

ANNOUNCEMENTS

May Pulpit:

5/12: Brenda Carlson,
5/19: Lori Kangas Olson
5/26:

OFFICE HOURS: M, T, F 9 to 1p.

Coffee & Conversation servers are needed. Please sign up at Information Central.

Concerts on 4th Presents: *We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight* Thursday, May 30, 7p. Featuring Elias Mokole, baritone, Linda Turpening, piano, Dan Palmquist, trombone, Asher Jones, piano, Gretchen Chelseth, Piano, Marge Stillwell, organ, and the Presbyterian and Zion Choirs. Donations received will benefit the Human Development Outreach Center and REACH here in Cloquet.
Concerts on 4th have been made possible by the Luukkonen Family Legacy Fund.

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Presbyterian Church of Cloquet

Order of Worship
May 12, 2024

Seventh Sunday of Easter

PRELUDE *Adagio* Morten Malvik

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS Brenda Carlson

THE WAVE OF PEACE

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (based on Psalm 1)

Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked

We delight in God's Word, we meditate on God day and night.

Our worship grounds us in God, like trees planted by streams of water

God helps us yield good fruit. We do not wither when we spend time in God's presence.

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

As this Easter season comes to a close, we turn again to God to confess our sins, the sins of our community and our society, to prepare ourselves to live into the redemption Christ offers.

***HYMN #7**

Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Savior God, we invite you into our lives for a season, only to forget and neglect you once again. You beckon us, calling for our attention, but we are distracted and busy taking care of other priorities. Remind us, Holy God, that you are the source of our flourishing. You are the living water by which we have been planted. Forgive our neglect. Forgive our unfaithfulness. Focus us on you, your Word, and all that your Spirit provides. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

RESPONSE: *Jesus Remember Me*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Christ forgives. Christ transforms. Christ renews. Christ leads us down the path of new beginnings. We are a new creation, ready to sing God's glory and testify to God's grace. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen.

GLORIA PATRI #581

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Gracious God, may your Holy Spirit open our hearts and minds to your words of love and grace this day. Amen.

CHORAL OFFERING

Prayer of St. Francis

SCRIPTURE READINGS:

First Reading: Acts 1: 15-17, Psalm 1: 1-6, Gospel: John 17: 6-17

Message

Brenda Carlson

***HYMN #201**

A Prophet-Woman Broke a Jar

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from the Brief Statement of Faith)

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator, ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truths, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God's condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.

Joys and Concerns

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/LORD'S PRAYER (Debts/Debtors)

Offering Invitation

Offertory

Hamburg

Lowell Mason

***Doxology #606**

***HYMN #547**

Go, My Children, with My Blessing

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Praise My Soul the King of Heaven Hal Hopson