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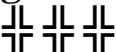
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**“Thank You for the Music” – ABBA**

I'm nothing special, in fact I'm a bit of a bore  
If I tell a joke, you've probably heard it before  
But I have a talent, a wonderful thing  
'Cause everyone listens when I start to sing  
I'm so grateful and proud; All I want is to sing it out loud  
So I say  
Thank you for the music, the songs I'm singing  
Thanks for all the joy they're bringing  
Who can live without it? I ask in all honesty; What would life be?  
Without a song or a dance, what are we?  
So I say thank you for the music; For giving it to me

**Morning Worship**

**May 16, 2021     10:30 a.m.**

Prelude

*“Even So, Come”*

Praise Team

Welcome

Rev. Doug Hagler

Sharing the Peace - *Take this moment to comment on the live YouTube chat and let people know you are here, or get out your phone and text someone to say hi.*

Announcements

Call to Worship (*unison*) *Psalm 1:1-6*

- <sup>1</sup> Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked,  
or take the path that sinners tread, or sit in the seat of scoffers;**
- <sup>2</sup> but their delight is in the law of the LORD,  
and on his law they meditate day and night.**
- <sup>3</sup> They are like trees planted by streams of water,  
which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither.  
In all that they do, they prosper.**
- <sup>4</sup> The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away.**
- <sup>5</sup> Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,  
nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;**
- <sup>6</sup> for the LORD watches over the way of the righteous,  
but the way of the wicked will perish.**

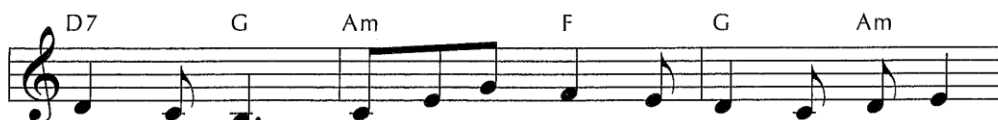
# Hymn

## “God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me”

### O Christ, Surround Me



1 God, be the love to search and keep me; God, be the prayer to  
 2 Bind to my-self the Name of Ho - ly, great cloud of wit - ness -  
 3 Bright-ness of sun and glow of moon-light, flash - ing of light-ning,  
 4 Walk - ing be-hind to hem my jour - ney, go - ing a - head to  
 5 Christ in the eyes of all who see me, Christ in the ears that



move my voice; God, be the strength to now up - hold me:  
 es en - fold; proph - ets, a - pos - tles, an - gels wit - ness:  
 strength of wind, depth of the sea to soil of plan - et:  
 light my way, and from be - neath, a - bove, and all ways:  
 hear my voice, Christ in the hearts of all who know me:



O Christ, sur-round me; O Christ, sur-round me.

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## Prayer of Confession

Leader: God of all hope and joy, we confess that we continue to live in fear.

You raised Jesus to new life, yet we hold on to former things.

You offer salvation to all, yet we fail to share this good news.

Forgive us, God of grace. By your Spirit, make us witnesses to the wonder of the empty tomb and the fullness of life you promise; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*(Silent prayer and reflection)*

## Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Goodness is stronger than evil; love is stronger than hate;  
light is stronger than darkness; life is stronger than death;  
victory is ours through him who loves us. —*Bishop Desmond Tutu*

Leader: The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting.  
I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen.

**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.  
Amen, amen.**

## Children's Message

### Prayer for Illumination

Leader: Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit,  
that as the Scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed,  
we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

### Reading: Acts 1:1-11

<sup>1</sup>In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning <sup>2</sup>until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen.

<sup>3</sup>After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God.

<sup>4</sup>While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father.

"This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; <sup>5</sup>for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

<sup>6</sup>So when they had come together, they asked him,

"Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?"

<sup>7</sup>He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority.

<sup>8</sup>But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

<sup>9</sup>When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight.

<sup>10</sup>While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them.

