



Church of the Hills
Presbyterian Church (USA)

Fifth Sunday of Easter

“Knowing Your Why”

Psalm 16:1-11

Luke 8:1-3

Reverend Kimra Perkins

May 18, 2025

We are a vibrant family of faith rooted in God's Word, gathering together to worship and equipped to share the love of Christ in the world.

Prelude

Welcome

Reverend Kimra Perkins

Moment for Mission

Camp Comfort

Tom and Barb Scripps

****Call to Worship**

Leader: Alleluia, Christ is alive; let all the people praise him.

People: Let all creation sing with joy. Alleluia!

**** Please stand if you are able**

I danced in the morning when the world was begun,
and I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun,
and I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth.
at Bethlehem I had my birth.

(Refrain)

**Dance, then, wherever you may be:
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he, and I'll lead you all,
wherever you may be, and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.**

I danced for the scribe and the Pharisee,
but they would not dance and they would not follow me.
I danced for the fishermen, for James and John.
They came with me and the dance went on.

(Refrain)

I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame.
The holy people said it was a shame.
They whipped and they stripped and they hung me high,
and left me there on a cross to die.

(Refrain)

I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black.
It's hard to dance with the devil on your back.
They buried my body and they thought I'd gone,
but I am the dance and I still go on.

(Refrain)

They cut me down and I leapt up high.
I am the life that will never, never die.
I'll live in you if you'll live in me,
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.

(Refrain)

** Please stand if you are able

****Invitation to Confession**

Carolyn Alexander

Leader: Trusting in the love of God to make all things new, let us confess our sin to God and our neighbor.

****Prayer of Confession**

Leader: God of mercy, your command to love one another across all differences opens us to new horizons, yet we often respond with fear and judgment that hinders your goal for humanity.

People: Forgive our sins, we pray, and give us a true repentance that leads to life for all creation. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

**** Declaration of Forgiveness and the Peace of Christ**

Leader: God's promises are trustworthy and true; your sins are forgiven.

People: Be at peace to serve the Lord, and may you always be known by your love.

Leader: The Peace of Christ be with those gathered here and those watching from home.

People: And, also with you.

Leader: Share the Peace of Christ with one another.

****Response to Forgiveness**

“Lord, I Want to Be a Christian”

Purple 729 (v. 1)

Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart, in my heart;
Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.
In my heart, in my heart
Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.

** Please stand if you are able

Prayer for Illumination

Leader: Please join me in the Prayer for Illumination.

All: O God of promise, your word made flesh in Jesus Christ is trustworthy and true. By the power of your Holy Spirit, may it rise up in us this day like a gift from the spring of the water of life to refresh our thirsty souls. Amen.

Hebrew Text

Psalm 16:1-11

- ¹ Protect me, O God, for in you I take refuge.
- ² I say to the LORD, "You are my Lord;
I have no good apart from you."
- ³ As for the holy ones in the land, they are the noble ones
in whom is all my delight.
- ⁴ Those who choose another god multiply their sorrows;
their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out
or take their names upon my lips.
- ⁵ The LORD is my chosen portion and my cup;
you hold my lot.
- ⁶ The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places;
I have a goodly heritage.
- ⁷ I bless the LORD, who gives me counsel;
in the night also my heart instructs me.
- ⁸ I keep the LORD always before me;
because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.
- ⁹ Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices;
my body also rests secure.
- ¹⁰ For you do not give me up to Sheol
or let your faithful one see the Pit.
- ¹¹ You show me the path of life.
In your presence there is fullness of joy;
in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

Ministry of Music

performed by Nancy Church

New Testament Reading

Luke 8:1-3

8 Soon afterward he went on through one town and village after another, proclaiming and bringing the good news of the kingdom of God. The twelve were with him, ²as well as some women who had been cured of evil spirits and infirmities: Mary, called Magdalene, from whom seven demons had gone out, ³and Joanna, the wife of Herod's steward Chuza, and Susanna, and many others, who ministered to them out of their own resources.

Sermon

“Knowing Your Why”

****Response to Sermon**

“Be Thou My Vision”

Purple Hymnal 450 (v. 1, 2, 4)

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
thou my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true Word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tower;
raise thou me heavenward, O Power of my power.

High King of Heaven, my victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

Invitation to the Offering and Prayer of Dedication

****Doxology**

“What Shall I Render to the Lord”

Purple Hymnal 655 (v. 1)

What shall I render to the Lord;
what shall my offering be, for all the gracious
benefits God hath bestowed on me?

** Please stand if you are able

Prayers of the People and 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 and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

****Closing Hymn**

“Spirit”

Blue Hymnal 319

(Refrain)

**Spirit, spirit of gentleness,
blow through the wilderness, calling and free,
spirit, spirit of restlessness, stir me from placidness,
wind, wind on the sea.**

You moved on the waters, you called to the deep,
then you coaxed up the mountains from the valleys of sleep,
and over the eons you called to each thing,
“awake from your slumbers and rise on your wings.”

(Refrain)

You swept through the desert, you stung with the sand,
and you gifted your people with a law and a land,
and when they were blinded with their idols and lies,
then you spoke through your prophets to open their eyes.

(Refrain)

You sang in a stable, you cried from a hill,
then you whispered in silence when the whole world was still,
and down in the city you called once again
when you blew through your people on the rush of the wind.

(Refrain)

You call from tomorrow, you break ancient schemes,
from the bondage of sorrow the captives dream dreams;
our women see visions, our men clear their eyes.
With bold new decisions your people arise.

** Please stand if you are able

****Charge and Blessing**

Leader: And the people of God say

People: Alleluia. Amen.

Postlude

Please join us for Fellowship Time in the Narthex immediately following the Worship Service. To all of our visitors, you are welcome to join us, and we look forward to getting to know you during this time.

For Pastoral Care:

Please contact Pastor Richard at 303-828-8263

A General Note regarding Financial Solicitations:

Please remember that a church leader will never directly solicit you for funds or the transfer of funds. We will only ask for your support of the church through the traditional process of filling out pledge cards and fulfilling that pledge accordingly.

Office Hours:

The Church Office is open Tuesday – Thursday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. (Peg and Toby normally go to lunch between 12:30 and 1:00 and are back by 2:00). Friday from 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Deadlines:

The deadline for all Church Communication Publications and notifications is Wednesday at 2:30 p.m.

Additionally, please provide advance notice for any special projects you may have, so that time can be accurately allocated, supplies ordered, and quality and fairness can be provided for all parties concerned.

Please be aware that any items received after the deadline will go into the following week's communication publications and job tasks.

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