

ANNOUNCEMENTS

UPCOMING VIRTUAL WORSHIP SERVICES via Facebook Live.

May 31, Eighth Sunday of Easter 11:00 AM

Virtual communion was well received on Mother's Day. Our next virtual Communion will be on Trinity Sunday, June 7. If you would like communion delivered to you on Saturday, June 6, please contact James in the church office.

Our May/June Newsletter is now available on-line and will also be mailed out this week.

Tune in to our local CAT7 this coming Wednesday, May 27 at 5 PM for a special service of hymn stories and organ selections by Marge Stillwell. If you have a favorite hymn that you would like shared for these special Services, please contact James Sheetz at the church office. 879-8813.

REMINDER: To send in pledges/offering

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Presbyterian Church of Cloquet

Order of Worship
May 24, 2020

Seventh Sunday of Easter

**As Worship has been suspended, we offer this virtual worship
service via Facebook Live.**

**WELCOME AND SHARING
Moment for HEALTH**

Brenda Carlson

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth; sing praises to the Lord.
O rider in the heavens, the ancient heavens; listen, God sends out God's
voice, the Lord's mighty voice. Ascribe power to God, whose majesty is over
Israel; and whose power is in the skies. Awesome is God in the sanctuary,
the God of Israel; the Lord gives power and strength
to God's people. Blessed be God!

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

God, we humble ourselves before you. The burden of our sin is too heavy to
carry and too big to hide. We rejoice in your promise of mercy and
forgiveness. Hear us as we name that which we no longer want to have
dominion over us. Hear us and set us free.

HYMN The Church's One Foundation

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord, you pray that your followers will be one as you and your Father are one, and yet we divide into factions, demonize those with whom we disagree and fail to show the world we are yours through our love on one another. We are to be your witnesses to the ends of the earth, revealing your mercy and enacting your compassion. Instead we keep silent when we should speak and speak when we ought to remain silent. Forgive us for our failure to take risks for your sake. Grant us your grace and embolden us to share it, forgiving others as we have been forgiven (Silent prayer)
Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, Christ himself restores, supports, strengthens and establishes us. Believe the good news, through Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Thanks be to God.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

God, we cast our anxieties on you, knowing that you care for us. Send your Spirit to open our hearts, settle our minds and grant us discernment. May your living Word come alive in us. Amen.

SCRIPTURES:

First Reading:

1 Peter 5:7

Gospel Reading:

John 17: 1-11

HOMILY

The Reverend Barbara Birkeland

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with the outcasts, forgiving sinners and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

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

HYMN

Eternal Father, Strong to Save

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BENEDICTION

May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.