

Homecrest Presbyterian Church

Worship of the Lord's Day

May 1st, 2016

6th Sunday of Easter

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

"Take your mat and walk." John 5:8

Gathering Around the WORD

Call To Worship

We have come from different background on various roads to get here.

But we are all here seeking an experience of the holy.

Listen for the promise of God's steadfast love and God's faithfulness.

We are listening for God's call in our lives.

This is the day that the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it.

We have come to worship God.

Gathering Hymn

#341 “O God, Show Mercy to Us”

**O God, show mercy to us,
and bless us with your grace;
and cause to shine upon us
the brightness of your face,
so that your way most holy
on earth may soon be known,
and unto every people
your saving grace be shown.**

Gathering Hymn

#341 “O God, Show Mercy to Us”

***Let all the peoples praise you;
let all the nations sing;
in every land let praises
and songs of gladness ring.***

Gathering Hymn

#341 “O God, Show Mercy to Us”

*For you will judge the peoples
in truth and righteousness,
and on the earth all nations
will your just rule confess.
Let all the peoples praise you;
let all the nations sing.
Then earth in rich abundance
to us its fruit will bring.*

Gathering Hymn

#341 “O God, Show Mercy to Us”

***The Lord our God will bless us; our
God will blessing send,
and all the earth will worship to its
remotest end.***

Gathering Around the WORD

Call to Confession

Our God is in the business of renewal. God strengthens us when we are weak. God lifts us up when we stumble and fall. In humility and faith, let us confess our and reaffirm our faith reconnecting with God in spite of our broken relationships.

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Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Loving God, we confess that we are an anxious people who deny your blessing and fail to keep your Word. Forgive us, we pray, for our selfish thoughts against our neighbors and against you. Rescue us from the path of personal destruction, so that we might live in peace and reflect your love in the world; through Jesus Christ we pray, Amen

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Declaration of Forgiveness

Friends, believe in the Good News that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Christ continues to pray for us and hears our prayers. Receive God's riches and blessings from Heaven. In Jesus Christ's name, we are forgiven. Amen.

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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.***

Gathering Around the WORD

Passing of the Peace of Christ

Proclaiming the WORD

***Message to the Youth/
Prayer of Illumination***

Proclaiming the WORD

Scripture Reading (Acts 16:9-15)

During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." ¹⁰ When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them. ¹¹ We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, ¹² and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days.

Proclaiming the WORD

Scripture Reading (Acts 16:9-15)

¹³ On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. ¹⁴ A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. ¹⁵ When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us.

Proclaiming the WORD

Scripture Reading (John 5:1-9)

After this there was a festival of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. Now in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate there is a pool, called in Hebrew Beth-zatha, which has five porticoes. In these lay many invalids-- blind, lame, and paralyzed. One man was there who had been ill for thirty-eight years.

Proclaiming the WORD

Scripture Reading (John 5:1-9)

When Jesus saw him lying there and knew that he had been there a long time, he said to him, "Do you want to be made well?" The sick man answered him, "Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up; and while I am making my way, someone else steps down ahead of me." Jesus said to him, "Stand up, take your mat and walk.**" At once the man was made well, and he took up his mat and began to walk. Now that day was a sabbath.**



Responding Hymn

738 “O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee”

**O Master, let me walk with thee
in lowly paths of service free;
tell me thy secret; help me bear
the strain of toil, the fret of care.**



Responding Hymn

738 “O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee”

*Help me the slow of heart to move
by some clear, winning word of love;
teach me the wayward feet to stay,
and guide them in the homeward way.*



Responding Hymn

738 “O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee”

*Teach me thy patience, still with thee
in closer, dearer company,
in work that keeps faith sweet and strong,
in trust that triumphs over wrong.*



Responding Hymn

738 “O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee”

*In hope that sends a shining ray
far down the future's broadening way;
in peace that only thou canst give,
with thee, O Master, let me live.*

Responding to the WORD

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.

