

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 9, 2021

10:50 AM



Welcome back to Worship at Spring Branch Presbyterian Church! Please enter through the Breezeway Narthex doors and follow the instructions of the Greeters and Ushers.

** Those who are able please stand*

Gathering in God's Name

PRELUDE

WELCOME

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: See what love has been given to us, that we should be called children of God.

People: By this we know love, that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh, and lived and died, that God's love might be made plain among us.

Leader: Therefore, beloved, let us not love in word or in speech, but in deed and in truth.

People: Because we love one another, we know that we have passed from death into life.

ALL: This is the victory that overcomes the world, through Jesus our risen Christ. Let us worship God. Amen.

HYMN

"Spirit of the Living God"

(In lieu of Congregational singing, our Socially Distant Choir has pre-recorded our Hymns for this morning. You are invited to ponder the text as the images as shown on the screens.)

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

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Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Preparing for the Word

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Leader: Our God is gracious and forgives the penitent heart. He forgives us of all of our sins, so let us, therefore, give our burdens to our risen Lord:

CONFESSION OF SIN *(unison)*

Loving and merciful One, we thank you for the community in which you have placed us, for the brothers and sisters with whom we walk this pilgrim journey. Yet, we confess that we fail to love as you love. We push aside those whom we believe are the least in your Kingdom. We fail to see your Kingdom in parables because we fail to see your Kingdom in each other. Form in us a new vision of community in which there is neither East nor West, neither South nor North. We pray for the sake of your Kingdom that both is and is not yet. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON *(Acts 17, John 14)*

Leader: Because Jesus Christ is in us, and we in him, his peace is a powerful gift that we may share with others. Pass the blessing of this peace to your brothers and sisters in Christ and to all the children of God.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Hearing the Word

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

Pastor Kevin

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION *(unison)*

O God, from whom all good things come, grant that, by your inspiration, we may discern what is right, and by your merciful guiding may do it; through Jesus Christ who is alive with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

ANTHEM

"O Love"

O Love, O Love, O Love, that will not let me go, O Love, I rest my weary soul in Thee;
I give thee back the life I owe, That in thy ocean depths its flow may richer, fuller be.

O Joy, O Joy, O Joy, that seeks me through the pain, O Joy, I cannot close my heart to thee;
I trace the rainbow through the rain, and feel the promise is not vain
That morn shall tearless be
That morn shall tearless be
That morn shall tearless be.

O Love, O Love, O Love, that will not let me go,
O Love, I rest my weary soul in thee;
I give thee back the life I owe
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and in thy ocean depths its flow shall richer, fuller be.
That morn shall tearless be.

O Love, O Love, O Love, O Love, O Love, O Love,
That will not let me go.
O Love, that will not let me go.

HYMN OF REFLECTION

"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit; O what needless pain we bear,
All because we do not carry everything to God in prayer!

Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged; take it to the Lord in prayer!
Can we find a friend so faithful who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness; take it to the Lord in prayer!

Are we weak and heavy laden; cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge; take it to the Lord in prayer!
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer!
In his arms he'll take and shield thee; thou wilt find a solace there.

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 15:9-17

Red Pew Bible NT 109

SERMON

"Are YOU Having Fun Yet?"

Rev. Dr. Kevin R. Boyd

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

Responding to the Word

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (*unison*)

(*The Apostles' Creed*)

I Believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into Hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God, the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

A TIME OF GIVING

Contributions may be placed in the wooden offering box in the Narthex on your way out, or you can give online at www.springbranchpres.org/give.

SHARING OF PRAYER CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER AND 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.

Departing to Serve

HYMN

"Blest Be the Tie That Binds"

Blest be the tie that binds
Our hearts in Christian love.
The fellowship of kindred of minds
Is like to that above. Amen.

CALLED CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Leader: Go now, and bear fruit for God, fruit that will last. As Christ has loved you, so love one another, and abide always in God's love, that your joy may be complete.

People: **And may God give you all you ask for in Christ's name; May Christ Jesus reveal to you God's ways and call you his friends; And may the Holy Spirit confirm the truth within you and make your joy complete.**

Leader: We go in peace to love and serve the Lord,

People: **In the joy and in the name of Christ. Amen.**

POSTLUDE

Thank you for joining us for Worship this morning! Please wait for the Ushers to dismiss you by row.

