

First Presbyterian Church

870 West College, Jacksonville, IL

Bringing Hope: Every Hour, Every Day

Fifth Sunday of Easter May 10, 2020

- **Look for the livestream video on our Facebook page** (www.facebook.com/firstpresjax/) The livestream will begin at 9:45am, and worship will begin at 10:00am.
- **Go to this link on our website** <http://firstpresjax.org/live/>

~ WE APPROACH GOD IN PRAISE AND CONFESSION ~

RINGING OF THE HOUR

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING

“The Rejoicing”

G.F. Handel

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 31, 1 Peter 2, John 14

Leader: Welcome home, people of God.

People: We have come to find refuge in the shelter of God’s care.

Leader: Come and sit down. There is room for everyone in God’s house.

People: We have come to be nourished by God’s word.

Leader: We are God’s own people, and are precious in God’s sight.

People: We have come to give thanks for God’s faithful love.

*HYMN #15

“All Creatures of our God and King”

Lasst Uns Erfreuen

1 All creatures of our God and King,
lift up your voice and with us sing,
Alleluia! Alleluia!

O brother sun with golden beam,
O sister moon with silver gleam,
sing praises! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

2 O brother wind with clouds and rain,
you nurture gifts of fruit and grain.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

O sister water, flowing clear,
make music for your Lord to hear.
Sing praises! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

3 O brother fire, so warm and bright,
chase off the shadows of the night.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Dear mother earth, who day by day
unfolds such blessings on our way,
sing praises! Alleluia!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy One, you are our fortress and our rock, the foundation on which all things are built. You have made us one family and one people—a holy priesthood, precious in your sight. Yet we often pursue our own plans and ignore your designs for our lives. We reject those who are different from us, and build walls that separate us from each other and from you. Forgive us, O God. Tear down the barriers we have put up, and rescue us from our isolation. Gather together the living stones of our lives and fashion us into a holy temple, transformed by the marvelous light of your mercy and grace. Amen.

*SILENCE

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*GLORIA PATRI

Greatorex

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.

~ WE HEAR GOD'S WORD ~

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the Scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.

GOSPEL READING: John 14:1-14

¹“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. ²In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. ⁴And you know the way to the place where I am going.” ⁵Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” ⁶Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.” ⁸Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” ⁹Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? ¹⁰Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. ¹¹Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. ¹²Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. ¹³I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SPECIAL MUSIC

“A Mother’s Love”

Mark Masri

Soloist: Stephanie Soltermann

SCRIPTURE READING: 1 Peter 2:2-10

²Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation— ³if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. ⁴Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God’s sight, and ⁵like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶For it stands in scripture: “See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.” ⁷To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe, “The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner,” ⁸and “A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall.” They stumble because they disobey

the word, as they were destined to do. ⁹But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. ¹⁰Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

A TIME WITH CHILDREN

Allen and Donna Stare

SERMON

"Living Stones"

Rev. Jonathan Warren

*THE APOSTLE'S CREED

I Believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

*HYMN #488

"I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry"

Waterlife

1 "I was there to hear your borning cry;
I'll be there when you are old.

I rejoiced the day you were baptized
to see your life unfold.

I was there when you were but a child
with a faith to suit you well;

in a blaze of light you wandered off
to find where demons dwell."

2 "When you heard the wonder of the Word,
I was there to cheer you on.

You were raised to praise the living Lord
to whom you now belong.

If you find someone to share your time
and you join your hearts as one,

I'll be there to make your verses rhyme
from dusk till rising sun."

3 "In the middle ages of your life,
not too old, no longer young,
I'll be there to guide you through the night,
complete what I've begun.

When the evening gently closes in
and you shut your weary eyes,
I'll be there as I have always been
with just one more surprise."

4 "I was there to hear your borning cry;
I'll be there when you are old.

I rejoiced the day you were baptized
to see your life unfold."

~ **WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE** ~

PASTORAL PRAYER 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.

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“Interlude VI”

Mark Hayes

*DOXOLOGY

Old Hundredth

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

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

O God, our fortress and our rock, may these offerings be acceptable to you. In a world facing profound need, they seem insignificant, but we know that in your hands, even small things become great. Use these gifts, and use our very lives, to make this world a home where all are sheltered, nourished and cherished. Amen.