Bearing and Following the WORD into the World

Announcements &

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

- We will continue our regular afternoon **Bible Study** group, **downstairs in the basement**. We will be beginning a new seven-part series on **Isaiah**.
- The **Women's Group** will be meeting over at the Manse (2048 E 14th Street) every **Wednesday evening @ 7:30pm**. They are currently studying the book of **Esther**. They will also be meeting every other Sunday morning before service at 9:30am over at the Manse for prayers and fellowship. For more information, please see **Margaret Lesman** or **Cara Chin**.
- There will be a **FREE P/SAT Preparation Courses** for Junior High and High School students on **Wednesday-Friday, 5/25-27** from **4-7pm** over at the Manse. Please see flyer for more information.

Bearing and Following the WORD into the World

Prayer of the People & The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven.

Halloweth be thy name.

Thy Kingdom come; Thy will be done

On earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

Forgive us our debts; as we forgive our debtors.

Lead us not into temptations, but deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the Kingdom, the Power, and the Glory forever.

Amen.

Bearing and Following
the WORD into the World
Offering of our Gifts and our Lives

Bearing and Following
the WORD into the World
Doxology and Offertory Prayer

Bearing and Following
the WORD into the World
Holy Communion

Communion Hymn #516

“For the Bread Which You Have Broken”



Communion Hymn

516 "For the Bread which You have Broken"

***For the bread which you have broken,
for the wine which you have poured,
for the words which you have spoken,
now we give you thanks, O Lord.***



Communion Hymn

516 "For the Bread which You have Broken"

***By this promise that you love us,
by your gift of peace restored,
by your call to heaven above us,
hallow all our lives, O Lord.***



Communion Hymn

516 *"For the Bread which You have Broken"*

***With the saints who now adore you
seated at the heavenly board,
may the church still waiting for you
keep love's tie unbroken, Lord.***



Communion Hymn

516 *"For the Bread which You have Broken"*

*In your service, Lord, defend us;
in our hearts keep watch and ward;
in the world to which you send us
let your kingdom come, O Lord.*



Bearing and Following the WORD into the World

Holy Communion

Friends, we gather now as one body, joined around this table of LOVE as we bear witness to our risen LORD Jesus Christ. Here we celebrate God's presence among us, united in Christ's spirit.

This is the table of the Heavenly Feast, the joyful celebration of the people of God. Christ invites those who confess their faith and baptized in Him to eat the bread of life and to drink the cup of the new covenant.



Bearing and Following the WORD into the World Holy Communion

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

O Lord our God, how great are your
works. You've come alive in us
through your body and your spirit.
You've made your presence known
through the breaking of the bread and
feasting in the Kingdom of God.



Bearing and Following the WORD into the World

Holy Communion

By your life-giving Spirit, you have renewed us and re-created us. We've called upon your name and you've heard us. Therefore we join our voices with saints and angels and all the faithful of every time and place singing:

***Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.***

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.



Bearing and Following the WORD into the World Holy Communion

We give you thanks that you have made us one with him as he is one with you and the Holy Spirit.

With thanksgiving, we remember how Jesus took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, this is my body, given for you.

In the same way, he took the cup, saying, this is the new covenant sealed in my blood.

Do this, remembering me.



Bearing and Following the WORD into the World

Holy Communion

***With thanks and praise we offer ourselves to you, O God. Sharing this holy meal, remembering Christ's dying and rising, and praying: Come Lord Jesus!
Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.***

Jesus said, "I am the bread of life. They who come to me shall never hunger; they who believe in me shall never thirst." These are the gift of God for the people of God.



Bearing and Following the WORD into the World ***Holy Communion***

Distribution of the Elements



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Holy Communion

Prayer after Communion

Lord Jesus Christ, fill us with dreams and visions of that great and glorious day when you will come again, and we shall eat and drink with you in the joy of your eternal realm.

Fill us now, O God, abundantly by your grace. Teach us how to serve others, as you have demonstrated to us through your Son Jesus Christ.

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, Almighty God, now and forever, Amen.

