

**ORDER OF WORSHIP
SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
SUNDAY AFTER ASCENSION DAY**

May 13, 2018

10:00 a.m.

*The beginning of the opening voluntary is a call to silent, personal meditation.
Please silence all electronic device as we prepare our hearts and minds to worship God.*

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Piece d'Orgue

J. S. Bach
(1685-1750)

INTROIT

Iain Quinn
(b. 1973)

Christ the Lord has ascended into Heaven;
Come let us adore him; Alleluia.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit:
As is was in the beginning is now and will be forever,
Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Minister: It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to your name, O Most High;
People: **to declare your steadfast love in the morning, and your faithfulness by night.**
Minister: For you, O Lord, have made me glad by your work; at the works of your hands, I sing for joy. Alleluia! Christ is risen!
All: **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

***HYMN**

Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise

LLANFAIR

1 Hail the day that sees him rise, Al - le - lu - ia!
2 There the glo - rious tri - umph waits; Al - le - lu - ia!
*3 See! he lifts his hands a - bove; Al - le - lu - ia!
4 Lord be - yond our mor - tal sight, Al - le - lu - ia!

glo - rious to his na - tive skies; Al - le - lu - ia!
lift your heads, e - ter - nal gates! Al - le - lu - ia!
See! he shows the prints of love; Al - le - lu - ia!
raise our hearts to reach thy height, Al - le - lu - ia!

Christ, a - while to mor - tals given, Al - le - lu - ia!
Wide un - fold the ra - dian scene; Al - le - lu - ia!
Hark! his gra - cious lips be - stow, Al - le - lu - ia!
there thy face un - cloud - ed see, Al - le - lu - ia!

en - ters now the high - est heaven! Al - le - lu - ia!
take the King of glo - ry in! Al - le - lu - ia!
bless - ings on his Church be - low. Al - le - lu - ia!
find our heaven of heavens in thee. Al - le - lu - ia!

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788), alt.
Music: *Llanfair*, Robert Williams (1781-1821)

77. 77 with Alleluias

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Most holy and merciful God, we confess to you and to one another, that we have sinned against you by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not fully loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not always had in us the mind of Christ. You alone know how often we have grieved you by wasting your gifts, by wandering from your ways, by forgetting your love. Forgive us, we pray, and free us from our sin. Renew in us the grace and strength of your Holy Spirit, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior.

KYRIE ELEISON

Thomas Juneau
(b. 1977)

Congregation



Choir Lord, have mercy.

Congregation



Choir Christ, have mercy.

Choir and Congregation



Choir Kyrie eleison. Christe eleison. Kyrie eleison.

All repeat Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

PROMISE OF THE GOSPEL

*GLORIA PATRI

Juneau

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the
Ho - ly Ghost; As it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er
shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

*THE PEACE

Minister: As a forgiven people, let us share Christ's peace with one another.
The peace of Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Open our minds to understand the Scriptures, O God.
When sin cripples our hope,
lead us to discover the freedom of your forgiveness.
When suffering and death overtake our lives,
reveal to us the joy of the risen Christ.
When we feel abandoned,
help us to comprehend the power of the promised Spirit,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

FIRST LESSON

Acts: 1:1-11 (p. 118)

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Olivia Anne Shachtman

Infant daughter of Michelle Anne Shachtman and Robert Goldsborough Shachtman

PSALTER

Psalm 1

Frederick A. Gore Ousley
(1825-1899)

Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked,
nor lingered in the way of sinners,
nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

Their delight is in the law of the Lord,
and they meditate on his law day and night.

They are like trees planted by streams of water,
bearing fruit in due season,
with leaves that do not wither;
everything they do shall prosper.

It is not so with the wicked;
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.

Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes,
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

For the Lord knows the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked is doomed.

SECOND LESSON

Luke 24:44-53 (p. 91)

HYMN (seated)

TALLIS' CANON

*During the organ introduction, children through fifth grade
may process to the Chapel to meet for the Gathering.*

Go with us, Lord, and guide the way,
Through this and every coming day,
That in your Spirit strong and true,
Our lives may be our gift to you.

