

WELCOME TO THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH of MADISON

Relax. We're glad to have you, just as you are. We believe Jesus Christ teaches us that, so we really mean it. You're a child of God and you're safe here, no matter what.

Each one of us is in a different place on this life journey. The person next to you may be here for the first time, or they may have been born into a family in our church for generations. We're all continually learning, growing, and evolving as we connect in the Spirit with the rest of the world.

Children in church make squirmy joyful noises to the Lord! Babies cry! Relax about all that, too. If you wish, safe childcare is available for 4 and under. Your greeter will be happy to show you the way.

Please stick around after church for a few minutes if you have the time. We have refreshments and fellowship time in the lobby area. It's a great way to get acquainted!

Check out the box below for how it all works. We're all different, together, and God isn't finished with us. Come and see!

Scott Foster, Pastor

*Stand in body or spirit. **Bold - Everything is said in unison.** *Italics - We all sing.*

After children's message, K-5 escape to Sunday School. Please share your info with us using the card in the pew. Write prayer requests in the book at the back of the church.

ORDER of WORSHIP

Fifth Sunday in Easter

And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." — Revelation 21:5 (NRSV)

THE GATHERING

Praise Music (A time of centering and preparation for worship. Please silence all electronic devices.)

Introit

Welcome

"Let us prepare our hearts to worship God..."

* 10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)

Myrin/Redman

CHORUS:

Bless the Lord O my soul

O my soul

Worship His holy name

Sing like never before

O my soul

I'll worship Your holy name

VERSE 1:

The sun comes up it's a new day dawning It's time to sing Your song again Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me

Let me be singing when the evening comes

VERSE 2:

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger Your name is great and Your heart is kind For all Your goodness I will keep on singing Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find

VERSE 3:

And on that day when my strength is failing The end draws near and my time has come Still my soul will sing Your praise unending Ten thousand years and then forevermore ENDING:

Worship Your holy name Lord I'll worship Your holy name

For the Beauty of the Earth (v.1,2,5)

(The tune for the hymn is at the back of this booklet.)

VERSE 1:

For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies, for the love which from our birth over and around us lies:

REFRAIN:

Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

VERSE 2:

For the wonder of each hour of the day and of the night, hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light: (REFRAIN)

VERSE 5:

For thyself, best gift divine to the world so freely given; for that great, great love of thine, peace on earth and joy in heaven: (REFRAIN)

Opening Prayer

Surprising God, in the resurrection of Jesus Christ you make all things new. Long ago you called our church to love beyond all social and cultural differences through the gift of your Holy Spirit. Give us that same spirit of openness as we seek new directions in this time and place. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

One: Alleluia, the Lord is risen!

All: He is risen, indeed. Alleluia!

Call to Confession

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins together, God is faithful and just. The Lord will forgive us and wash away our unrighteousness. In humility and faith let us confess our sin to God.

Prayer of Confession

God of loving-kindness, we claim the Gospel for all people, but in practice we ignore people who don't look like us, or think like we do. Forgive us our trespasses. Help us to seek justice for all your children, to be the light of the risen Christ in the world. Transform us. Mold us in grace and mercy. O Lord, hear our prayers...

Response You Alone Can Rescue

Redman/Myrin

Who O Lord could save themselves
Their own soul could heal
Our shame was deeper than the sea
Your grace is deeper still

(Silence is kept for our personal prayers of confession.)

One: Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Hear the good news! The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. May the God of mercy, who forgives you all your sins, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel!

> One: Alleluia, the Lord is risen! He is risen, indeed, Alleluia! All:

You Alone Can Rescue Response

Redman/Myrin

You alone can rescue

You alone can save

You alone can lift us from the grave

You came down to find us led us out of death

To You alone belongs the highest praise. Amen.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Gracious God, open our hearts and minds to accept your Word. Silence in us any voice but your own. We have come to be filled with new insight into your word. Enlighten us. Open our minds, hearts, and eyes to new vision. Release our spirits with renewal in the Word. Amen.

Reading from Early Church History Acts 11:1-18

(N.T. pg. 130)

¹Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. ₂So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, ssaying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" 4Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, 5"I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. 6As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prev, reptiles, and birds of the air. 71 also heard a voice

saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' But I replied, 'By no means. Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' 10This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. 11At that very moment three men. sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. 12The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. 13He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter: 14he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' 15 And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. 16And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said. John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' 17 If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" 18When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life.'

