

Gregory Memorial Presbyterian Church



6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 22, 2022 – 11:00 a.m.

We welcome you to worship with us this morning, as we gather in community to draw closer to God, made known in Christ. We pray you will know the presence of the Lord, through our worship, and through the work of the Spirit. We invite you to take these moments before worship to calm your hearts and minds and open yourself to the quiet stillness of God's presence!

Prelude

Sandra Perkins, Organist
Gail Rollings, Pianist

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome & Announcements

Rose Scott

**Passing of the Peace /
Sharing of Joys & Concerns**

Rev. Andy Meyers
Guest Preacher

Call to Worship [Pastor]

*** Opening Hymn #634 "To God Be the Glory"**

Call to Confession [*Pastor*]

Friends, if we say we have no sin, then we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sin, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sin and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. So in faith, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

Prayer of Confession [*In unison*]

Merciful God, we think we know the way. We think we know how things should be done, how success will come, how peace in our lives and in our world will be achieved. We think it will happen our way. And yet in following our way we have neglected your ways: we have not loved you with all our being, and we have not loved our neighbor as ourselves. Forgive our pride, our selfishness, our greed, our ignorance, and our callousness. Remind us of your grace and how it envelops us and the world you created. Make us a new people, one that witnesses to this same grace through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.

(A time for silent prayer of confession.)

Assurance of Pardon [*Responsive, led by Pastor*]

One: Brothers and Sisters, hear the Good News! Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ.

All: And Christ died for us; Christ rose for us; Christ reigns in power for us; Christ prays for us.

One: Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation, the old life has gone and a new life has begun.

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Thanks be to God!

***Congregational Response Hymn #581 "Glory Be to the Father"**

Prayer for Illumination [*Pastor*]

Come among us, O Holy Spirit, that in the reading of this Scripture our ears, our minds, and our spirits may be open to the Word for us today. Amen.

Scriptural Readings

Old Testament: Psalm 67 p. 460

New Testament: John 5:1-9 p. 866

Sermon: "Listening for the Right Question" Rev. Andy Meyers

Affirmation of Faith [In unison]

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.

Call for the Offering [Pastor]

We acknowledge we are called to love God and neighbor with all we have, including that which is gifted to us by God. So let us now give our tithes and our offerings.

Offering, Offertory

*** Doxology Hymn #606 "Praise God from Whom
All Blessings Flow"**

Prayer of Dedication [In unison]

Gracious God, all that we have is a gift from you. Take these gifts that we give and use them for your service, that others might be fed in body and in spirit. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

Prayers of the People, concluding with Lord's Prayer

[Pastor offers prayers, each prayer ending with:]

One: Lord in your mercy...

All: Hear our prayer.

***Departing Hymn #835 "Just a Closer Walk with Thee"**

Charge & Benediction [Pastor]

***Postlude**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We welcome Rev. Andy Meyers back to our pulpit today!

Session Meeting: Today, after worship service, moderated by Rev. Andy Meyers.

Pulpit line-up for May:

May 1: Rev. Marvin Daniel

May 8: "Mother's Day" - Doug Walters, Camp Hanover

May 15: "Scouts Sunday" – Worship service by BSA Troop 900

May 22: Rev. Andy Meyers

May 29: Rev. Sylvester H. Bullock

Newsletter articles needed! If you have an article you'd like to share, please leave it in Nancy's office door mailbox, or, send it to the church office by email: **office@gregorymemorial.org**

Resource: THE HOLY BIBLE, (NRSV) © 1989 by Div. of Christian Education of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America, All rights reserved. Published by Zondervan Corp., LLC.

Resource: Hymns from GLORY TO GOD, THE PRESBYTERIAN HYMNAL, 2013 Westminster John Knox Press; public domain.

Resource: "Apostles' Creed", BOOK OF ORDER, PC (USA)

GREGORY MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Pastor: As announced

Secretary: Nancy Adams (office@gregorymemorial.org)

Organist: Sandra Perkins Pianist: Gail Rollings

Treasurer: Kevin Foster Financial Sec.: Sandy Hunter

Session Members

*(Term = 3 yrs.; * indicates a partial term)*

Mary Holc (2022); Sandy Hunter (2022); Charles Smyth (2022)

Lisa Brown (2023); Donald Hunter (2023); William Shill* (2023)

Rose Scott (2024); David L. Johnson* (2024); Susan Shockley (2024)

Donald Hunter (Clerk of Session - 2022)