<sup>11</sup>They said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

Reading: Luke 24:44-53

<sup>44</sup>Then he said to them,

“These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you — that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.”

<sup>45</sup>Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, <sup>46</sup>and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, <sup>47</sup>and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem.

<sup>48</sup>You are witnesses of these things.

<sup>49</sup>And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.”

<sup>50</sup>Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them.

<sup>51</sup>While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven.

<sup>52</sup>And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; <sup>53</sup>and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

Leader: We proclaim Christ crucified – the wisdom and power of God.

**People: Thanks be to God. Amen.**

Anthem

*“Holy Spirit”*

Praise Team

Sermon

Rev. Doug Hagler

# Hymn

## "Lift High the Cross"

Refrain

Descant



Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim



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till all the world a - dore his sa - cred name.



till all the world a - dore his sa - cred name.



1 Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our Sav - ior trod,

2 All new - born ser - vants of the Cru - ci - fied

3 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,

4 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:



the Lamb vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.

bear on their brow the seal of Christ who died.

your death has brought us life e - ter - nal - ly.

praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry.



Offering Reminder

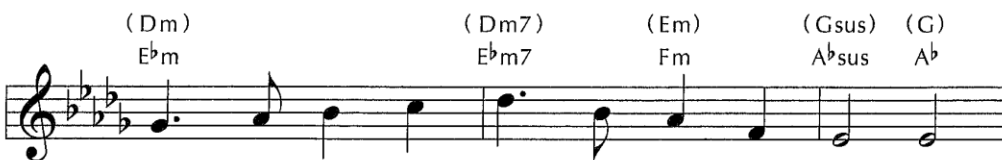
Joys and Concerns

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.

Hymn "Joyful Is the Dark"



1 Joy - ful is the dark, ho - ly, hid - den God,  
 2 Joy - ful is the dark Spir - it of the deep,  
 3 Joy - ful is the dark, shad - owed sta - ble floor;  
 4 Joy - ful is the dark cool - ness of the tomb,  
 5 Joy - ful is the dark depth of love di - vine,



roll - ing cloud of night be - yond all nam - ing:  
 wing - ing wild - ly o'er the world's cre - a - tion,  
 an - gels flick - er, God on earth con - fess - ing,  
 wait - ing for the won - der of the morn - ing;  
 roar - ing, loom - ing thun - der - cloud of glo - ry,



maj - es - ty in dark - ness, en - er - gy of love,  
 silk - en sheen of mid - night plum - age black and bright,  
 as with ex - ul - ta - tion, Mar - y, giv - ing birth,  
 nev - er was that mid - night touched by dread and gloom:  
 ho - ly, haunt - ing beau - ty, liv - ing, lov - ing God.



Word - in - flesh, the mys - ter - y pro - claim - ing.  
 swoop - ing with the beau - ty of a ra - ven.  
 hails the in - fant cry of need and bless - ing.  
 dark - ness was the cra - dle of the dawn - ing.  
 Hal - le - lu - jah! Sing and tell the sto - ry!

Benediction

Rev. Doug Hagler

Postlude

*“Lift High the Cross”*

arr. Janet Linker

## **MUSIC APPRECIATION SUNDAY**

“Music expresses that which cannot be said”.

That saying hangs in my living room and was admired by some visitors the other day. It then dawned on me that those of us in our congregation each Sunday have been supported, encouraged, humbled and up lifted by our musicians. Imagine what a church service would be like without music. We would not hear the sounds of our organ supporting us in song or providing time of settling before the service or praise at the end of the service. We would miss all the texts we hear, augmented by music and performed by our Praise Team. We would miss the extra messages provided by soloists.

Missing all that music would be difficult but then put it alongside the COVID pandemic and we find that the gift our musicians give us is even more amplified as it provides us even more comfort and joy. Despite all the concerns of the pandemic, our musicians have found a way to consistently provide us with music that expresses that which cannot be said.

