hebrews because their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution. [2] And the twelve summoned the full number of the disciples and said, “It is not right that we should give up preaching the word of God to serve tables. [3] Therefore, brothers, pick out from among you seven men of good repute, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we will appoint to this duty. [4] But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word.” [5] And what they said pleased the whole gathering, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolaus, a proselyte of Antioch. [6] These they set before the apostles, and they prayed and laid their hands on them.

[7] And the word of God continued to increase, and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests became obedient to the faith.

[8] And Stephen, full of grace and power, was doing great wonders and signs among the people. [9] Then some of those who belonged to the synagogue of the Freedmen (as it was called), and of the Cyrenians, and of the Alexandrians, and of those from Cilicia and Asia, rose up and disputed with Stephen. [10] But they could not withstand the wisdom and the Spirit with which he was speaking. [11] Then they secretly instigated men who said, “We have heard him speak blasphemous words against Moses and God.” [12] And they stirred up the people and the elders and the scribes, and they came upon him and seized him and brought him before the council, [13] and they set up false witnesses who said, “This man never ceases to speak words against this holy place and the law, [14] for we have heard him say that this Jesus of Nazareth will destroy this place and will change the customs that Moses delivered to us.” [15] And gazing at him, all who sat in the council saw that his face was like the face of an angel.

7 [51] “You stiff-necked people, uncircumcised in heart and ears, you always resist the Holy Spirit. As your fathers did, so do you. [52] Which of the prophets did your fathers not persecute? And they killed those who announced beforehand the coming of the Righteous One, whom you have now betrayed and murdered, [53] you who received the law as delivered by angels and did not keep it.”

[54] Now when they heard these things they were enraged, and they ground their teeth at him. [55] But he, full of the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. [56] And he said, “Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God.” [57] But they cried out with a loud voice and stopped their ears and rushed together at him. [58] Then they cast him out of the city and stoned him. And the witnesses laid down their garments at the feet of a young man named Saul. [59] And as they were stoning Stephen, he called out, “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.” [60] And falling to his knees he cried out with a loud voice, “Lord, do not hold this sin against them.” And when he had said this, he fell asleep.



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