

First Presbyterian Church in Philadelphia



CELEBRATION!
Sixth Sunday of Easter
May 5, 2024

Welcome

The Reverend Laura Colee

Opening Acclamation

Christ is risen!
He is risen indeed!

***Song**

Be Thou My Vision

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.

Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise;
thou, mine inheritance, now and always;
thou and thou only, first in my heart,
High King of Heaven, my treasure thou art.

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.

***Prayer (unison)**

The Reverend Dr. Baron Mullis

Loving God, there is nothing that can separate us from you or your love. Not even death could keep Jesus from loving us! Thank you for raising Jesus on Easter morning and thank you for showing us that new things are possible.

Lord God, you promise to always love us, even when we make mistakes. When we fall down, your love and forgiveness lift us up again. Forgive us for when we've spoken unkindly to one another this week. Help us to choose words that are gentle and caring. Forgive us for when we've not shared with others and we've kept things for ourselves.

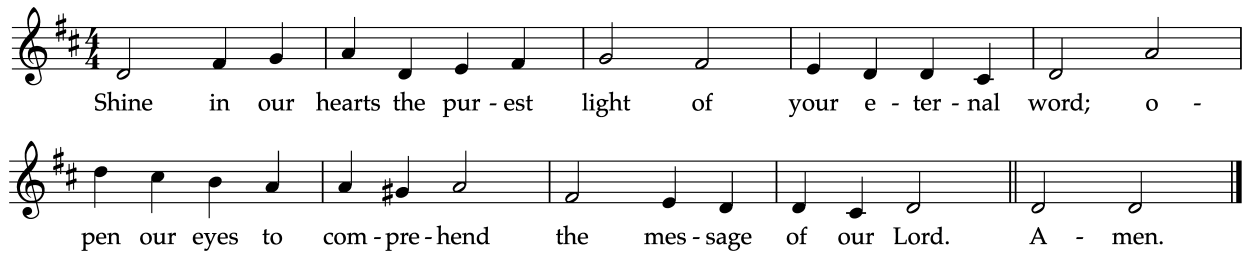
Teach us your generosity and compassion. Forgive us for when we've ignored others and separated ourselves from them. Help us to see the best in people and help us to forgive the worst. As we continue to pray, remind us again and again of your unending love for each one of us...

The Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Prayer for Illumination



Shine in our hearts the pur - est light of your e - ter - nal word; o -
pen our eyes to com - pre - hend the mes - sage of our Lord. A - men.

Reading the Word of God

Acts 10:44-48

Peter Stimpfel

Seeing and Touching the Word

Karen Marston

Reflections

Rev. Colee

*Song

Here I Am, Lord

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.
I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

Refrain:

Here I am, Lord.
Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them. They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send? (Refrain)

I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send? (Refrain)

Prayer for Confirmands

Offering (You may remain seated during the Doxology.)

Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow, Praise God all crea-tures here be - low, Praise
 God a-bove ye heav'n- ly host, Praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer (unison)

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.

The Lord's Supper

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Let us keep the feast!

Prayer after Communion (unison)

God, who takes care of each one of us, thank you for feeding us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation; now send us out into the world to tell everyone about your love.

Amen.

***Closing Song**

Guide My Feet

Guide my feet while I run this race; guide my feet while I run this race;
 guide my feet while I run this race, for I don't want to run this race in vain!

Hold my hand while I run this race; hold my hand while I run this race;
 hold my hand while I run this race; for I don't want to run this race in vain!

Stand by me while I run this race; stand by me while I run this race;
 stand by me while I run this race; for I don't want to run this race in vain!

I'm your child while I run this race; I'm your child while I run this race;
I'm your child while I run this race; for I don't want to run this race in vain!

Benediction and Going Forth

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the power of the Holy Spirit. Alleluia!



ANNOUNCEMENTS

May 5, 2024

Meetings This Week

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

Souls Shot Portrait Project Exhibition

Our Gun Violence Prevention Task Force (GVPTF) invites you to attend the opening of the Souls Shot Portrait Project Exhibition TODAY after the 11 a.m. worship service in Old Buttonwood Hall. A light lunch will be served by the Deacons.

Please consider joining the GVPTF as we travel to the Pennsylvania State Capitol in Harrisburg on Tuesday, May 7, with CeaseFirePA to their End Gun Violence: PA Advocacy Day. Visit ceasefirepa.org for information; contact Diane Rogers (rogerdi5115@gmail.com) if you're interested in joining us on the trip.

fpcQ GayBINGO Night - Saturday, May 11

Join the fpcQ group for an evening of GayBINGO on Saturday, May 11, for loads of fun that also supports a good cause. Visit our website (fpcphila.org/events/2024/5/11/fpcq-gaybingo) and contact Larry Slagle for more information. GayBINGO is a fundraising event for AIDS Fund.

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).

Become a Sunday School/Nursery Volunteer

We'd love to have you volunteer with our children's Sunday School or Nursery program. If you are interested in helping lead Sunday School with Pastor Laura or volunteering the nursery a few times a year, please reach out at to Rev. Laura Colee (laura.colee@fpcphila.org).

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