May 10, 2020 Fifth Sunday of Easter Acts7:55-60 John 14:1-14

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OPENING MUSIC

RING THE BELL, WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Holy God, open our hearts to you, even as your Presence in our hearts creates the desire for the openness. Help us to trust you more, especially as struggles of life, worries of safety and security, and hardships we see locally and globally have a tendency to confuse and confound. Be with us as we gather prayerfully, wirelessly requesting your Spirit to move as it will, with intention, purpose, and reconciling hope as life deepens, broadens, and expresses the Resurrection journey of presence and transformation, in Christ. Forgive us when we retract, preferring what is comfortable over what is called, what is known over being known, of externalizing your promises rather than living into inward discoveries of mystery and grace. Help us not over-spiritualize our faith, but to love you, love ourselves, and love our neighbors with action grounded in your vision, justice and peace. Help us live more than two or three-dimensionally, but to take quantum leaps into the unified field of Love. In Christ, we pray. Amen.

The Peace of Christ be with you.

(And also with you). Thanks be to God!

SCRIPTURE READING Acts 7:55-60, John 14:1-14

WORDS OF WITNESS “God Is With(in) Me”

OFFERING

One way we respond to God’s goodness in our lives is through giving of our selves, our time, talents, and treasures. Tithes and offerings help maintain a proper relationship to money in our lives, and helps support expressions of love in the world. Your support of the mission and ministry of First Presbyterian Church is important, encouraged, appreciated, and makes a difference locally and globally. Thank you for your financial gifts, offerings, and support.

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PRAYER: Shall we pray?

Holy God, as we die to ourselves, you empower us to live in you. As we give of ourselves, we share from the abundance of your provision. Each breath sustains, each beat of our heart is maintained by your care. As we give of ourselves, through time, talent, and treasure, bless the energy flowing through Christ’s purpose to share unity, peace, and love. For we pray as Jesus taught his disciples, saying,

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.

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Awakening to Unity in Christ is resurrection put into action. Trusting God’s Living Presence with our heart, soul, mind, and strength is rooted in the Word of God, of which we are an expression, as are all things. Following Jesus on the Way of cross and resurrection, open your hearts as God’s kindness transforms us into our True Self. May the love of God the Father, the grace and peace of Christ Jesus, and the ongoing Presence of the Holy Spirit, be with us, NOW, even as forever. Amen.

CLOSING MUSIC