

# Western Boulevard Presbyterian Church PC(USA)

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**Sixth Sunday of Easter  
Mother's Day  
May 9, 2021  
11:00 AM**



Virtual Art Gallery  
contributor, Mac Winslow

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hickory, walnut, beech and  
cheery wood contributed by  
Mac Winslow"*

## GATHERING

### Welcome

### Call to Worship

And Jesus said, "Come!"

To all mothers and all children: he said, "Come!"

**to the motherless and the childless: he said, "Come!"**

to all who long to be mothered: he said, "Come!"

Come to me all you who labor and are heavy-laden, and I will give you rest.

**Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble of heart and you will find rest for your souls."**

### Prayer of the Day

### Hymn of Praise

*How Can I Keep from Singing*

Chris Tomlin/Matt Redman

### Prayer of Confession

**God of mercy, you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost. We confess that we have strayed from you and turned aside from your way. We are misled by pride, for we see ourselves pure when we are stained, and great when we are small. We have failed in love, neglected justice, and ignored your truth.**

Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin. Return us to paths of righteousness through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

*Hear now our silent prayers of confession.*

## Kyrie

1 O Lord, have mer - cy; O Lord, have mer - cy; O  
2 O Christ, have mer - cy; O Christ, have mer - cy; O

Lord, have mer - cy, have mer - cy on us.  
Christ, have mer - cy, have mer - cy on us.

## Assurance of Pardon

## Passing of Christ's Peace

## Gloria

### *We Are Forgiven*

We are for - giv - en. We are for - giv - en. Thanks be to  
God. Thanks be to God. We are for - giv - en.

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## THE WORD

## Prayer for Illumination

## Hebrew Scripture

### *Psalm 98*

98:4 Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises.

98:5 Sing praises to the LORD with the lyre, with the lyre and the sound of melody.

98:6 With trumpets and the sound of the horn make a joyful noise before the King, the LORD.

## **New Testament**

*Acts of the Apostles 10:44-48*

10:44 While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word.

10:45 The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles,

10:46 for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said,

10:47 "Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?"

10:48 So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

## **Gospel**

*John 15:9-17*

15:9 As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love.

15:10 If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love.

15:11 I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

15:12 "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.

15:13 No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends.

15:14 You are my friends if you do what I command you.

15:15 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.

15:16 You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name.

15:17 I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

## **Sermon**

Rev. Dr. Jonathan C. Barker

## **Ascription of Praise**

## **Affirmation of Faith**

From A Brief Statement of Faith

**In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in**

**the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.**

**We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the church.**

**The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the church.**

**On a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!" With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Glory to the Creator, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

## **Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer**

**We pray because you taught us to pray by saying:**

**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**

# SENDING

## Parting Hymn

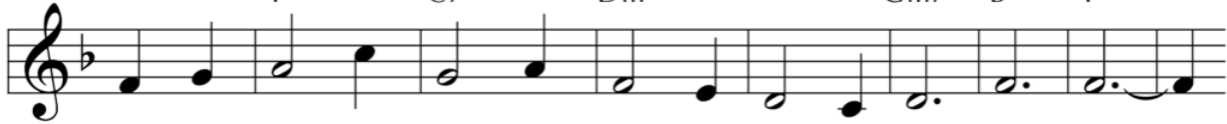
### *Will You Come and Follow Me*

KELVINGROVE



1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call your name?  
 2 "Will you leave your-self be-hind if I but call your name?  
 3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call your name?  
 4 "Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call your name?  
 5 Lord, your sum-mons ech - oes true when you but call my name.

(D) (A7) (Bm) (Em7) (G) (D)  
 F C7 Dm Gm7 B<sup>b</sup> F



Will you go where you don't know and nev - er be the same?  
 Will you care for cruel and kind and nev - er be the same?  
 Will you set the pris-oners free and nev - er be the same?  
 Will you quell the fear in - side and nev - er be the same?  
 Let me turn and fol - low you and nev - er be the same.

(Em7) (G) (F#m7) (G) (Asus)(A)  
 Gm7 B<sup>b</sup> Am7 B<sup>b</sup> Csus C



Will you let my love be shown; will you let my name be known;  
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare should your life at-tract or scare?  
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as this un - seen,  
 Will you use the faith you've found to re-shape the world a - round,  
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and foot-steps show.

(D) (A7) (Bm) (Em7) (G) (D)  
 F C7 Dm Gm7 B<sup>b</sup> F



will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?"  
 Will you let me an - swer prayer in you and you in me?"  
 and ad - mit to what I mean in you and you in me?"  
 through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?"  
 Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

## Charge and Blessing

**Information on the art work on the front page:**

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**Worship Leaders:**

Jonathan Barker, Interim Pastor;

Bruce Grady, Associate Pastor;

Elizabeth Davis, Director of Music;

Anna Raab, videography and production;

Omar Hamad, liturgist

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