

The Presbyterian Church of the Moriches  
HOLY COMMUNION BY INTINCTION May 2, 2021 - 5th SUNDAY OF EASTER

*To bear fruit is both a gift and a responsibility. Nourishment flows through the vine, bringing gifts of beauty as leaves and buds appear. Cultivation and care coax the fruit to maturity in time of the harvest. There is both promise and judgment as Christ calls his disciples go and bear fruit. With the promise of God's sustenance, believers will be judged by the gifts of love they produce.*

Prelude by Kamilla Ozman

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Call to Worship (Psalm 22)

One: From you, O God, comes my praise in the great congregation.

**ALL: MY VOWS I WILL PAY BEFORE THOSE WHO FEAR THE LORD.**

One: All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord.

**ALL: AND ALL THE FAMILIES OF THE NATIONS SHALL WORSHIP YOU, O GOD, OUR LORD AND OUR REDEEMER.**

One: Come, let us worship God, together!

Thanksgiving for Baptism--our re-affirmation: **"In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God and the Word was God...and the Spirit of God hovered over the waters...and God saw everything that was made, and behold, it was very good...I have baptized you with water, but He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."** (John 1:1; Genesis 1:2; Genesis 1:31; Mark 1:8)

**THE GATHERING**

Prayer of Invocation (UNISON):

**RULER OF NATIONS, YOU HAVE DOMINION OVER ALL THE EARTH. WE PRAISE YOUR NAME AND BOW DOWN BEFORE YOU. YOU BRING PRIDE TO THE HUMBLE AND CAUSE THE BOASTFUL TO BE BROUGHT LOW. THE AFFLICTED FIND HOPE THROUGH YOUR MERCY; THE COMFORTABLE YOU CHALLENGE AND CHASTEN. AS YOUR WISDOM LED OUR FATHERS AND MOTHERS THROUGH THE AGES, MAKE US RECEPTIVE TO THE TESTIMONY OF YOUR LOVE, FOR WE PRAY IN THE NAME OF CHRIST JESUS, THE WORD MADE FLESH.**

Opening Hymn: #376 "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling "

CALL TO CONFESSION

Prayer of Confessional Affirmation (RESPONSIVE):

Leader: Beloved, let us love one another; for love is of God, and whoever loves is born of God and knows God.

**PEOPLE: IF WE LOVE ONE ANOTHER, GOD ABIDES IN US.**

Leader: In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent Jesus Christ into the world.

**PEOPLE: IF WE LOVE ONE ANOTHER, GOD ABIDES IN US.**

Leader: In this love, not that we loved God, but that God loved us and sent Jesus to be the expiation of our sins.

**PEOPLE: IF WE LOVE ONE ANOTHER, GOD ABIDES IN US.**

Leader: Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

**PEOPLE: IF WE LOVE ONE ANOTHER, GOD ABIDES IN US AND GOD'S LOVE IS PERFECTED IN US.**

~Kyrie~

**"Make me a channel of your peace. Where there is hatred, let me bring your love. Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord, And where there's doubt, true faith in You."**

Assurance of Pardon by Leader: Our assurance is this: "There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.....For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do." God sent the Savior, who redeems us of all unworthiness. AMEN.

~Gloria Patri~

SHARING OF THE PEACE (Passed Virtually)

Our Young-at-heart-Youth Message

Prayer of Illumination (Responsive)

One: Almighty God, unto all hearts are open and no secrets hid.

**ALL: CLEANSE US BY THE INSPIRATION OF YOUR HOLY SPIRIT THAT WE MAY MAGNIFY YOUR HOLY NAME THROUGH JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD, WE PRAY.**

One: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

**ALL: BUT IF WE CONFESS OUR SINS, GOD IS FAITHFUL AND JUST AND WILL CLEANSE US OF ALL UNRIGHTEOUSNESS IN THE READING AND HEARING OF YOUR HOLY WORD, O GOD.**

**HEARING THE WORD**

FIRST READING: Ps. 22:25-31

Hymn: #400 "When We Are Living"

SECOND READING: John 15:1-8

Meditation: "**LOVING LIFTS UP**"

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (The Ecumenical Apostles Creed)

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was**

*crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living 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.*

INVITATION TO SHARE JOY & CONCERNS (We take a "moment of silence" confidentially remembering those remembered by our Board of Deacons included in Prayer of the People)

Prayers of the People by Pastor

Minute for Mission (Please see below DAF): (<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1I2H8RbeerPCgwTVdL--JDE2YPc0H1ko2/view?usp=drivesdk>)

Offering Dedication

DOXOLOGY #428 "We give Thee but Thine own what e're that gift may be, for all we have is