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Calendar of Events

May 9 — Sunday

Mother's Day

9:30 am Explorers (FH)
9:30 am Saints Under Construction (CR)
9:30 am Virtual Sunday School (Zoom)
10:50 am Worship
12:00 pm Called Congregational Meeting

May 10 — Monday

5:00 pm Academy Board Meeting
6:00 pm Yoga (GP 1)
7:30 pm Boy Scouts (Scout Hut & GP)

May 11 — Tuesday

10:00 am Flexercise (GP)
11:00 am Pastor's Bible Study (Zoom)

May 12 — Wednesday

9:30 am PW Circle (Sarah Dikeman's House)
6:00 pm Drive-Thru WNS: Kevin's Chicken!

May 13 — Thursday

10:00 am Flexercise (GP)
6:00 pm Yoga (GP 1)
6:30 pm Mission Team Meeting (GP)

May 15 — Saturday

8:00 am Presbyterian Men (CR)

May 16 — Sunday

9:30 am Explorers (FH)
9:30 am Saints Under Construction (CR)
9:30 am Virtual Sunday School (Zoom)
10:50 am Worship

May 17 — Monday

6:00 pm Yoga (GP 1)
7:00 pm Horizon's Bible Study on Zoom
7:00 pm Property Meeting (Zoom)
7:30 pm Boy Scouts (Scout Hut & GP)

May 18 — Tuesday

10:00 am Flexercise (GP)
11:00 am Pastor's Bible Study (Zoom)

May 20 — Thursday

PresPress Articles Due

10:00 am Flexercise (GP)
6:00 pm Yoga (GP 1)

May 22 — Saturday

11:00 am Hot Meals



Announcements & Events

There will be a brief Called Congregational Meeting immediately following Worship today. The purpose of the meeting is to elect the 2021 Nominating Committee (from the Session: Kay Craig & Lu Taylor, from the Congregation: Sarah Dikeman, Donald McDaniel, and Marguerite Priest). If you are attending Worship virtually, please join the Zoom meeting using the invite that was sent to your email address. The YouTube Live Stream will conclude prior to the meeting beginning.

You are invited to attend Pastor's Bible Study with Kevin. The group gathers at 11:00am on Zoom on Tuesday mornings. Watch your email for instructions to join. We hope to see you there!

Please join us for our last Drive-Thru Wednesday Night Supper of the school year, this Wednesday, May 12th at 6:00 PM. On the menu is Kevin's Chicken, Corn Salad, Baked Beans, Bread, and Cobbler. Please contact secretary@springbranchpres.org to place your dinner order.

The PW Day Circle will meet on Wednesday, May 12th at 9:30 AM at Sarah Dikeman's House to discuss Lesson 9 of *Into the Light*. **The Evening Bible Study** will meet on Monday, May 17th at 7:00 PM via Zoom. Please contact Carol Davis at caroldavis@entouch.net to receive a Zoom invitation for both studies. The Lesson 9 video can be viewed at www.springbranchpres.org/adult-education/presbyterian-women/into-the-light.

The Day Circle will meet in person at Sarah Dikeman's (11414 South Chestwood) for Bible Study and lunch. There will be (hopefully) zoom meeting of the study at the same time. If you are not comfortable with returning in-person, please let Carol Davis know to send you an invitation. A couple of members have volunteered to bring their laptops to host it on Zoom. For those participating in lunch, salad greens, crackers and dessert will be provided. We ask everyone to bring something to add to the salad. If you are uncomfortable with having salad lunch this way, feel free to bring your own lunch. Weather permitting, we will be outside on the patio.



& drinks will be provided.

You may bring some lawn games if you wish.

If the weather does not cooperate, we will be in the fellowship hall.

Join us after **Pentecost Worship** on May 23 for a picnic lunch.

We will be socially distancing.

You may bring a blanket or lawn chairs. Some will be provided.

Sandwiches, salads, chips, desserts





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The Session

Clerk: Elizabeth Powell

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Serving today in Worship:

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