SERMON

Planted by Streams of Water

Austin Crenshaw Shelley

*“The righteous flourish like the palm tree, and grow like a cedar in Lebanon.
They are planted in the house of the Lord; they flourish in the courts of our God.”*

Psalm 92:12-13

*“Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked...but their delight is in the
law of the Lord, and on his law they meditate day and night. They are like trees planted
by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither...”*

Psalm 1:1-3



All: Love's my - stry once was hid from sight By God who all things
Women: My knees shall bow be - fore the Lord From whom all tribes are
Men: With all the saints now com - pre - hend The length and height and
All: To God who by the pow'r with - in Has turned our eyes to



wrought, Then wis - dom late in time re - vealed A
named. That God may grant you strength with - in And
breadth, And know what mor - tals can - not know: Through
see A love be - yond all thought and prayer: To



love past hu - man thought. The bound - less rich - es
pow - er to pro - claim; Til root - ed, ground - ed
Him who con - quered death: Filled with God's full - ness,
God all glo - ry be, And in Christ Je - sus,



— of hea - v'nly grace. We now see face to face!
— in love's em - brace With saints you take your place!
— the world may raise 'This hymn of grate - ful praise!
— world with - out end Now hear our glad "A - men!"



Refrain: Let or - gan sound, let choir re - joice! In



De - o glo - ri - a!

Text: Cynthia A. Jarvis, b.1949 (Ephesians 3:7-21)
Tune: Mark A. Anderson, b.1962

PHILADELPHIA AGO

PRAYERS

Minister: The Lord be with you,
People: **And with your spirit.**
Minister: Let us pray. O Lord show thy mercy upon us,
People: **And grant us thy salvation.**
Minister: O God, make clean our hearts within us,
People: **And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.**

Prayers concluding with 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.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Charles Villiers Stanford
(1852-1924)

Coelos ascendit hodie
Jesus Christus Rex Gloriar:
Sedet ad Patris dexteram,
Gubernat coelum et terram.
Iam finem habent omnia
Patris Davidis carmina.
Iam Dominus cum Domino
Sedet in Dei solio:
In hoc triumpho maximo
Benedicamus Domino.
Laudetur Sancta Trinitas,
Deo dicamus gratias,
Alleluia. Amen.

*Today into the heavens has ascended
Jesus Christ, the King of Glory, Alleluia!
He sits at the Father's right hand,
and rules heaven and earth, Alleluia!
Now have been fulfilled all of
Father David's songs,
Now God is with God, Alleluia!
He sits upon the royal throne of God,
in this his greatest triumph, Alleluia!
Let us bless the Lord:
Let the Holy Trinity be praised,
let us give thanks to the Lord,
Alleluia! Amen.*

***DOXOLOGY**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise God, all creatures here below, Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God above, ye heavenly host,
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

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 be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

In life and 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.

from A Brief Statement of Faith

We trust in God,
whom Jesus called Abba, Father.
In sovereign love God created the world good
and makes everyone equally in God's image
male and female, of every race and people,
to live as one community.
But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator.
Ignoring God's commandments,
we violate the image of God in others and ourselves,
accept lies as truth,
exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care.
We deserve God's condemnation.
Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation.
In everlasting love,
the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people
to bless all families of the earth.
Hearing their cry,
God delivered the children of Israel
from the house of bondage.
Loving us still,
God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant.
Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child,
like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home,
God is faithful still.

***HYMN 429**

Lord, You Give the Great Commission

ABBOT'S LEIGH

***BENEDICTION**

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Sun Dance

Bob Chilcott
(b. 1955)

*Congregation standing

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LEADING WORSHIP: Cynthia A. Jarvis, Brian D. Russo, and Austin Crenshaw Shelley; **MUSIC:** Gallery Choir; Daniel Spratlan, Conductor; and Ken Lovett, Organist

GREETERS: Elders: Emily Camp-Landis and Jeffrey Podraza; Deacons: Sandra Connelly and Diane Cornely

USHERS: Barbara Keeler, Team #4 Leader; Shannon Cavanaugh, James Cupp, Joan Demme and Anne Standley

FLOWER GUILD: Grace Stewart

*Flowers in the chancel are given to the glory of God
and in honor of our loved ones
by Lisa and Tom Butler.*

**A Called Meeting of the Congregation
May 20, 2018**

The Session has voted to call a meeting of the congregation following worship on Sunday, May 20, 2018 for the purpose of:

*Hearing the report of the Associate Pastor Nominating Committee and acting on their recommendation to call Brian Russo as Associate Minister for Youth and Senior Adult Ministry;

*Hearing the report of the Nominating Committee and electing a Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC).

The Mission Study Committee continues its work and anticipates completing its report mid-June at which time the PNC will begin its work.

Respectfully submitted,
Katherine F. Connelly, Clerk of Session