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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 28, 2024

PRELUDE

Theme and Variations

Hendrik Andriessen

INTROIT

Alleluia

Francisco López Capillas

from *Dic nobis, Maria* (excerpt)

Surrexit Christus spes mea: praecedet vos in Galilaeam. Alleluia.

Christ my hope is arisen; he will go before you into Galilee. Alleluia.

Scimus Christum surrexisse a mortuis vere: tu nobis, victor Rex, miserere. Amen. Alleluia.

We know Christ is truly risen from the dead! On us, you conqueror, King, have mercy! Amen. Alleluia.

CALL TO WORSHIP

The Reverend Dr. Baron Mullis

*HYMN 146

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!

VINEYARD HAVEN

*OPENING SENTENCES

The Reverend Laura Colee

From you comes my praise in the great congregation; my vows I will pay before those who fear the LORD. The poor shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek God shall praise the LORD. May your hearts live forever!

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD; and all the families of the nations shall worship before God. For dominion belongs to the LORD, and God rules over the nations.

To the LORD, indeed, shall all who sleep in the earth bow down; before God shall bow all who go down to the dust, and I shall live for the LORD.

Posterity will serve the LORD; future generations will be told about the Lord, and proclaim God's deliverance to a people yet unborn, saying that the LORD has done it.

Psalm 22:25-31

**Please rise in body or spirit.*

***PRAYER OF ADORATION**



WELCOME

MINUTE FOR MISSION

The Arc of Philadelphia

Shane Janick

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, you call us to be with one another, as you are with us. Your word of grace is extended to us in community, as we confess together, and receive pardon together. But too often, we don't see ourselves that way: Called to a deep and abiding life together. Too often we splinter off with those of like mind. We associate with those of similar means. We spend too much time with people who look like us, and not enough with those who will help us see life a different way. In our worst moments, we may even see ourselves as better than others. Forgive us, we pray. Remind us that you call us to bear with one another. And as we do so, may we be blessed with the abundance of community for which you have made us, through Jesus Christ our Lord...

KYRIE 574 (*Choir and Congregation*)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Believe the promise of the Gospel:
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

ANTHEM

We Have Heard with Our Ears

Herbert Howells

We have heard with our ears, O God, our fathers have told us, what thou has done in their time of old: how thou hast driv'n out the heathen with thy hand, and planted them in; how thou has destroy'd the nations, and cast them out. For they got not the land in possession through their own sword, neither was it their own arm that helped them, but thy right hand, and thine arm, and the light of thy countenance, because thou hadst a favor unto them.

Thou art my King, O God; send help unto Jacob. Through thee will we overthrow our enemies; and in thy name will we tread them under, that rise against us. For I will not trust in my bow, it is not my sword that will save me. But it is thou, thou that savest us from our enemies, and putttest them to confusion that hate us. We make our boast of God all day long, and will praise thy name forever.

—Psalm 44:1-9

***DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God all creatures here below. Alleluia, Alleluia. Praise God above ye heav'nly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

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.

***HYMN 387**

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

BRADBURY

***BENEDICTION**

***CHORAL BENEDICTION**

Amen, from *Preces and Responses*

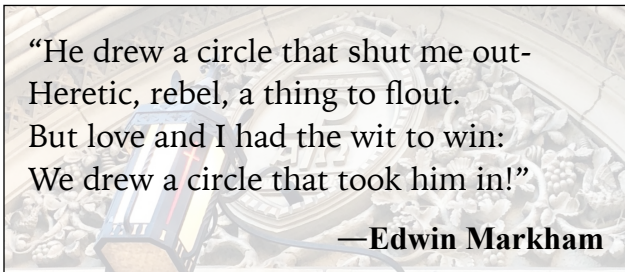
Gerre Hancock

POSTLUDE

Coronation March, from *Le Prophète*

Giacomo Meyerbeer

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

APRIL 28, 2024

MEETINGS THIS WEEK

Sunday, April 28	Deacons	12:30 p.m.
Wednesday, May 1	Adult Christian Education Committee	7:00 p.m.
Thursday, May 2	Facilities Committee	12:00 p.m.

MEMBERSHIP AT FIRST CHURCH

First Church is scheduling a new members class in June. If you are interested in becoming a member of First Church, please contact Rev. Laura Colee (laura.colee@fpcphila.org).

For complete announcements, subscribe to our weekly email at fpcphila.org/subscribe.

SOULS SHOT PORTRAIT PROJECT™

Portraits of Victims of Gun Violence

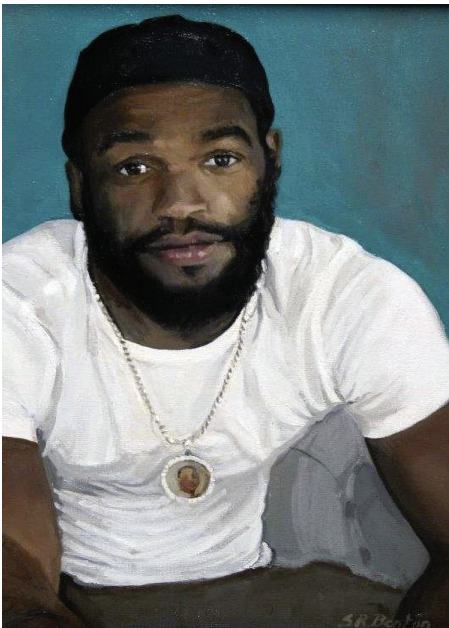


Shaliyah in Her Garden

Portrait of Shaliyah Haynes-Davis by Meghan Ealanora

EXHIBITION

Portraits of Loved Ones Taken by Gun Violence



For 'Nook.' May Your Light Shine On

Portrait of Vincent Thornton by Sally Benton

OPENING RECEPTION

Sunday, May 5 @ 12 noon

Free and open to the public

REGULAR EXHIBITION HOURS

MAY 5 - 31

Monday, Wednesday, and Friday

11 AM - 3 PM

Fine artists, paired with families and friends of loved ones lost to gun violence, create portraits emphasizing the uniqueness of the souls portrayed. The exhibition is a truly moving tribute.

Please join us for this powerful experience.

soulshotportraitproject.org



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