

CARROLLTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Fifth Sunday of Easter
May 15, 2022 - 11:00 A.M.



PREPARING TO WORSHIP GOD

We welcome you to Carrollton Presbyterian Church. Let the Musical Meditation be a call to reverent silence in which all may become aware of His presence.

CENTERING PRAYER

We gather this day, O Lord of Love, as people seeking your loving guidance. Open our hearts and make us ready to stand firm in the faith that leads to loving service. Create a new people in this place so that your love may surround all who enter here. For we ask these things in Jesus' name. Amen.

MUSICAL MEDITATIONS

To God Be the Glory

William H. Doane

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

OPENING SENTENCES

This is the day that the Lord has made.
Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

Mimi Gentry

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mimi Gentry

PRELUDE

Sweet Hour of Prayer

Patricia Lou Harris

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Thank God because God is good, and God's love never quits

Mimi Gentry

I will tell the world, "God's love never quits!"

Far better to take refuge in God than to trust in people,

I was right on the cliff's-edge, ready to fall, when God grabbed me, and held me. I didn't die.

I lived! And now I'm telling the world what God did.

You're my God and I thank you. Oh, my God, I lift high your praise. I decorate your House with garlands and hang colored banners above the altar.

Thank God- God is so good! God's love never quits!

Praise the Lord!

The Lord's name be praised!

*HYMN

For The Beauty of the Earth

GTG # 14

*CALL TO CONFESSION

Because we are loved, we are called to turn to God in humility. We fall short of who God calls us to be, but we are never forsaken. In faith and with confidence as beloved children, let us confess our sin to God.

Mimi Gentry

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Most merciful God, we confess that we have done wrong. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. Have mercy on us, dear Lord, for we are ashamed and sorry for all we have done to dishonor You. Forgive our sins, and help us to live in your light, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Mimi Gentry

*ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The past is finished! It's gone! Everything has become new. Friends, know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

Mimi Gentry

We believe the good news of the gospel: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Thanks be to God!

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Just as we have been forgiven in Christ, let us forgive and be at peace with one another, saying, "the peace of our Lord be with you."

Mimi Gentry

And also with you!

Let us share the peace of Christ with one another.

*GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. World without end! A-men. A-men.

GTG # 581

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Rev. Larry Owens

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

This is the Word of the Lord!
Thanks be to God!

Acts 11:1-18

Pew Bible NT Page # 130

*HYMN

Spirit of the Living God

GTG # 288

SERMON

Being God's Kind of People

Rev. Larry Owens

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

***SPECIAL MUSIC**

Let Us Build A House
Mimi Gentry accompanied by Bryant Hand

Marty Haugen

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Rev. Larry Owens

We are certain that Jesus lives. He lives as God with us, touching all of human life with the presence of God. He lives as one of us with God. Because he shares our humanity and has bound us to himself in love, we have an advocate in the innermost life of God. We declare that Jesus is Lord. His resurrection is a decisive victory over the powers that deform and destroy human life. Yet his lordship is hidden. The world appears to be dominated by people and systems that do not acknowledge his rule. But his lordship is real. It demands our loyalty and sets us free from the fears of lesser lords who threaten us. We maintain that God rules in every sphere of life. Jesus is Lord! He has been Lord from the beginning. He will be Lord at the end. Even now he is Lord!

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Larry Owens

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.

THE PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

In Luke's gospel, Jesus says, "give, and it will be given to you: good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over... For with the same measure that you use, it will be measured back to you." Jesus calls for us to give to his kingdom, and the beauty of His calling is that not only will our gift return to us, but our blessings will be abundant. Today, believe and have faith that when you give to God that your gift will return- pressed down, shaken together, and running over. Let us present our tithes and offerings.

OFFERTORY

Something Beautiful

William Gaither

***THE DOXOLOGY**

Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

GTG # 606

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

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

Rev. Larry Owens

FOLLOWING GOD INTO THE WORLD

***HYMN**

There's A Wideness in God's Mercy

GTG # 435

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

Rev. Larry Owens

***POSTLUDE**

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name
The livestream does not end until the conclusion of the Postlude.
Please refrain from talking until after the Postlude.

Nigel Williams

* You are invited to stand, if able

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WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

Guest Minister: Rev. Larry Owens

Organist: Bryant Hand

Pianist: Leslie Goldsmith

Special Music: Mimi Gentry

Music Meditations: Mary Anne Taylor

Liturgist: Mimi Gentry

Acolyte: Elliot Snyder

Virtual Worship Technicians: Keith and Robin Ellison, Jared Price, & Jane Taylor

Ushers: Denise Robinson & Jay Horsley



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