



Philippians

Pressing On - Partners in Joy



4th Sunday of Easter
May 8, 2022

Contemporary Service - 9:30 am

Scripture for Meditation

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. (1 Peter 1:3)

Welcome

Call to Worship

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you all.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: The Lord is risen!

People: **He is risen indeed!**

Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made

People: **Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

Praise and Prayer

We Praise You

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There's Nothing That Our God Can't Do

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Prayer of Confession

King of Kings

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Announcements

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Minute for Ministry

Congregational Nominating Committee

Scripture Reading

Philippians 1:12-18a

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

All: **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon

Suffering and Rejoicing

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Closing Song

Christ Be Magnified

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Blessing

Traditional Service - 11:00 am

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Prelude **Sonata in D Major, HWV 375: I. Affetuoso & II. Allegro**
(Composer: G.F. Handel)

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Opening Hymn **The Strife is Oe'r the Battle Done** **#185**
(v. 1-3)

Responsive Reading **Psalm 46**

God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.

**Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change,
though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea;**

Though its waters roar and foam,
though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

**There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy habitation of the Most High.**

God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved;
God will help it when the morning dawns.

**The nations are in an uproar, the kingdoms totter;
he utters his voice, the earth melts.**

The LORD of hosts is with us;
The God of Jacob is our refuge.

**Come, behold the works of the LORD;
see what desolations he has brought on the earth.**

He makes wars cease to the end of the earth;
he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear;

he burns the shields with fire.
**“Be still, and know that I am God!
I am exalted among the nations,
I am exalted in the earth.”**
The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our refuge.

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Our Father, forgive us for thinking small thoughts of you and for ignoring your immensity and greatness. Lord Jesus, forgive us when we forget that you rule the nations and our small lives. Holy Spirit, we offend you in minimizing your power and squandering your gifts. We confess that our blindness to your glory, O triune God, has resulted in shallow confession, halfhearted conviction, and only mild repentance. Have mercy on us. In Jesus' name. Amen.

(People silently offer their personal confessions to God.)

Declaration of Forgiveness

Pastor: Friends, believe the Good News:

People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

Response

Glory Be to the Father

#961

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.

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Anthem

Oh! Had I Jubal's Lyre

(Composer: G.F. Handel)

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Sermon

Suffering and Rejoicing

Music for Reflection

Ave Maria

(Composer: J.S. Bach/arr. Gonoud)

Doxology

Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him, above ye heavenly hosts;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

Closing Hymn

God Whose Giving Knows No Ending

#876

Benediction

Postlude

Sonata in D Major, IV: Allegro

(Composer: G.F. Handel)

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Welcome & Sermon

Spencer Lundgaard

Worship Leader/Liturgy

Luke Stoner

Minute for Ministry

Carolyn Nyren, Congregational Nominating Committee

Scripture Readers

Lois Morris (9:30); Jack West (11:00)

Prayers of the People

Lois Morris

Worship Band Members

Jim Peterson (piano); Carl Tobias (electric guitar); Christine Cheung (synthesizer); Michael Brennan (drums); Sarah Lee, Greg Dill, and Deb Valkenaar (vocals)

Organist

Sharon Peterson (11:00)

Soloist

Angela De Venuto (11:00)

Violinist

John Eckhardt (11:00)

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Reflection Questions

Pressing On - Partners in Joy: Suffering and Rejoicing

Philippians 1:12-18a is a continuation of Paul's words from prison to the church in Philippi. Although he is confined in jail and even guarded by the special guards associated with the emperor, he can still preach and spread the good news of Christ Jesus. Paul is aware that other Christians are motivated to preach Christ for different reasons, but for him, the most crucial aspect is that Christ is shared.

Connecting:

1. Share what was meaningful to you from the message this week.
2. When you think about the people closest to you, how would they describe your approach to life? Positive? Negative? Hesitant? Confident? Anxious?

Listening and Acting:

3. What is the result of Paul's imprisonment, including the impact on other believers? (vs. 12-13)
4. When you see Christians proclaim a message of the faith different from your understanding of the Gospel, how do you usually respond? What is a better way?
5. When in your life did you face a difficult time? In a group or a journal, share how your faith in Christ helped you see your circumstances.
6. When has there been a bad situation in life that helped you experience or notice the power of the Gospel more deeply?

Impact:

7. Identify someone in your life who needs to know that God is with them in the midst of a difficult moment. Pray for them and send them a note of encouragement and a scripture providing hope.