



Philippians

Pressing On - Partners in Joy



5th Sunday of Easter
May 15, 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 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

Raise A Hallelujah

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Prayer of Confession

O Praise The Name (Anástasis)

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Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Announcements

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Minute for Mission

Exodus World Service

Scripture Reading

Philippians 1:18b-26

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord
All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

No Holding Back

Response

Christ Is Enough

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Blessing

Traditional Service - 11:00 am

Scripture for Meditation

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Prelude

Prelude-Pastorale

(Composer: Shirley Munger)

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People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

Opening Hymn

Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing

#184

(verses 1-4)

Responsive Reading

Psalm 25:1-7

To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

O my God, in you I trust;

Do not let me be put to shame;

do not let my enemies exult over me.

Do not let those who wait for you be put to shame;

let them be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

Make me to know your ways, O LORD;

teach me your paths.

Lead me in your truth, and teach me,

for you are the God of my salvation;

for you I wait all day long.

Be mindful of your mercy, O LORD, and of your steadfast love,

for they have been from of old.

Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions;

according to your steadfast love remember me,

for your goodness' sake, O LORD!

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what

we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Through Christ, our Lord. 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.

Announcements

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Exodus World Service

Anthem

Rejoice, The Lord is King

(Composer: Robert Lau)

Scripture Reading

Philippians 1:18b-26

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All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

No Holding Back

Music for Reflection

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

(Composer: Richard Walters)

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

Be Thou My Vision

#859

Benediction

Postlude

Postlude on Immortal, Invisible

(Composer: Ronald Williams)

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Welcome & Prayers

Sermon

Worship Leader & Confession

Minute for Mission

Scripture Readers

Prayers of the People

Worship Band Members

Spencer Lundgaard

Ed Burton

Luke Stoner

Sue Horgan

Kittie Yohe (9:30)

Roger Smith (9:30)

Jim Peterson (piano); Christine Cheung (synthesizer); Michael Brennan (drums); Renate Graham, Ellen Westel, Erin Gosser (vocals)

Organist

Anthem

Soloist

Sharon Peterson (11:00)

Village Church Choir (11:00)

Laura Boguslavsky (11:00)

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Reflection Questions

Pressing On - Partners in Joy:

Philippians 1:18b-26 is a continuation of Paul's words from prison to the church in Philippi. His situation is a challenge and bleak to say the least. He realizes that despite what happens to him (life or death) due to his confinement, Christ will be exalted. Paul wants to press on despite the circumstances so that his partnership with the church in Philippi continues for the glory of Christ.

Connecting:

1. Share what was meaningful to you from the message this week.
2. When you are going through a difficult time, what do you do?

Listening and Acting in Faith:

3. When Paul is reflecting upon his relationship with his friends in Philippi, what are the two aspects he appreciates about their friendship? What does he think this will accomplish for him? (vs. 19)
4. In his present circumstances in jail, which option does Paul prefer? (vs. 23-24)
5. What does Paul decide to do instead of his preference? (vs. 25) Why?
6. When you consider your own life, what is something that you would like to accomplish before you die? What does that tell you?

Listening and Acting:

7. When you think about a typical week, what does it mean for you "to live" if where you spend your time indicates what you value?
8. What other type of life is the Holy Spirit asking you to join in your community and beyond?