~ THE SENDING ~

*HYMN #201

“A Prophet - Woman Broke a Jar” How Can I Keep From Singing
Verses 2-4

2 A faithful woman left a tomb
by Love’s divine commission.
She saw; she heard; she preached the Word,
arising from submission.

A faithful woman left a tomb,
with resurrection gospel.
She saw; she heard; she preached the Word,
apostle to apostles.

3 Though woman-wisdom, woman-truth,
for centuries were hidden,
unsung, unwritten, and unheard,
derided and forbidden,
the Spirit’s breath, the Spirit’s fire,
on free and slave descending,
can tumble our dividing walls,
our shame and sadness mending.

4 The Spirit knows; the Spirit calls,
by Love’s divine ordaining,
the friends we need, to serve and lead,
their powers and gifts unchaining.
The Spirit knows; the Spirit calls,
from women, men and children,
the friends we need, to serve and lead.
Rejoice, and make them welcome!

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE

“Bless the Lord”

Bless the Lord

Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God’s holy name. Bless the Lord, my soul. who leads me into life.

POSTLUDE VOLUNTARY

“He Is Exalted”

Mark Hayes

~ TODAY’S WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS ~

Pastoral Assistant: John Nelson

Director of Music & Organist: Christine Smith

Sound Technician: Steve Holt

Choir Director: Stephanie Soltermann

At our April session meeting, the session made the decision to continue our cancelation of in-person worship and activities and will revisit the decision on or before the May 20 session meeting.

~ PRAYER REQUESTS ~

Megan Clemmons, great-niece of Mable Simmons; **Heather Cole**, sister of Helen Cole Kuhn; **Lila Feary**, aunt of Alexa Crumley; **Larry Ladd**; **Michael Woods**, a colleague at Illinois College; **Nancy Bradbury**; **Rachel Flynn**, neighbor of the Ladd's; **Tim Olson**; **Darrel Hittner**, father of Lisa Wade; **Kevin Brodie**, friend of many at ISD; **Richard Mansell**; **Shirley Husa**; **Shelley Cochran**, friend of the Tiffany's; **Lee Spencer**, Clayton's father; **LaNise Kirk**; **Bertha Bucy**, Mike's mother; **Sue Linde**; **Earl Innes**, father of Joy Tiffany; **Linda Noble**, Barb Bucy's sister; **Lori Oldenettel**; **Judy Vieira**; **Wilma Walker**; **Ted and Linda Birdsell**; **Sam and Sue Scheets**; **Mona Cody**; **Karen Ladd**; **Mari and Cornell Kane**; **Ashley Wade**; **Nathan Price**, great-grandson to Evelyn Mason; **Billy Hollendonner**; **Jennifer Bible**; **Bob Sibert**; **Sharon Belokas**; **Herb Hedstrom**, friends of Lynne Sheaff; **Cole and Mary Bowie Henry**; **John Roegge**; **John McCombs**, Shawn's father; **Heidi and Tyrone Shannon**, daughter and son-in-law of Debbie Lair; **Dorothy Taylor**, Diane Hollendonner's mother; **Michael Ladd**; **Ernie Bucy**, Mike's uncle. Special prayer requests from the congregation: For the leaders of our country and the scientists, medical personnel & researchers working toward finding a solution to this pandemic. Comfort for the sick, those with coronavirus and those staying safe from COVID19; and those grieving lost loved ones and friends.

Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:6-7

Birth Announcement: Ollie Cunningham Coultas, son of John and Melissa Coultas and grandson of Addie and Jeff Coultas was born May 5.

CALENDAR

TODAY

9:45 am - Live-Stream begins

10:00 am - Worship - Mother's Day

11:00 am – Virtual Coffee hour (Immediately following worship)

TUESDAY

3:00 pm - Worship Zoom Meeting

4:00 pm – Finance Zoom Meeting

7:30 pm – Zoom Youth Group

NEXT SUNDAY

9:45 am - Live-Stream begins

10:00 am - Worship - Baccalaureate Sunday

11:00 am – Virtual Coffee hour (Immediately following worship)

BACCALAUREATE NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 17 - Do you have a child/grandchild graduating from high school or college at the end of this school year? We would like to recognize all graduates during our Baccalaureate worship service on May 17. The church family would like to join you in celebrating this exciting milestone in their lives. Please notify the church office at 245-4189.