Gospel Reading John 13:31-35

(N.T. pg. 108)

³¹When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. ³²If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. ³³Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' ³⁴I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. ³⁵By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

One: Alleluia, the Lord is risen!

All: He is risen, indeed. Alleluia!

Special Music Be Thou My Vision

Young People's Message

Apocalyptic Reading Revelation 21:1-6 (N.T. pg. 259)

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ²And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them as their God; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; ⁴he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away."

5And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." 6Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life."

Sermon "All Things New"

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

* Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven (v.1,2,4)

(The tune for the hymn is at the back of this booklet.)

VERSE 1:

Praise, my soul, the God of heaven; glad of heart your carols raise; ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, who, like me, should sing God's praise?

Praise the Maker all your days!

VERSE 2:

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God for the grace and favor shown our forebears in distress; God is still the same forever, slow to chide, and swift to bless. Sing our Maker's faithfulness!
VERSE 4:
Angels, teach us adoration;
you behold God face to face.
Sun and moon and all creation,
dwellers all in time and space:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise with us the God of grace!

Alleluia! Alleluia!

* Affirmation of Faith (from Romans 8)

There is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set us free from the law of sin and of death. If God is for us, who is against us? The Lord, who did not withhold God's own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will the Lord not with him also give us everything else? We are convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

Prayers of the People/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.

Announcements

Invitation to Discipleship

Offering

Offertory

* Doxology

(The tune for the Doxology is at the back of this booklet.)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ all people here below;
Alleluia, Alleluia!
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God whom we adore.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Amen!

* Prayer of Dedication

Amazing God of all, bless our time, talent, and resources to see lives transformed, families strengthened, and our community renewed through intentional relationship with Jesus Christ. Amen.

GOING FORTH TO LOVE AND SERVE THE LORD

* For the Beauty of the Earth (Reprise)

(The tune for the hymn is at the back of this booklet.)

VERSE 1:

For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies, for the love which from our birth over and around us lies:

REFRAIN:

Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

- * Charge and Benediction (Please join hands.)
- * Passing of the Peace and Postlude

WORSHIP NOTES

Thank you to Kathleen Underwood for reading today, and to our talented worship team of players, singers, and bell ringers! Special thanks to SamJohnson for joining the bell choir with her flute.

What gifts do you bring? Share with us! Joyful worship comes from the soul of our collective Spirit. Come find your voice or vision here! Come play, sing, ring bells, read, lead, serve communion. If you have a gift of the arts such as music, drama, dance, poetry, prose, painting, or sculpting for examples, please give some thought to sharing it in worship. What a great blessing!

About Today's Worship

We are developing a more blended style of worship with new contemporary worship songs and music as well as our traditional hymns and pieces. All of our hymns are from the new Presbyterian hymnal *Glory to God* printed for you in the bulletin. The choir sings. We have organ music. The bell choir rings. We hear our students. We hear soloists. We hear the band. It's a mix, and we don't have everything in the same day—unless you want to skip lunch. We hope it touches you.

About Eastertide

Easter is the Resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ, signaling the end of the fasting season of Lent. We celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ as the hope and stay of the world throughout the entire season of Eastertide which falls between Easter and the Pentecost.

Easter in the Western Church falls in the calendar on the Sunday following the first full moon after the Vernal Equinox (the beginning of Spring).

About the Christ Candle

We continue to burn the Christ Candle from Christmas through Eastertide (except Good Friday) to recognize the light of Christ in the world connecting Christmas through Pentecost. The Christ Candle goes away on the Pentecost (the birth of the Church) and returns again in Advent.

About Today's Readings

We print the scripture readings in the bulletin, so you can follow along more easily. We also include the page numbers if you want to read from your pew Bible. Most Sundays, our readings are from that same New Revised Standard Version translation. Exceptions are noted.

About Acts 11:1-18

There was great debate among the early believers about whether a Jesus follower had to first be Jewish and then convert to "The Way." Today Peter lays out The Way for all people, Jews and Gentiles alike, and for us, too.

About John 13:31-35

Today's Gospel scripture is known as the beginning of the "Farewell Discourse." Jesus is giving final instructions to the disciples about how to abide in the Spirit and build community. Today we receive a "new commandment."