Thanks, is not enough for our musicians. Our prayers of thanks and blessing will come closer to being enough.

Signed, Ken Brown on behalf of the congregation.

*Music Director & Organist:* Diane Legnini

*Praise Team Members:*

Leader: Sarah Shulman, (guitar / vocals)

Barb Giebler, (piano / violin / vocals)

Gary Giebler, (bass / guitar / vocals)

Lew Osterhoudt, (guitar / vocals)

Cathy Walker, (vocals / violin)

Doug Walker, (bass / sound board)

*Music Specialists:* Rebecca Barkley, (piano / organ/piano duets)

Paulette Mark, (soloist on anthems during Advent and Christmas)

## **May 20<sup>th</sup>, 7pm Vigil Downtown**

As some of you know, Pastor Doug has been leading and helping to organize vigils on the first Thursday and third Thursday of each month since July of last year. Now that he is vaccinated, he will be leading the in-person vigil on the third Thursday of May in downtown Phoenixville. You are invited to join Pastor Doug and members of our community for a peaceful vigil in solidarity with BLM on May 20<sup>th</sup> from 7pm to 7:30pm. We will meet at the corner of Main and Bridge Streets. Feel free to contact Pastor Doug for more information or with any questions.

## **Pentecost Sunday Chili Fest**

Save the Date – May 23<sup>rd</sup>! Our Chili Fest returns this year as a drive-by pickup.

- Pickup will be in the church lot from 5-5:30 PM
- Chili orders will be individually wrapped/packaged
- Mac & Cheese will be available for the kids
- Orders will be by the serving
- We will accept a donation in the amount you wish to give

Further information to follow.

Save The Date...**Monday, May 17<sup>th</sup>**

## **Moe's Southwest Grill ... "TACO TAX DAY"!!!**

Once again, Moe's will be bringing delicious meals to our church parking lot for you to pick up and enjoy as you benefit our church.

The Meal Kits feed 4-6, comes with all the fixings to make up to 12 tacos, and are \$36.99 (+tax). The church will receive \$5 for each order.

Choose from chicken, ground beef, ½ chicken and ½ ground beef, or vegetarian. Check out the photo below for all that is included!

How to Order:

1. Place your order by **10:00am on Monday, May 17<sup>th</sup>**. Fill out this form to submit your order. <https://form.jotform.com/211153760154144>
2. Pick up will be at First Pres of Phoenixville (in the parking lot) **between 5:30-6:00pm on Monday, May 17<sup>th</sup>**. When picking up your order, just stay in your vehicle, give us your name, we will bring your order right to your vehicle and you are on your way. See you on Monday, May 17<sup>th</sup>.

## **Prayer Requests**

**Joys:** Our musicians, vocalists and music staff

**Concerns:** John McCay; The Jarrell family



## **Prayer Chain & Prayer Requests**

To request prayers, you can fill out a card in the worship service, drop a note off in the church office or email Amy at [fpcprayerchain1@gmail.com](mailto:fpcprayerchain1@gmail.com) and members will be lifting you up in prayer. You may also call Sue Smith at [\(610\) 933-8816](tel:6109338816) and she will forward your requests on to Amy. Anyone interested in being a Prayer Warrior should email Amy.

## **Speaking Out Against Hunger and Poverty**



On Wednesday, May 26, at 7:30 p.m., we will come together as a congregation to participate in the 2021 Bread for the World Offering of Letters. This event will take place on Zoom, as part of the regular Wednesday evening gatherings that have occurred over the past year. As a group, we will first review some information about the state of hunger and poverty in the U. S. and worldwide. Then, we will – on the spot – compose letters to send to our elected federal representatives (in the Senate and House of Representatives). When completed, the letters can be either emailed or USPS mailed the old-fashioned way (better yet ... both!).

