# SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

## SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Intermezzo

Timothy Schwarz, violin

Alleluia

Peter Mathews

MAY 5, 2024

INTROIT

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

\*HYMN 108

**Christ Is Alive!** 

The Reverend Dr. Baron Mullis

**\*OPENING SENTENCES** 

O sing to the LORD a new song, for the Lord has done marvelous things. The LORD has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness. All the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises.

Sing praises to the LORD with the sound of melody. With trumpets and the sound of the horn make a joyful noise before the King, the LORD.

adapted from Psalm 98:1-6

\*PRAYER OF ADORATION

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**WELCOME** 

TheFIRST PRESBYTERIAN in PHILADELPHIA



Henry Purcell

The Reverend Laura Colee

TRURO

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, your kingdom is a place of wide welcome, where people of every culture and background are offered a seat at your holy table. We strive to follow your communal example and yet we find ourselves enticed by the comforts of privacy, uniformity, and isolation. Forgive us God, for separating ourselves from one another. Forgive us for thinking we are better off going it alone. As we hear stories of your boundless grace and acceptance, help us to tear down the walls that divide us. Help us challenge oppressive institutions that are threatened by our togetherness. And help us embrace the rich and wild diversity found in living our lives together. Open our hearts to the experiences of others as we continue to pray...

#### KYRIE 574 (Choir and Congregation)

#### Assurance of Forgiveness

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

Let not you In this work	give you. vorld gives, I give to r heart be troubled a d you shall have trib I have overcome th	and fear not. pulations.	Craig Courtney	
Epistle Lesson		1 John 5:1-6	(p. 236)	
Gospel Lesson		John 15:9-17	(p. 107)	
New Testament Lesson		Acts 10:44-48	(p. 127)	
This is the <b>V</b> Thanks be	Word of the Lord. <b>to God.</b>			
*GLORIA PATRI LAUDA ANIMA Glory be to God the Father, Glory be to God the Son, Glory be to God the Spirit, ever three and ever one; as it was in the beginning, now and ever more shall be.				
SERMON		Anyone and Everyone	Rev. Colee	
While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word.				

Acts 10:44

#### Lord, We Have Come

#### \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH from the Confession of 1967

New life takes shape in a community in which people know that God loves and accepts them in spite of what they are. They therefore accept themselves and love others, knowing that no one has any ground on which to stand, except God's grace. The new life does not release people from conflict with unbelief, pride, lust, and fear. They still have to struggle with disheartening difficulties and problems. Nevertheless, as they mature in love and faithfulness in their life with Christ, they live in freedom and good cheer, bearing witness on good days and evil days, confident that the new life is pleasing to God and helpful to others.

The members of the church are emissaries of peace and seek the good of all in cooperation with powers and authorities in politics, culture, and economics. But they have to fight against pretensions and injustices when these same powers endanger human welfare. Their strength is in their confidence that God's purpose rather than human schemes will finally prevail. Amen.

#### CALL TO OFFERING

You may bring your offering forward during the offertory, or place it in the plates after the service. You may also give online; information is available on the card in the pew rack.

#### OFFERTORY ANTHEM Greater Love Hath No Man

#### John Ireland

Many waters cannot quench love, neither can the floods drown it. Love is strong as death. Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness. Ye are washed, ye are sanctified, ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus.

Ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation; that ye should show forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light. I beseech you brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies, a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.

-Canticles 8, John 15, 1 Peter 2, 1 Corinthians 6; Romans 1

#### \*DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

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

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#### 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.

*Нумл 485	To God Be the Glory	TO GOD BE THE GLORY
*BENEDICTION		
*CHORAL BENEDICTION	Amen, from Preces and Responses	Gabriel Jackson
Postlude	Toccata in D minor	Max Reger
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"In 1961, more than four hundred Americans participated in a dangerous experiment designed to awaken the conscience of a complacent nation. Inspired by visions of social revolution and moral regeneration, these selfproclaimed "Freedom Riders" challenged the mores of a racially segregated society by performing a disarmingly simple act. Traveling together in small interracial groups, they sat where they pleased on buses and trains and demanded unrestricted access to terminal restaurants and waiting rooms, even in areas of the Deep South where such behavior was forbidden by law and custom."

> —Raymond Arsenault Freedom Riders: 1961 and the Struggle for Racial Justice

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### MAY 5, 2024

#### MEETINGS THIS WEEK

Monday, May 6 Tuesday, May 7 Wednesday, May 8 Worship Committee Missions Committee Stewardship & Budget Committee 6:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 6:30 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).

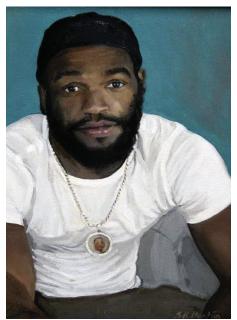
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Shaliyah in Her Garden Portrait of Shaliyah Haynes-Davis by Meghan Ealanora

## EXHIBITION Portraits of Loved Ones Taken by Gun Violence



For 'Nook.' May Your Light Shine On Portrait of Vincent Thornton by Sally Benton

The FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH in PHILADELPHIA OPENING RECEPTION Sunday, May 5 @ 12 noon Free and open to the public

REGULAR EXHIBITION HOURS MAY 6 - 29 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.

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