**Celebration in Worship**
**Third Sunday in Easter & Anniversary Sunday**

**May 5, 2019**

We believe the words of Jesus reflect the heart of the Divine:

 “I will never turn away anyone who comes to me.”

John 6:37

**GATHERING AROUND THE WORD**

**PRAYER OF PREPARATION**

    O God our help in ages past, our hope for years to come… grant us this day our daily bread and a chance to draw near to you. We your servants seek nourishment not for its own sake but for the sake of Christ and his ongoing ministry in the world. Receive our worship and empower our ministries of care, inquiry, and inclusion.

**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS***(Responsive)*

    The Lord be with you.

        **And also with you.**

*Visitors, friends, members, welcome to worship! We are glad you are here. Please feel free to participate in ways that you feel led, and comfortable if you would just like to observe. We welcome your presence and invite you to join in the Fellowship Hall after the worship service.*

**CALL TO WORSHIP** *(Responsive)* Barbara Cookson

 One:Now is the time to sing! To sing the good news of God:
 **All: who awakens us with dawn’s embrace,** **who surrounds us with joy and life.**
 One:Now is the time to offer praise to God, in every place, with every voice:
 **All: to rejoice in the One who leads us through each moment** **with a gentle hand and a word of hope.**
 One:Now is the time to join all creation in extolling God, from the depths of the sea to the farthest galaxies:

 **All: We will sing the good news of Easter!** **We will rejoice in the God who loves us.**

**\*HYMN 305                    *Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!****Glory to God Hymnal*

**CALL TO CONFESSION***(Leader)*

 This is a time of celebration, remembrance, and hope for the future. Yet we are mindful that it is not because we have been entirely faithful that the gospel has found success in our ministry. It is because God has been faithful! There is comfort and courage in knowing that the ministry of our church does not depend on our perfection but on what God can do with our willing service. In confessing our sin, we are assuring God of our continued love and willingness to follow in faith.

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**  *(Unison)*

 **Now that Easter Sunday feels like a distant memory, Holy One, we no longer hear the *Alleluias* and special music ringing in our ears but listen instead to temptation’s familiar refrains. We no longer walk those straight paths of joy and wonder but wander the crooked streets to our old haunts. Rather than living in the newness you bring, we do things the way they have always been done.** **Fortunately, God of seaside breakfasts, you know the way out of our messy lives, and so take us by the hand to lead us. You wipe our busy schedules off our calendars so we may spend more time with those who need our love and attention. You challenge us to fish from the other side of our worries, so we may pull in all the grace, wonder, and mercy offered to us by Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.** **Open our hearts to accept your invitation to be all of who you have called us to be.**

*A time of silent prayer is observed*

**PROCLAIMING THE WORD**

**ASSURANCE** *(adapted from the Confession of 1967, Ecumenical Version)*

    One:     Believe the Good News! God’s love never changes.

 God bore judgment and shameful death in Jesus Christ,

 to bring all people to repentance and new life.

 **All:     This new life takes shape in a community in which people know**

 **that God loves and accepts them in spite of what they are.**

 **They therefore accept themselves and love others,**

 **knowing that no one has any ground on which to stand, except God’s grace. May we live today and always with such confidence in divine grace.**

 One: Hear and believe, in Jesus Christ we are forgiven and offered new life!

 **All: Alleluia! Amen!**

**SUNG RESPONSE 582 *Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me*** *Glory to God Hymnal*

**PASSING THE PEACE**  ***(Responsive)***

*As an extension of God’s hospitality, let us greet one another with the sign of God’s peace.*

The Peace of Christ be with you

**And also with you.**

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

**ANTHEM**

**SCRIPTURE LESSONS       Psalm 30**

 **John 21:1-19**

**SERMON *What Next?*** Jennifer Martin, Teaching Elder

**RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

**\*HYMN         *Peter Said, “I’m Going Fishing”*** (see page 6 of bulletin)

**THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER**

All, including children, are invited to the Lord’s Table.

We come to this Table because we are invited and not because we have any worthiness of our own

that gives us a right to come. So join the community of faith as we join our Lord in this celebration of life.

 **INVITATION TO THE TABLE**

 **THE CALL TO PRAYER***(Responsive)*

 One: May the God of morning joy be with you!
 **All: May the God of gracious moments be with you!**
 One: Lift your hearts to God, children of love and hope!
 **All: We offer them to the One who fills us with life!**
 One: Let us sing glad praises to our God!
 **All: Our voices join all creation in glad songs!**

**GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND THE LORD’S PRAYER***(Unison)*

**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.**

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

*The Homebound Communion basket represents the extension of the Lord’s Supper from this gathered community to our homebound members through the ministry of our deacons. May we continue to remember the faithful service of all the saints of the church.*

 **SHARING OF THE BREAD AND THE CUP**

 **MUSIC FOR MEDITATION**

**\*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION  *(Unison)***

 **Gracious God of bread and cup, we pray that your love, grace and mercy shared today in this community will nurture and sustain us for the work ahead. Live within us that we may go from here with the light of hope in our eyes, the fire of inspiration in our hearts, and the creative power of your Word on our lips. Amen.**

**THE REPORT OF THE ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE**Jane Rimerman

**AN INVITATION TO OFFERING**  *(Leader)*

 We have been blessed with both resources and a generous heart and spirit. Our work over the years has built new ministries of hope. But God is not done with us yet. May our generosity today continue to glorify God as we reach out into a world that is in need of God’s grace and mercy. Let us bless this ministry with our giving.

**OFFERTORY**

**\*DOXOLOGY***(Unison)*

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;    Praise God, the source of all our gifts!**

**Praise God, all creatures here below:        Praise Christ, whose mighty power uplifts!**

**Alleluia! Alleluia!                Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!**

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION***(Leader)*

 God of the ages, you have blessed the church and the world through the stewardship of many generations. We offer these gifts today as a part of that long legacy. May our Anniversary Offering support the inclusion of those faithful stewards who do not drive in the worship and life of the church. May our pledges and offerings support the work of our church today. May the arrangements we have made for planned estate giving bless the work of this church in the years to come. To the glory of God and the common good, we present our gifts. Amen.

**\*CLOSING HYMN 295       *Go to the World!***           *Glory to God Hymnal*

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

**About Anniversary Sunday**

Anniversary Sunday celebrates the beginnings of what is now Central Presbyterian Church.  On May 5th, 1855 Rev. Robert Robe organized the First Presbyterian Church of Eugene City. In 1906 there was a reunion of the PCUSA and the Cumberland Presbyterian Church in the United States.  The congregations of First Presbyterian and Morrow Congregation were merged becoming Central Presbyterian Church. This is the 164th Anniversary of our ministry in Eugene. Today, as an expression of our care for older adults, we collect our annual Anniversary Offering that supports our transportation ministry. This is its 11th anniversary. Jane Rimerman will be speaking today about this ministry, as well as giving some information about our endowment. May God continue to bless and guide us as the ministry of this community of faith continues.