



Salisbury

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Service for the Worship of God

May 9, 2021

6th Sunday of Easter

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Nate

Prelude

Dr. Patterson

Call to Worship

Dr. King

Leader: The Lord is risen! Alleluia!

People: Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!

Leader: There is no greater love than this.

People: To lay down one's life for one's friends.

Leader: Let us worship God.

Prayer of Adoration & Silent Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

Loving God, we have not loved You or each other with our whole hearts. In Christ, You claim us as children, but we disobey Your commands. In Christ, You even call us friends, but we have not been faithful to You. Forgive us, God of grace. Help us to abide in Your love and share it with others. By the power of Your Spirit lead us toward wholeness, that we may be filled with Your joy. In Jesus's name we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Christ loves us so much that He laid down His life for us and calls us His friends. If we can forgive our friends, how much more does Christ forgive us! Share the good news!

People: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God.

Affirmation of Faith:

New life in Christ takes shape in a community in which people know that God loves and accepts them in spite of what they are. They therefore accept themselves and love others, knowing that no one has any ground on which to stand, except God's grace.

(Adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.22)

Instrumental Hymn of Reflection

#250 In the Bulb There Is a Flower

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Lesson

John 14: 9–17

As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

The Disciple Abides

Instrumental Anthem

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, the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Doxology (10 a.m.) & Benediction

Postlude

Flower Dedication

This week's chancel flowers are given by Barry and Martha Crawford in celebration of their 54th wedding anniversary and their many blessings.

Correction: Last week's chancel flowers were given by Gene and Delora Stites in appreciation of our SPC staff.

Registration Open

Vacation Bible School: Rocky Railway
July 12–16, 9:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

Kids' Cantata: Press On

July 26–30, 9:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.
Special worship service, Friday, July 30, 7 p.m.
Please contact Pauline King for more info.

Staff

The Rev. Dr. Jim King, Pastor & Head of Staff

The Rev. Nate Taylor, Associate Pastor for Youth & Family

Dr. Mark Patterson, Director of Music & Composer in Residence

Cathy Armistead, MM Organist

Pauline King, Director of Children's Ministry

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