PRE-CHURCH PHOTO SLIDE SHOW – Between now and SATURDAY morning, please e-mail pictures of graduating seniors and label clearly who is in the photo. Please send to: astare64@gmail.com or office@firstpresjax.org When sending, make sure your picture is: BIG - Keep your phone setting on "high quality", LANDSCAPE - Wider than it is tall...like a TV screen, JPG or PNG - Phone settings...you're probably fine, APPROVED - Make sure everyone in the picture is okay with sharing their picture. We will edit the pictures into a special Baccalaureate slide show that will start at 9:45 am and run until worship starts.

SURVEY RESULTS– <https://forms.gle/chS6eTfmcDnZmyWk6> - If you haven't completed the survey, please take the time to do so. We want to make sure everyone is able to participate in worship and to see how else we can help our church family.

UPPER ROOMS AVAILABLE – If you would like a copy of the Upper Room please contact Dana in the office and plans can be made to meet you or she can mail you a copy.

EASTER MISSION CHALLENGE:

- **Support our Jacksonville Area Community Food Center** by donating food and medical supplies or giving funds (see below).
- **Spread Christ's hope** to neighbors, friends and others by: drawing/coloring with sidewalk chalk, sending hand-written notes, calling and praying this Easter season (until May 31).

DONATE FOOD, TOILETRIES AND MEDICAL SUPPLIES - Curbside service is provided. Please stay in your car when you arrive. **Location:** Jacksonville Area Community Food Center at 316 E. State Street, Jacksonville, IL 62650. Hours: Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to noon.

Suggested food/toiletries include: Juice/Gatorade, Canned meats, fruits, beans, vegetables and soups, Ramen noodles, Peanut butter, Cake/brownie/muffin mixes, JELL-O or Pudding, Boxed potato and pasta sides, Breakfast foods (oatmeal, cereal, pancake mix and syrup), Crackers, Rice and beans, Flour and sugar, Sliced bread, Dry soup beans, Instant milk, Margarine, Sliced cheese, Toilet paper, Individual bar soap, Laundry soap.

Medical Supplies Include: Boxed, unused N95 masks, Boxed, unused surgical type masks (procedural masks), Wrapped or boxed vinyl gloves (no powder), Clean, unused gowns, Clean, handmade masks, Hand sanitizer, Bleach wipes, Alcohol wipes.

JOIN OUR NEW FACEBOOK GROUP - PRESBYTERIANS WITH PURPOSE - This group page is for you ... and any and all who want or need to connect with others during these times of challenges and questions. [CLICK HERE](https://www.facebook.com/groups/221761382271153/) to go to the Facebook Group (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/221761382271153/>).

GIVING TO FIRST PRESBYTERIAN - Don't forget you can always give to support the mission and ministry of FPC, even if you are not physically in worship by mailing your check to First Presbyterian Church, 870 W. College Ave. Jacksonville, IL 62650, or by setting up "Bill Pay" with your financial institution (if account number is needed use 870-870-870).

MORE WAYS TO WORSHIP:

- **Listen to the sermons:** [Google Podcast](#) | [Apple Podcast](#) | [Spotify](#) (recorded and available later. Click the links or go to our website to listen www.firstpresjax.org)
- If you are still unable to worship with us with any of these options, please call the office at (217-245-4189) and we will send you a printed bulletin, sermon and/or CD.

May Birthdays

Bob Randall	1	Austin Davy	23
Ben Hollendonner	2	Sam Lockman	23
Jeanine Bohan	3	Cora Reed	23
Penny Leonhard	3	Rebecca Spencer	23
Riley Hickox	4	Melanie Davy	24
Liz Hollendonner	4	Steve Murphy	24
Janet Smith	4	Brandon Reed	27
Billy Hollendonner	5	Lydia Warren	27
Julia Rowe	8	Becky Werries	27
Andy Applebee	10	Charlie Guidish	28
Aimee Veith	10	Terry Jones	28
Suzanne Caldwell-Jacques	12	Mary Cully	29
Lucy Deal	12	Jodi Heitbrink	29
Harold Parlier	13	Claire Olson	29
Jessica Dobson	15	Merle Fox	30
Andi McCombs	16	Kay Kafer	30
Ethan Murphy	16	Clara Braucht	31
Diane Duewer	19	Mae Gibson	31
Phyllis Dobbins	21	Amy Wemhoener	31
Kristen Reed	21		
Aaron Scott	22		