

¹⁵ I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father.

John 15:15



Abington Presbyterian Church

May 9, 2021

9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. Celebration Worship

Sixth Sunday of Easter

ORDER OF WORSHIP
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GATHERING

The people gather wherever they may in response to God's call, offering praise in words of scripture, prayer, and song. The people acknowledge their sinfulness and receive the good news of God's forgiveness.

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP *A time for quiet preparation before worship*

O God, your steadfast love goes beyond that of the most dedicated mother. Shape our spirit that we might resemble your qualities. Bless our time of worship this day. Amen.

PRELUDE	(9:00) Rhosymedre	<i>Ralph Vaughan Williams</i>
	(11:00) Prelude in F major	<i>Johann Sebastian Bach</i>

LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH

INTROIT	God is my helper Give a Little Love Away	<i>Grace Wilbur Conant</i> <i>Helen Kemp</i>
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*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

We gather to worship our Heavenly Parent who crafted creation out of chaos.

Our expressions of joy join the anthems of the universe.

We gather to lift our praise to the God who gives us voice.

We come as followers and friends of Jesus, wanting to live by his guidance.

We gather to start our week and the rest of our lives with faith, hope, and love.

We celebrate the presence and work of the Holy Spirit in our lives together.

* HYMN 260	Alleluia! Sing to Jesus	HYFRYDOL
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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, we have not lived as your servants;

how can we ever aspire to be Jesus' friends?

We complain more than we express our gratitude unto you.

We ignore your commandments,
dismissing them as unimportant.

We focus on our own self-interest
rather than giving ourselves to your purposes.

Turn us around, God.

Help us to devote ourselves to your way.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

As we abide in God's love, we experience God's grace that brings joyful renewal –

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

* HYMN OF PRAISE

The Day of Resurrection!

Hymn 233, v.3

Now let the heavens be joyful;
let earth its song begin;
the round world keep high triumph
and all that is therein.
Let all things seen and unseen
their notes of gladness blend,
for Christ the Lord has risen,
our joy that has no end.

* THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Greet one another with the sign of peace.

The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

(11:00) THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Nicola May Rigsby

* (11:00) BAPTISMAL CREED

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand
of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost;
the holy catholic church;
the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body;
and the life everlasting. Amen.

(11:00) BAPTISM SONG

Baptized in water

BUNESSAN

Baptized in water,
sealed by the Spirit,
marked with the sign of Christ our King;
born of the Spirit,
we are God's children;
joyfully now God's praises we sing.

ANTHEM

Everywhere I Go

Natalie Sleeth

WORD

God's Word is read and its message is proclaimed in scripture, music and interpretation.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

1 John 5:1-6

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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John 15:9-17

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

What A Friend

The Rev. Kirby Lawrence Hill

* (9:00) AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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

After the proclamation of God's Word, we respond with gratitude prepared to go into the world where we are called to live according to God's will.

CONVERSE

Ralph Vaughan-Williams

In need of special prayers this week: Len Browna, Michael Kemp, Laura Lockhart, Sylvia Weed (mother of Kathryn Jablokow), Barbara LaNore (sister of Lynda Smyth), Sylvia Jolly, MM Harris, Herb Harris, Gary Lynch (son of Doug Lynch), Chris Popescu (aunt of Joanne Bates), Marty Bell (cousin of Alice Price), Elizabeth Cole (granddaughter of Nancy Webb Cole), Doris Boerner, Helen Porter (mother of Joe Porter), Janet Wells (mother of Gwen Bihn), Suzy Paravla (daughter of Susan Davis), Linda Maisenhelder, Christine Kim (wife of Stephen Kim), Will Pompilli (son of Teresa Pompilli), Phyllis Frazier, Nick Cupo, Sr., Joanne Hawkins (mother of Nick Cupo), Wayne Gibbons, Jr., Susan Arnhold (friend of Joanne and Jeff Bates), Kris and Erik Reidenbach (friends of Sally Adams), David Fryer (husband of Rabbi Shoshana Tornberg, friend of APC), Meredith Ellisor, (cousin of Craig Nicholson), Judy Meissner, Nina DiTimasso and Audrina Rose (friends of Anne-Marie Constable), Barb Kelly.

Sympathy and prayers for the family of Judy Meissner in the death of her son, Mark Meissner. Also, for Doug Lynch in the death of his son, Gary Lynch.

For Pastoral Care: To notify the church of an illness, hospitalization, death, or to request prayer, contact a minister or call your Deacon or the Church Office at (215) 887-4530.

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Alleluia! Sing to Jesus



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; his the scep - ter, his the
 2 Al - le - lu - ia! Not as or - phans are we left in sor - row
 3 Al - le - lu - ia! Bread of an - gels, here on earth our food, our
 4 Al - le - lu - ia! King e - ter - nal, Lord om - nip - o - tent we



throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the tri - umph, his the vic - to -
 now; Al - le - lu - ia! he is near us; faith be - lies nor
 stay; Al - le - lu - ia! here the sin - ful flee to you from
 own; Al - le - lu - ia! born of Mar - y, earth your foot - stool,

