

Boulevard Presbyterian Church

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Service of Worship

May 15, 2022, 10:00

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Praise the Lord, all the earth!

**People: Praise the Lord from the heavens;
Praise God on the heights.**

Leader: Praise God's name,

**People: for people near and far,
for people present and people yet to come,
for the young and for those wise with age.**

Leader: Come, let us praise the Lord;
come let us worship God.

*HYMN 14

"For the Beauty of the Earth"

*OFFERING OUR BROKENNESS TO GOD

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

People: Holy God, you call us to love one another, yet we hold grudges and refuse to work for peace. You command us to care for all of creation, yet we neglect the earth and abuse nature through carelessness. You invite us to walk in the way of Jesus, yet we too often walk in our own way.

Forgive us, O God. Guide us as we work toward a new heaven here on earth. Lead us to reconciliation and a vision for your beloved community, as we share your love with your people everywhere. *(time for silent prayers of confession)* **Amen.**

*ASSURANCE OF GOD'S PARDON AND GOD'S PEACE

Leader: Believe the good news: Jesus loves us and set us free. Know that you are forgiven, and be at peace.

People: Thanks be to God!

Leader: May the peace of God be with you.

People: And also with you.

*RESPONSE 587

“Celtic Alleluia”

Al-le-luia! Al-le-luia! Al-le-leuia! Al-le-luia!

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 13:31-35

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Acts 11:1-18

MEDITATION

“Who Are We to Stand in God’s Way?”

Rev. Charlotte O’Neil

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

*RESPONSE 609

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures high and low. Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise God, in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word and Spirit one.
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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.

*COMMUNION HYMN 501

“Feed Us, Lord

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

Invitation to the Table

The Great Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Leader: It is truly right and our greatest joy ...
... Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with the celestial choirs and
with the faithful of every time and place who forever sing to the glory of your
name:

**All: Holy, holy, holy, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Communion

Prayer After Communion

*CLOSING HYMN “My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout”

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE

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CALENDAR

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Sunday, May 15

Fifth Sunday of Easter -

10:00am Worship: Sanctuary In-person & live-streamed on Facebook

11:00am Adult Education: Chapel

11:00am Children's Classes: 3rd Floor

4:30pm YWCA Dinner Delivery

Monday, May 16

6:30pm Scouts BSA: Fellowship Hall

7:00pm Finance Committee

Tuesday, May 17

7:30pm AA: Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, May 18

9:30am Quilters: Room 111

6:00pm Nominating Comm.

7:30pm NA: Rm 111

Thursday, May 19

7:00pm No Choir Rehearsal

7:30pm GA: Rm 111

Friday, May 20

Saturday, May 21

Sunday, May 22

10:00am Worship: Sanctuary In-person & live-streamed on Facebook

11:00am Adult Class: Chapel

11:00am Children's Classes: 3rd Floor

SAVE THE DATES

PANCAKES!

June 12, 2022 11:00am - Fellowship Hall

Please join us for a flipping fun time. **Katie's Pancakes** will be here for a pancake breakfast.

Come catch some!

SAVE THE DATE! - VBS

Vacation Bible School will happen at Boulevard Church on Sunday, July 10 through Wednesday July 13 from 5:30 pm - 8:00pm. As in the past, dinner will be served at 5:30 followed by our lesson program beginning at 6:00.

Further details and registration will be coming in the next few weeks. Volunteers are also needed.

Attendance

Sunday, May 1, 2022: 46

PRAYERS OF JOY AND CONCERN

Debbie Bell as she continues to support her sister Judi who is receiving chemotherapy.
Molly Hughes, just diagnosed with aggressive form of breast cancer, and for her mother Bridget and family (friends of Leah Hanesworth).
Charmaine Hamilton's sister Shelley, recovering from foot surgery.
Kyme Rennick's brother, Rob, is home and receiving chemotherapy.
Judy—receiving treatments for cancer, prayers for strength (Jody Huggins' good friend).
Amelia Hamilton – Friedreich's Ataxia (Charmaine and Mike Hamilton's granddaughter).
Devon – breast cancer (friend of Sue and Tim Harvey).
Craig and Gail, his wife – Craig has stage 4 cancer (friends of Lamar and Sandy Zigler).
John Odum – John has Parkinson's (Bonnie Grimm's cousin's husband).
Tom Neff (Sally Neff's son)
David Reynolds – aortic aneurism (Pat Nicholson's great-nephew).
Jim Treadway – stage 4 colon cancer; chemotherapy (Jim and Kathie Bailey's nephew).
Terri Randal – cancer has recurred (Bill Bell's friend).
Karla Holton – treatment for lung cancer (Charmaine Hamilton's friend).
Spencer Schalip – medical concerns (Charmaine Hamilton's brother).
Tim Parks – Parkinson's disease (Jim Parks' son and Grace Parks' brother).
Terry McFadden – Allen Oakwood Correctional.
Jerry Braun – cancer (Mike McKinney's brother-in-law).
Tim McLane – health issues (Mikie Bowles' brother).

Prayers for Our Special Care List

Glenn and Sara Beaber – Willow Brook
Helen Hoehl – memory care, Hilton Head Island, SC
Norma Kibbey – Westminster-Thurber Assisted Living
Brita Knapp – at home
Paul McCalla – Westminster-Thurber Assisted Living
Jim Parks – at home
Betty Sikking – at home

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Education Opportunities for Adults and Youth!

Faith Development is offering a 4 week series on Mission. The first two weeks focused on a book entitled, *Freeing Congregational Mission**, based on a recent Zoom event held for everyone in our Presbytery. As we, at Boulevard, deal with a smaller post-COVID congregation and as we prepare for our new pastor, it is important that our monies and actions for mission are well-used and effective. It is equally important that all of our members, not just a few, have a voice in our path forward. With that in mind we hope that you all will come and join the conversation from 11am-12noon after worshipping.

May 15 Meet the Riverview International Center

Our mission focus for the month of May is the Riverview International Center. The Center was brought to the attention of Boulevard via a request last fall from Barb Frautschi to the Endowment Fund Committee, and they subsequently received a donation from us. Their work is mainly with immigrants who have received their status through the Diversity Immigrant Visa Program which makes up to 50,000 immigrant visas available each year drawn by a random selection of eligible individuals from countries with low rates of immigration to the United States. Therefore, please join us after the service on Sunday, May 15, as Emelia Sheeley, will be here to tell us more about the RIC and how Boulevard could become more involved with their work. The following is a brief description of the Center sent by Diane.

Riverview International Center (the RIC) was founded in 2015 to help meet the basic needs of immigrants in the Riverview Drive neighborhood. In the last five years it has grown from a drop-in center that served 100 people a few days a week, to an established, ever-growing resource center offering a variety of essential services and programs to hundreds of families. In 2021 more than 630 individuals visited our office apartment over 8000 times! The RIC started welcoming Afghan refugees to the neighbors at the end of 2021 by helping enroll children into school, teach English, find jobs and answer questions about life in America.

If you would like to make a donation to the Center to help with their work, you may place your check in the offering plate or mail it to the office. Please note RIC on the memo line.

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May 22- A video presentation about refugees or immigrants (more specific info to come)

COFFEE HOUR HOSTING

Looking for a way to volunteer? The Deacons have Coffee Hour hosting opportunities.

Sign up for a Sunday, whenever you are available.

Link: <https://tinyurl.com/BPC-Coffee-Hour>

Coffee-Hour

There is also a sign-up sheet in the kitchenette.