About Revelation 21:1-6

Revelation is literally another word for apocalypse, that is an "unveiling or unfolding" of things not already known or that couldn't be known if not for the revelation. Prophetic and typically about end times, apocalyptic literature is a genre that developed during post-exilic Judaism and early Christianity to address in part the expected renewal from the long-awaited return of Jesus.

About the Affirmation of Faith

Most of the time we mine the depths of our Book of Confessions for affirmations of faith including the traditional Apostles' Creed. All of the confessions are based on scripture and they build on the reformed tradition as the church changes and morphs through the ages. Sometimes a reading straight out of scripture speaks in direct affirmation of our faith in Jesus Christ. Today is one of those days.

Questions to Go

If I'm following Jesus, how can I make every new day a fresh start?

What is Christ-like love?

When have I seen a vision from God?

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Children's Books Needed

PCM is collecting gently used children's books to give to brave patients at the Saint Barnabas Pediatric Clinic! Please search through your collection for titles your kids have out grown. Bring to church any Sunday and we'll collect in the lobby of the Sanctuary or drop them off at the office any day. Contact: Becky Foster at rebeccahfoster1@gmail.com.

Kids Music Today

Bring the kids to the next edition in the Sanctuary, today at 11:30am. Kids will sing, play some percussion instruments, and just enjoy being together.

2019 AAUW Book Sale

The annual AAUW Madison Branch Used Book Sale raises funding for the Mature Women's Grant program and other educational projects supporting women and girls. The book sale will be held in the Mahoney Library (lower level) at the College of Saint Elizabeth.

The event will start with a collection period of June 3rd to June 4th from 10am-7pm and on June 5th from 10am-12noon. Donations of fiction, non-fiction, paperbacks and children's books BUT NOT textbooks, will be sorted by our members, friends and other volunteers. Books on CDs, DVDs, music on CDs and DVD are all welcome. We are sorry but we cannot accept VHS Tapes, music cassette tapes nor books on cassette tapes. There will be people available to help carry in donations.

The sale is open to the public June 5th from 6-8:30pm (Preview Night - entrance fees of \$15 for adult and \$10 for 12 and under will apply), June 6th from 10am-7pm, June 8th from 10am-5pm, and June 9th from 1-3pm. A "bag sale" is held all day on Saturday and Sunday. To sign up to help with collection and sorting or for other information contact us at madisonaauwbooks@hotmail.com or talk to Becky Moody.

RAMP - Refugee Assistance Morris Partners

RAMP is proud of its work in sponsoring three refugee families from the Middle East since its founding in 2016. Now it is time for us to welcome a fourth family. For each RAMP family a new group of volunteers is needed for several months or more. The following volunteers are needed:

- FAMILY COORDINATOR One person to organize all volunteers and transportation
- HOUSING AND FURNISHINGS
- FOOD U.S. grocery store and specialty store shopping
- CLOTHING
- MEDICAL APPOINTMENT SUPPORT
- EDUCATION School enrollment for children, ESL for adults
- EMPLOYMENT

Current teams are available to advise new teams. Please consider volunteering. Contact Gerry Gannon at mgannon@ webtv.net for more information.

New - Parents' Study

The Five Love Languages of Children by Gary Chapman relates to our kids. Come join the study—all parents of all ages and stages welcome! Elder Cheryl Bolton leads—for questions contact Cheryl at cherylbolton@me.com.

iMarriage

Join us for the next installment of our iMarriage Study today from 5:00 to 6:15pm (mark your calendar for the same time on 6/2)! No problem at all if you missed the earlier sessions! This is for you! Want a healthier marriage or a satisfying long-term relationship headed toward marriage? This is for you! Want to join but your partner may be away? This is for you. To ensure that we have enough seating space for everyone please contact Patrick Allred.

Youth Sunday Needs

Youth Sunday, Confirmation, Pentecost and the annual Church Picnic are coming fast on Pentecost Sunday, June 9th! We're getting ready for the paint war and we need your plastic water bottles! Please recycle your empty water bottles (16oz, please) with us to use for paint shooters! Bring to church on Sunday or drop by the church office any day.

Day Camp 2019

Our Day Camp starts Monday, June 24th to Friday, June 28th, 9 AM - 3 PM. PreK - 5th Grade. Kids will be dropped off in Webb Chapel (Our older Chapel on the corner of Green and Wilmer) each day for registration and picked up in the same location. Each child will need a packed lunch. Snacks and drinks will be provided by the church. The cost of Day Camp is \$200 per child with a maximum cost of \$500 per family. You can register through our website at pcmadison.org, through the link in your eNews, or contact Patrick Allred.