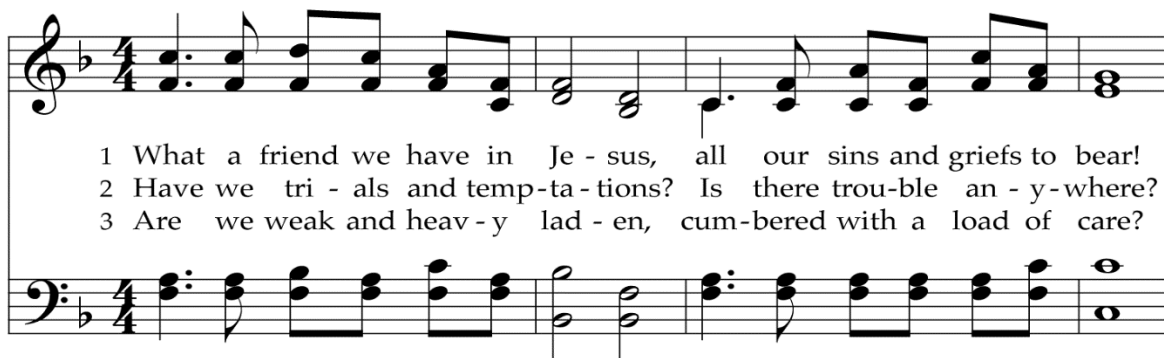


ry a - lone! Hark! The songs of peace - ful Zi - on
 ques - tions how. Though the cloud from sight re - ceived him,
 day to day. In - ter - ces - sor, friend of sin - ners,
 heaven your throne. As with - in the veil you en - tered,

The author regarded this text as a communion hymn, a theme that seems eclipsed by the attention to Christ's exaltation, but a helpful reminder that such hymns are not always quiet and meek. This text is sung to various tunes, but this rousing Welsh one is a favorite choice.

465 What a Friend We Have in Jesus

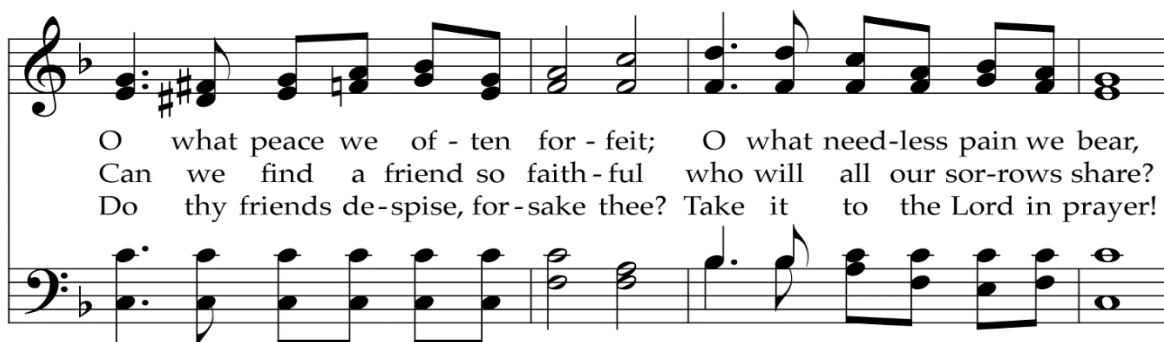
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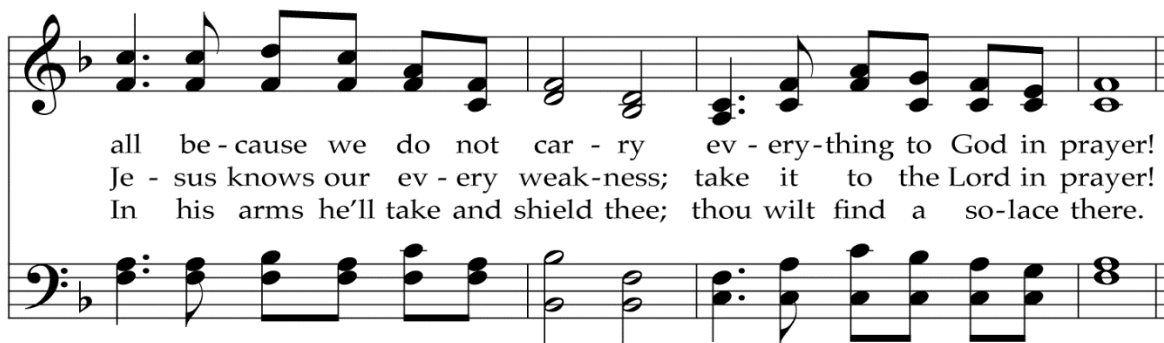
1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
 2 Have we tri - als and temp-ta - tions? Is there trou-ble an - y - where?
 3 Are we weak and heav - y lad - en, cum-bered with a load of care?



What a priv-i-lege to car - ry ev - ery-thing to God in prayer!
 We should nev - er be dis-cour-aged; take it to the Lord in prayer!
 Pre - cious Sav-ior, still our ref - uge; take it to the Lord in prayer!



O what peace we of - ten for - feit; O what need-less pain we bear,
 Can we find a friend so faith - ful who will all our sor-rows share?
 Do thy friends de-spise, for-sake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer!



all be - cause we do not car - ry ev - ery-thing to God in prayer!
 Je - sus knows our ev - ery weak-ness; take it to the Lord in prayer!
 In his arms he'll take and shield thee; thou wilt find a so-lace there.

This text was written by an Irish-born immigrant to Canada to comfort his mother in Ireland when she was going through a time of special sorrow. The role of prayer as a source of strength and consolation is underscored by its repeated use as a rhyme word in all three stanzas.