Trustees

Ron Recher (2022); Gail Rollings (2023); Donald Hunter (2024)

THESE TWO WEEKS AT GREGORY

	6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER	22	7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER	29
S	9:30a Sunday School 11a Worship ➤ 5 Cents Meal Offering *Guest preacher: Rev. Andy Meyers 12p Session Meeting Moderator: Rev. Andy Meyers		9:30a Sunday School 10:15a 5 th Sunday Fellowship B'fast 11a Worship ➤ Local Emergency Aid Offering *Guest preacher: Rev. Sylvester H. Bullock	
M		23	MEMORIAL DAY	30
T		24	2p Cmte. Reports due 6p GSA Tr5000 (Fellowship Hall Reception Area, Kitchen, Meeting/Dining Rm).	31
W		25	JUNE	1
T	6a Church cleaning 2p Newsletter out	26	6a Church cleaning	2
F		27		3
S		28		4

ATTENDANCE:

WORSHIP

SUNDAY SCHOOL

	M	V	M	V
May 1, 2022	16	7	5	
May 8, 2022	24	7	8	
May 15, 2022	17	48	5	
May 22, 2022				
May 29, 2022				

M=Members

V=Visitors

OUR PRAYERS & CONCERNS

Amy Townson, Josh Ingram's sister
Becky Scott Smith
Russell Heiser, Ingrid Phoenix's grandson (health issues)
Butch Meade, Glenda Mayhew's brother
Verne & Clara Smith
Peggy Allen
Eddie Frankenstein
Grace Cibula
Etta Holc
Jerry Hasky (health issue)
Lee Harsh, Valerie Harsh's brother-in-law (health issue)
Sandra Elder, Kelly Knupp's mother (health issues)
Jennifer Caldwell, friend of Grace Cibula (health issue)
Reese Etheridge, Wayne Powers' uncle (health issue)
Dana Etheridge, Wayne Powers' cousin (health issue)
Randy Warthan (health issue)
Inez Paul, Mary Holc's mother (health issue, rehab)
Floyd M. Brown, Sr. (health issues)
Traci Wells, Glenda Mayhew's friend (health issue)
Larry Brown of Chesterfield, Larry Johnson's friend (health issue)
Billy Hudson, friend of Dianna Lykins Flaherty, Mary Lykins'
daughter
Renee' Renier, Diana Flaherty's long-time friend (health issue)
Shirley MacNeill (health issue)
Emily Henry, Mary Holc's sister (health issue)
Charlie Perkins (surgery, health issue)
Jim & Karen Hamilton, Judy Recher's nephew & niece
(injured, vehicular accident)
Ron Recher (Covid pneumonia, Southside RMC)

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Hymns for Worship Service – May 22, 2022 (6th Sunday of Easter)

Resource: Hymns from GLORY TO GOD, THE PRESBYTERIAN HYMNAL, 2013
Westminster John Knox Press; public domain.

Hymn #634 – "To God Be the Glory"

- 1) To God be the glory; great things he has done! So loved he the world that he gave us his Son, who yielded his life an atonement for sin, and opened the lifegate that all may go in.

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the earth hear his voice! Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the people rejoice! O come to the Father through Jesus the Son, and give him the glory: great things he has done!

- 2) Great things he has taught us; great things he has gone, and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son; but purer and higher and greater will be our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see.

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the earth hear his voice! Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the people rejoice! O come to the Father through Jesus the Son, and give him the glory: great things he has done!

TEXT: Fanny Jane Crosby; 1875; public domain.

MUSIC: William Howard Doane, 1875; public domain.

HYMN #835 "Just a Closer Walk with Thee"

- 1) I am weak, but thou art strong; Jesus, keep me from all wrong; I'll be satisfied as long as I walk, let me walk close to thee. *Just a closer walk with thee, grant it, Jesus, is my plea, daily walking close to thee: let it be, dear Lord, let it be.*
- 2) Through this world of toil and snares, if I falter, Lord, who cares? Who with me my burden shares? None but thee, dear Lord, none but thee. *Just a closer walk with thee, grant it, Jesus, is my plea, daily walking close to thee: let it be, dear Lord, let it be.*
- 3) When my feeble life is o'er, time for me will be no more; guide me gently, safely o'er to thy shore, dear Lord, to thy shore. *Just a closer walk with thee, grant it, Jesus, is my plea, daily walking close to thee: let it be, dear Lord, let it be.*

TEXT and MUSIC: Trad. North American hymn; public domain.