Bearing and Following the WORD into the World

Receiving of the Deacons' Benevolence Offering

Giving is Worship

GIVING BACK TO THE ONE WHO FIRST GAVE



Sending Hymn

#265 "Jesus Shall Reign Wherever the Sun"

***Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
does its successive journeys run;
his kingdom stretch from shore to shore,
till moons shall wax and wane no more.***

Sending Hymn

#265 “Jesus Shall Reign Wherever the Sun”

***To him shall endless prayer be made,
and praises throng to crown his head;
his name, like sweet perfume, shall rise
with every morning sacrifice.***

Sending Hymn

#265 “Jesus Shall Reign Wherever the Sun”

***People and realms of every tongue
dwell on his love with sweetest song,
and infant voices shall proclaim
their early blessings on his name.***

Sending Hymn

#265 "Jesus Shall Reign Wherever the Sun"

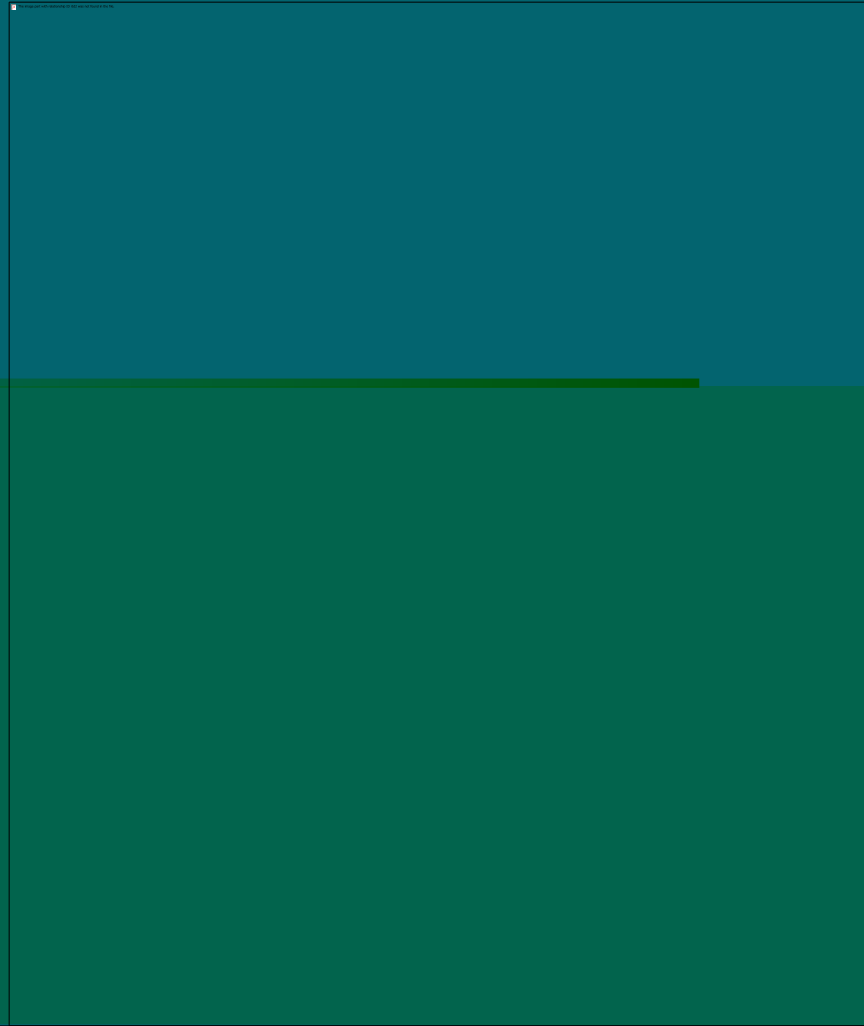
***Blessings abound where'er he reigns:
the prisoners leap to loose their chains;
the weary find eternal rest,
and all who suffer want are blest.***

Sending Hymn

#265 "Jesus Shall Reign Wherever the Sun"

***Let every creature rise and bring
honors peculiar to our King;
angels descend with songs again,
and earth repeat the loud Amen!***

Bearing and Following
the WORD into the World
The Charge and Benediction



Bearing and Following
the WORD into the World
Benediction Response

#547 “Go, My Children with My Blessing”

***Go, my children, with my blessing,
never alone.***

***Waking, sleeping, I am with you,
you are my own.***

***In my love's baptismal river
I have made you mine forever.***

***Go, my children, with my blessing,
you are my own.”***

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