

SERVICE OF WORSHIP FOR THE LORD'S DAY

May 22, 2022

Sixth Sunday of Easter

10:45am

† People May Stand

GATHERING IN GOD'S PRESENCE

Chimes

Prelude

Timothy Witzal

† Call to Worship

Elder Glenn Maciag

Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised!

We ponder your steadfast love, O God, in the midst of your temple.

Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised!

Your name, O God, like your praise, reaches to the ends of the earth.

Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised!

Your right hand is filled with victory.

ALL: Let Mount Zion be glad, let the towns of Judah rejoice because of your judgements.

† Opening Hymn 467

“How Great Thou Art”

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Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Holy God, we lift up our hearts in grateful praise for your magnificent world, for your manifold gifts, and for your infinite mercy. We bow our heads in humility, confessing our faults, acknowledging our missteps, our errors in judgment and our weak faith. We have sinned against you in thought, word and deed. We have sinned against you by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have sinned against you by underutilizing your gifts, minimizing your expectations, and giving up when we encounter difficulties. Lord, in your mercy, forgive us, change us, and strengthen us to meet every challenge with renewed confidence. We pray in Christ's name. Amen. *(A moment for silent prayer follows)*

Prayer Response Hymn 345 (verse 1)

**Dear Lord and Father of mankind, forgive our foolish ways;
re clothe us in our rightful mind, in purer lives Thy service find,
in deeper reverence, praise.**

Assurance of Pardon

† Passing the Peace of Christ

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

† Response 579

“Glory Be to the Father”

Gloria Patri

HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

The Children's Message

Elder Jerome B. Lane Jr.

Prayer for Illumination

**Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus,
to reach out and touch him, and say that we love him.**

Open our ears, Lord, and help us to listen.

Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus.

Scripture Reading

Acts 20:17-24

pew Bible page 968
large print Bible page 172

Chapel Choir Anthem

“My Lord What a Morning”

Sermon

“Finish the Course”

Elder Lane

But I do not count my life of any value to myself, if only I may finish my course and the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the good news of God's grace. ~ Acts 20:24

Affirmation of Faith *(The Apostles' Creed)*

Page 14 in the blue hymnal

† Hymn of Response 404

“Precious Lord, Take My Hand”

Precious Lord

Welcome and Announcements

Sharing of Joys and Concerns of the Church

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer ("debts" and "debtors")

SENDING INTO THE WORLD

† Sending Hymn 379 "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"

Solid Rock

† Benediction and Blessing

Postlude

The flowers in the Chapel today are given by **Ethelyn Fulton** "with a grateful heart and in loving memory of my mom **Charlotte H. Fulton.**"

Your tithes and offerings may be placed in one of the offering plates located at the front or rear of the Chapel. May is for Church World Service's Blankets and Tools.

Our guest preacher today is Elder Jerome Bishop Lane Jr. Elder Lane currently serves as Community Ministry Organizer for the Presbytery of Northeast New Jersey. He is a member of Elmwood United Presbyterian Church where he is president of the Men of Faith Ministry and a member of the Committed Couples Ministry. This June will make 20 years that he and his wife Misan have been married. They have two sons, Jerome III, who is 12 and Joseph who is 10.

Our Sunday morning adult education series on the Westminster Larger Catechism continues in person every Sunday between now and the end of June. We meet in the church parlor on Sunday mornings from 9:45 to 10:30 AM. Everyone is invited to join us -- even if you just want to attend once or twice. For more information or to get your own copy of the catechism, please contact Glenn Maciag.

We request that face masks be worn at all times while indoors.

Pastor Boling will be back in the church office on Tuesday, May 24.



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