Per Capita 2019

Each year PCM is assessed a per member fee to support the missions of the mid-level governing bodies (Presbytery and Synod) and the General Assembly of the PC(USA). Please consider covering this fee with a separate gift. It reduces the PCM budget line item by thousands if we all pitch in. The fee is \$37 per member, including youth who have been confirmed. For example: Per couple, \$74. Families with one youth, \$111 and so on. Covering the per capita frees up your pledges and offerings to the operations and missions of our church. Please note "per capita" on your check or envelope. Thank you!

Mid-week Prayers/Communion

Join us in the Parlor every Wednesday morning at 7:10am for a come-and-go round of prayers and the Lord's Supper. It's a great mid-week touchstone, and you'll be on your way in 15 minutes. No kidding! Commuters, you'll easily make the 7:32. Pastor Scott leads.

Coffee with Scott

Pastor Scott hangs out at Drip Coffee Thursday mornings at 9am ('til?). Stop by! Let's FIKA, solve world problems, see if you can melt an entire biscotti in a cup of tea—we might even talk about God. Crazy, right?

Session Highlights

Your church session met Monday, May 13th and took these actions:

- In service training on Being, Knowing, and Doing Leadership
- Summary of Music Staff Termination Forum and scheduled Follow-Up Forum
- Strategic Planning Session Structure proposed for June Meeting
- Interviews in progress for outsourced church bookkeeping
- Negotiations currently underway for tenant in Fellowship Hall Kitchen
- All available church spaces will be fully leased on July 1st
- Stamp Out Hunger Food campaign delivers 2200 lbs to Interfaith Food Pantry
- Director of Musical Arts additional budget approved for summer
- Baptism approved for Elijah Joseph Curcio

Check our website at pcmadison.org for complete session highlights or Email session directly at session@pcmadison.org.

Feel the Breeze

This is the way to connect in PCM. Have you registered on Breeze? Breeze is the new church communication hub for everything PCM. We are fully implementing Breeze now. It's an easy interface—come learn how to use it Sundays after church in the lobby. Everything comes back to Breeze: Want to sign up for Bottle Hill Day? Breeze. Sign up for snacks on Sunday morning? Breeze. Be a reader in church? Breeze. It's

all Breeze: event registration, giving statements—the whole nine. Check your inbox for the links to complete your signup. It really is a breeze!

Serve on Sunday

All are welcome, all who come in the name of the Lord! Snacks after church—an email has gone out giving everyone the opportunity to sign up through Breeze! Or you can call the church office if you prefer.

Teach Sunday School—It's easy, really! Contact Patrick Allred.

And if you'd like to serve on our worship team on Sundays as a reader, communion server, singer, musician, bell-ringer, or greeter please do! Contact the church office for more information and we'll plug you in—973.377.1600.

Interfaith Food Pantry

PCM supports the IFP year-round with hundreds of pounds of food to serve eligible Morris County residents. Aging people on fixed incomes, low-income working families—the need is great! Doris's Care Wagon will be inside the back door of the parish house. Named for long-time member and IFP advocate Doris Weber, the wagon has served our food collection for years!

The food of the month for May is canned pasta and rice. Please leave your donation in the basket in the narthex or in the wagon in the parish house.

Quarters for RAMP

The tube was overflowing again recently, and some additional donations made a total of \$65 for RAMP. Please continue to save your quarters and look for the tube in the lobby area during refreshment time each Sunday. After working with Church World Service for the first three refugee families, RAMP is currently exploring other potential partners. Watch this space for updates.



NOTES:



In the course of many revisions, the original eucharistic emphasis of this text has shifted to a hymn of thanksgiving for a wide range of human experience, with a Christological summation. It is set here to the tune that is customary in North America, though not elsewhere.



This adaptation of an older paraphrase of Psalm 103 (see no. 620) is informed by an awareness that much of the received language of religious traditions enshrines social values that obscure the goodness of God, which far transcends all our labels and categories and hierarchies.

Doxology



VISION

To see lives transformed, families strengthened, and our community renewed through intentional relationship with Jesus Christ.

OUR VALUES

Renewed Lives | Community Positive | Intergenerational Family Joyful Service | Presbyterian Roots

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Worship

10:15AM Sunday Service

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