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May 3, 2020

Virtual Service for the Lord's Day

4th Sunday of Easter

❧ GATHERING ❧

Welcome and Announcements

- Thank You WBPC YOUTH and Anna for our Virtual Youth Sunday Service on last week! It was absolutely beautiful and inspiring!
- Today is Communion Sunday. Please prepare with bread and grape juice or whatever you have.
- Associate Pastor Bruce Grady will host a Conference Call Prayer on Wednesday nights at 6:30 PM. Please see the Weekly Email from April 28, 2020 for access information.
- If you wish to include prayer requests for our Wednesday Conference Prayer Call, please email your request to Amy or Bruce by noon on Tuesday. amy@wbpresbyterian.org or bgrady9039@gmail.com. Type "Prayer Request" in the subject line. Please be specific and concise.
- WBPC will be celebrating the 2020 graduates on Sunday, June 21, 2020. If you know any 2020 graduate (kindergarten, elementary, middle school, high school or post-secondary), please let us know. If he/she is willing to be honored in our virtual service (on Facebook, YouTube and the church's website) please ask him/her to send an email giving WBPC permission to produce a public worship video their name, photo and plans post-graduation (1 or 2 sentences). We also need the following information: a head a shoulders photo (jpg or png), their name (first and last), their guardian(s) name(s), the school in which they are graduating, their grade or degree and (if they choose) their plan after graduation. Type "2020 Graduate" in the subject line. Send all of these items in one email to bgrady9039@gmail.com and jeff.cleveland@mac.com by Sunday, June 7. Thank You!
- ***Stay Home! Stay Safe!***

Call to Worship

L: Come to the gate and find the Good Shepherd within.

P: We need a shepherd – round us up and bring us through your Gate, O Lord.

L: If you're hungry or thirsty, the Good Shepherd will provide for your needs.

P: That is just what we need. Our souls thirst for God's word.

L: Come, the Gate and the Shepherd await.

Opening Hymn

"Hymn for Streamed Worship"

(to NETTLETON with words by R. G. Huff. Used by permission)

Elizabeth Davis on piano

Pam Davis vocal solo

In our homes we meet to worship,
far away from sacred space.
By the Spirit, Christ is with us,
making this a holy place.
In these days of social distance
we are called to meet apart.
Still we pray for one another,
hold each other in our heart.

If this time indeed is holy,
we must keep it truly so.
Even in our isolation,
God's rich blessings overflow.
We avoid the world's distractions,
set our minds on things above:
Patience, kindness, goodness, mercy,
faith, joy, peace, abiding love.

Facing our Sin and Trusting God's Grace

Patient God, you know how easy it is for us to stray. We wander off so easily. Forgive us, we pray. Heal our brokenness and our fears. Remind us again that you lead us in gentle paths and by quiet waters – when the paths are stony and the waves tumultuous, help us to remember your protection and your care. Help us to extend that same love and care to others, for we ask this in Jesus' Name. AMEN.

(Silence for reflection and self-examination)

Kyrie

Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us

John Merbecke

Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us... Christ, Have Mercy Upon Us... Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us

Assurance of Forgiveness

Passing of the Peace

New Testament Lesson: Acts 2:42-47 New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

⁴²They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

⁴³Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. ⁴⁴All who believed were together and had all things in common; ⁴⁵they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, ⁴⁷praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PROCLAMATION

The Word Proclaimed

Shifting Times and Adjusting Appropriately

Bruce T. Grady

RESPONSE

Invitation to Discipleship

Affirmation of Faith

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 Spirit, 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.

Tithes and Offerings

In times like these, our financial demands tend to increase rather than decrease. We encourage you to continue to tithe even in the absence of regular gatherings. Here are the ways you can continue to support the ministries at Western Boulevard Presbyterian.

By Check:

Check offerings can be mailed to the church office.

Mail your check to: Western Boulevard Presbyterian Church 4900 Kaplan Drive Raleigh, NC 27606

Give on-line:

Once your profile is set up, just go to <https://wbpresbyterian.com/> and open the pull down menu on the left and click the "GIVE".

From here you can enter your gift amount, the designated fund and frequency of giving.

By Text:

To give via text, send WBPC to the phone number 73256. You'll receive a text message in response with your next steps. After you give one time, your payment method is saved, so you can quickly give again from your phone.

Offertory Prayer

Service of Communion

Communion Song

I Need You to Survive

HEZEKIAH WALKER

The Invitation to the Table

We are united in the Holy Spirit

The Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We give you thanks, O God...

The Words of Institution

The Communion of the People
(Serve by intinction in your home.)

Prayer after Communion (Unison)

Thank you for calling us to your Table, Lord, where the simple gifts of the bread and of the cup have filled us with your Spirit. As you heal us through the brokenness of Jesus, send us to bring hope to the world. As you satisfy us with the joyous taste of grace, may we offer mercy and peace to everyone we meet. We pray in Jesus' name and Spirit. Amen

Prayers of the People

❧ **SENDING** ❧

Charge and Benediction

POSTLUDE

Come, Christians, Join to Sing!

MADRID (arr. Elizabeth Davis)

Worship Leader:

Bruce T. Grady, Associate Pastor;

Elizabeth Davis, Director of Music;

Van-Anthoney Hall, Soloist and Worship Leader of @ The Table;

Pam Davis, Soloist;

Kenlee Fisher; Virtual Worship Assistant;

Jeff Cleveland, Video Production

We live to share God's love for ALL.