Thine alone, a trust, O God, in Thee." **AMEN**

Prayer of Dedication (UNISON):

**YOUR LOVE, O GOD, IS PERFECTED IN US THROUGH THE GIFT OF YOUR CHOSEN ONE, CHRIST JESUS. ALL THAT WE HAVE REFLECTS A MEASURE OF HIS ATONING SACRIFICE POURED OUT ON BEHALF OF US ALL. ACCEPT WHAT WE GIVE TO YOUR AS WE RESPOND TO CHRIST'S LOVING-KINDNESS, AND ENHANCE WHAT WE DO, SO THAT OTHERS MAY EXPERIENCE YOUR TENDERNESS. CULTIVATE US TO BEAR MORE FRUIT TO THE GLORY OF YOUR NAME. AMEN.**

~Holy Communion by Intinction~

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

One: The Lord be with you.

**ALL: AND ALSO WITH YOU.**

One: Lift up your hearts.

**ALL: WE LIFT THEM UP TO THE LORD.**

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**ALL: IT IS RIGHT TO GIVE THANKS AND PRAISE. HOLY, HOLY, HOLY LORD, GOD OF POWER AND MIGHT, HEAVEN AND EARTH ARE FULL OF YOUR GLORY, HOSANNA IN THE HIGHEST. BLESSED IS THE ONE WHO COMES IN THE NAME OF THE LORD: HOSANNA IN THE HIGHEST. CHRIST HAS DIED. CHRIST IS RISEN. CHRIST WILL COME AGAIN.**

Our Lord's Prayer (DEBTS)

HOLY COMMUNION STATEMENT OF AFFIRMATION (Book of Order F-1.01;F-1.03(A)) (UNISON):

**THE MISSION OF GOD IN CHRIST GIVES SHAPE AND SUBSTANCE TO THE LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH. IN CHRIST, THE CHURCH PARTICIPATES IN GOD'S MISSION FOR THE TRANSFORMATION OF CREATION AND HUMANITY BY PROCLAIMING TO ALL PEOPLE THE GOOD NEWS OF GOD'S LOVE, OFFERING TO ALL PEOPLE THE GRACE OF GOD AT FONT AND TABLE, AND CALLING ALL PEOPLE TO DISCIPLESHIP IN CHRIST. HUMAN BEINGS HAVE NO HIGHER GOAL IN LIFE THAN TO GLORIFY AND ENJOY GOD NOW AND FOREVER, LIVING IN COVENANT FELLOWSHIP WITH GOD AND PARTICIPATING IN GOD'S MISSION...UNITY IS GOD'S GIFT TO THE CHURCH IN JESUS CHRIST. JUST AS GOD IS ONE GOD AND JESUS CHRIST IS OUR ONE SAVIOR, SO THE CHURCH IS ONE BECAUSE IT BELONGS TO ITS ONE LORD, JESUS CHRIST. THE CHURCH SEEKS TO INCLUDE ALL PEOPLE AND IS NEVER CONTENT TO ENJOY THE BENEFITS OF CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY FOR ITSELF ALONE. THERE IS ONE CHURCH, FOR THERE IS ONE SPIRIT, ONE HOPE, "ONE LORD, ONE FAITH, ONE BAPTISM, ON GOD AND FATHER OF ALL, WHO IS ABOVE ALL AND THROUGH AL AND IN ALL."** (Eph. 4:5-6)

WORDS OF INSTITUTION & HOLY COMMUNION BY INTINCTION

Commissioning Prayer (UNISON):

**WE GO FORTH INTO THE WORLD, GLADLY SERVING, KEENLY GIVING COURAGE, HEARTILY HOLDING TO GOOD ANYWHERE AND EVERYWHERE, RENDERING NO EVIL FOR EVIL, UPLIFTING THE FAINTHEARTED, SUPPORTING THE WEAK, HELPING THE AFFLICTED, HUMANLY HONORING ALL PEOPLE AND EVERYONE WE MEET TO LOVE AND SERVE GOD, JOYFULLY, THROUGH THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT. AMEN.**

Closing Hymn: # 118 "The Day of Resurrection"

**THE SENDING**

Benediction

Postlude by Kamilla Ozman

This past April 25th Presbyterian Foundation presented LEGACY GIVING. The above link was very popular during the **LEGACY GIVING WORKSHOP** for a Donor Advisory Fund (DAF), which creates an "umbrella for all your giving in one place," tax free, starting at \$2,500. You can "*name-your-own-legacy*." Please see **Stewardship Chairs** Wendy Turkington or Garry Lester for more information to start your "**LEGACY**" to **Presbyterian Church of the Moriches**. Be part of the "COMMUNION OF SAINTS:"

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