



THE GREAT FIFTY DAYS

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 5, 2024

10:00 am

**please rise as you are able, in body or spirit.*

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

CALL TO WORSHIP*

Sing to our God a new song.

God has done marvelous things!

Make a joyful noise to the Lord!

Break forth into joyous song and sing praises.

Let the sea roar and all that fills it.

Let the world and its people sing together for joy!

PRAYER OF PRAISE*

CONFESSION OF SIN

Loving God, we have not loved you or each other with our whole hearts. Forgive us, we pray, and lead us toward wholeness, that we may be filled with your joy. We pray in the name of Jesus, who loves us. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON / PASSING OF THE PEACE*

RESPONSE TO PARDON, #251, *chorus*

**Let us sing praise to him with endless joy.
Death’s fearful sting he has come to destroy.
Our sin forgiving, alleluia! Jesus is living, alleluia!**

A TIME WITH THE YOUNGER CHURCH

GOSPEL - John 15:9-17

Dwayne Kittle

OFFERING OF MUSIC

OLD TESTAMENT – Psalm 98

SERMON

“Singing a New Song”

Linda Dickerson

SAYING WHAT WE BELIEVE*

In the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus God kept his promises. All that we can ever hope for was present in Christ. But the work of God in Christ is not over. God calls us to hope for more than we have yet seen. The hope God gives us is ultimate confidence that supports us when lesser hopes fail us. This hope gives us courage for the present struggle.

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

*The Lord be with you. And also with you.
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.*

... Holy, holy, holy, God of power and might, Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

**... Christ has died, Christ has risen,
Christ will come again.**

... 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.

Sharing of Bread and Cup

All are welcome at the table.

Prayer after communion: **Gracious God, you have gathered us at this table with all your people in heaven and on earth. We have been nourished by the living bread, Jesus Christ, and we have been refreshed by the power of your Holy Spirit. May we now go out as glad disciples of our Lord, following in his way, into the wilderness if needed, proclaiming his truth, and living his love for the world. Amen.**

HYMN*

“Joy to the World”

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CHARGE AND BENEDICTION*

CHORAL RESPONSE,* 243 (*sing Twice*) *Congregation and Choir*

**Be not afraid; sing out for joy!
Christ is risen, alleluia!
Be not afraid; sing out for joy!
Christ is risen, alleluia!**

FELLOWSHIP TIME – *Everyone is invited!*

SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES

Northside Presbyterian Church, reflecting the love of God, celebrates inclusion and diversity. Whoever you are, whatever your ancestry, ability, or identity, you are made in God’s image. Wherever you are in your faith journey, come as you are. We welcome you and invite you to walk with us.

*(Adopted by the Session
April 21, 2024)*