



Church of the Hills
Presbyterian Church (USA)

Seventh Sunday of Easter
Mother's Day

“Jesus’ Prayer for Us”

Psalm 93:1-5

John 17:1-11

Pastor Richard Aylor

May 12, 2024

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

Opening Chant

“The Steadfast Love of the Lord”

Purple Hymnal 59

“The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases;
God’s mercies never come to an end.
They are new every morning, new every morning;
Great is your faithfulness, O Lord. Great is your faithfulness.”

Welcome

Pastor Richard Aylor

****Call to Worship**

Leader: I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward one another.

People: So I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers.

Leader: I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him.

People: With the eyes of our hearts enlightened, we see the greatness of Christ’s power at work in us who believe.

Leader: God put this power to work in Christ when God raised him from the dead – and seated him at God’s right hand in the glory of the heavenly places!

** Please stand if you are able

****Opening Hymn** “Jesus Shall Reign Where’er the Sun” Purple Hymnal 265 (v. 1, 2, 5)

Jesus shall reign where’er the sun does it successive journeys run;
his kingdom stretch from shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.

To him shall endless prayer be made, and praises throng to crown his head;
his name, like sweet perfume, shall rise with every morning sacrifice.

Let every creature rise and bring honor peculiar to our King;
angels descend with songs again, and earth repeat the loud Amen!

****Invitation to Confession**

Marilyn Sandifer

Leader: God-lovers, let us repent of those things that have drawn us away from God and our neighbors, that we may receive the joy of forgiveness.

****Prayer of Confession**

Leader: God, lover of humankind, you have asked us to proclaim your name to all people.

People: We confess that we have held back from doing that, shy and self-conscious. Forgive us, we pray, and empower us in Jesus’ name. Amen.

** Please stand if you are able

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

Leader: The promise of our faith is that we are already forgiven and, in Christ's name, given the power to rise up and subdue all that separates us from God and each other.

People: We receive the Holy Spirit and are empowered to be witnesses of God's resurrection power in Jesus Christ.

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** "Come Down, O Love Divine" Purple Hymnal 282 (v. 1)

 Come down, O Love Divine; seek out this soul of mine,
 and visit it with your own ardor glowing.
 O comforter, draw near; within my heart appear,
 and kindle it, your holy flame bestowing.

Prayer for Illumination

Leader: Please join me in the Prayer for Illumination.

All: Enlighten the eyes of our hearts, O God, and grant us a spirit of wisdom and revelation through the reading of this, your Word. Amen.

** Please stand if you are able

Old Testament Reading

Psalm 93:1-5

¹The LORD is king; he is robed in majesty;
the LORD is robed; he is girded with strength.
He has established the world; it shall never be moved;
² your throne is established from of old;
you are from everlasting.
³The floods have lifted up, O LORD,
the floods have lifted up their voice;
the floods lift up their roaring.
⁴More majestic than the thunders of mighty waters,
more majestic than the waves of the sea,
majestic on high is the LORD!
⁵Your decrees are very sure;
holiness befits your house,
O LORD, forevermore.

Ministry of Music

“His Eye is on the Sparrow”

performed by Amy Poole

New Testament Reading

John 17:1-11

17 After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, “Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, ² since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. ³ And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. ⁴ I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. ⁵ So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

⁶ “I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. ⁷ Now they know that everything you have given me is from you, ⁸ for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you, and they have believed that you sent me. ⁹ I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. ¹⁰ All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I have been glorified in them. ¹¹ And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.

Sermon

“Jesus’ Prayer for Us”

****Response to Sermon**

“O Lord, You Are My God and King”

Purple Hymnal 270

O Lord, you are my God and King, and I will ever bless your name;
I will extol you every day, and evermore your praise proclaim.
You, Lord, are greatly to be praised; your greatness is beyond our thought;
all generations shall tell forth the mighty wonders you have wrought.

How rich in grace are you, O Lord, full of compassion, merciful,
your anger always slow to rise; your steadfast love you show to all,
for you are good in all your ways; your creatures know your constant care.
To all your works your love extends; all souls your tender mercies share.

Your works will give you thanks, O Lord; your saints your mighty acts will show,
till all the peoples of the earth your kingdom, power, glory know.
Eternal is your kingdom, Lord, forever strong, forever sure;
while generations rise and die, your high dominion will endure.

Invitation to the Offering

Prayer of Dedication

****Doxology**

“Lift High the Cross” Purple Hymnal 826 (Chorus only)

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
Till all the world adore his sacred name.
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Till all the world adore his sacred name.

****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**

"I Love to Tell the Story"

Purple Hymnal 462

I love to tell the story of unseen things above,
of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love.
I love to tell the story, because I know 'tis true;
it satisfies my longings as nothing else could do.

(Refrain)

**I love to tell the story; 'twill be my theme in glory
to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.**

I love to tell the story; 'tis pleasant to repeat
what seems, each time I tell it, more wonderfully sweet!
I love to tell the story, for some have never heard
the message of salvation from God's own holy Word.

(Refrain)

I love to tell the story, for those who know it best
seem hungering and thirsting to hear it, like the rest.
And when, in scenes of glory, I sing the new, new song,
'twill be the old, old story that I have loved so long.

(Refrain)

****Charge and Blessing**

Leader: And all the people of God say

People: Alleluia. Amen.

Postlude

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

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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Pastor – Richard Aylor
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*Hymnals are indicated for those that may have them at home.

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