Though we have skipped a few years, this will be the 14th year that our congregation has participated in this important letter-writing campaign. That's an impressive demonstration of our continuing advocacy on behalf of poor and hungry families in the U.S. and around the world!

With our letters, we will encourage representatives in Congress to protect important programs like SNAP and tax credits for low-income families. We will also encourage them to increase U.S. leadership and funding for global nutrition programs. These goals are particularly important this year, given the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on families and workers. At our gathering on May 26, background information and sample letters will be provided for all these issues. Stay tuned for more information. But in the meantime, place May 26, 7:30 p.m., on your calendar!

- Jeff McLaughlin, on behalf of the MAC Committee

## **Parking Lot Attendants Needed**

'Tis the season of nicer weather with more restaurants and shops opening up on Bridge Street causing our parking lot to be in high demand. The Stewardship Committee is looking for volunteers to collect parking donations on Friday and Saturday nights from 5:00pm – 8:00pm.

If you would like to help, please contact Pam Bodam at: 610-496-1933.

Gloves and masks will be provided. 9.

### **Scrip Gift Card Orders**

We will be placing orders for gift cards every other Wednesday (May 12 & May 26). If you would like to place an order, please call Lynne Williams at 610-415-1581 (home) or 610-955-4749 (cell).

You may mail your check to Lynne or drop it off at her home, (14 Schofield Road, Phoenixville, PA 19460). We will complete the order forms for you.

Orders and checks must be received by the day before the orders are placed (May 11 & May 25). Please make checks payable to "First Presbyterian Church DR". Thank you...Thank you for continuing to support this program!

### **Upcoming Scripture Readings**

May 23<sup>rd</sup>: Ezekiel 37:1-14; Acts 2:1-21

May 30<sup>th</sup>: Isaiah 6:1-8; Romans 8:12-17

### **Joys and Concerns Live**

Join Pastor Doug virtually on Sundays at 11:45 a.m. to share some happiness, heartache, or anything in between and lift up each other in spirit. Join Zoom meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87345268002>

Meeting ID: 873 4526 8002 One tap mobile +13017158592

### **Book Club**

The **Antiracism Book Club's** next meeting will be on Sunday, May 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM. The group will discuss the book entitled "Black Radical: The Life and Times of William Monroe Trotter". All are welcome to [Zoom](#) in to learn, listen, and chat.

### **On-Line Giving**

There is a new feature on the FPC website! Check out the **DONATE** button on the [home page](#). On-line giving is really convenient now. Simply click the button, enter an amount on the Faithlife page, and then click the Next button to finish the process. Thanks for your support!

### **This Week in the Life of the Church**

**Sunday, May 16<sup>th</sup>** *Music Appreciation Sunday*

11:45 a.m. Joys & Concerns via Zoom link

7:00 p.m. Antiracism Book Club via Zoom link

**Monday, May 17<sup>th</sup>**

5:30 p.m. Moe's Taco Tax Day Fundraiser (parking lot pick up)

**Tuesday, May 18<sup>th</sup>**

6:00 p.m. Church staff meeting via Zoom link

7:15 p.m. Christian Education Committee meeting via Zoom link

**Wednesday, May 19<sup>th</sup>** No events scheduled.

**Thursday, May 20<sup>th</sup>**

10:00 a.m. Food ministry (kitchen)

1:00 p.m. Women, Infants & Children (back parking lot & fellowship hall)

7:00 p.m. In person vigil in solidarity with BLM (Main & Bridge Streets)

**Friday, May 21<sup>st</sup>** No events scheduled.

**Saturday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>** No events scheduled.

**Sunday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>** *Day of Pentecost - Communion*

8:30 a.m. Bible Study class via Zoom link

9:00 a.m. WORSHIP SERVICE – In person, outdoors on the church lawn

10:30 a.m. WORSHIP SERVICE – via Youtube channel

11:45 a.m. Joys & Concerns via Zoom link

5:00 p.m. Chili Fest (parking lot pick up)

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