

# Order of Worship for the Lord's Day

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

Eleven o'clock

May 19, 2019

## THE CHURCH GATHERS

### PRAYER FOR MEDITATION

*Lord God, in whom I find life, health, and strength, through whose gifts I am clothed and fed, through whose mercy I have been forgiven and cleansed, be for me my guide, my strength, my Savior and Lord all the days of my life. In Christ's name I pray. Amen.*

†PRELUDE Jesu, Joy of Our Desiring J. S. Bach

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Alex Evans

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.  
**And also with you.**

*All are encouraged to sign the Friendship Pad found in the pens.  
If you are a visitor, please give us your address so that we can contact you.*

INTROIT Alleluia, Alleluia! George Thalben-Ball

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (*said responsively*)

Alleluia! Christ is alive!

**Let all the people praise him.**

Let all creation sing with joy.

**Alleluia! Let us worship the Living Lord!**

\*Hymn 610 O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing *Azmon*

A TIME OF GRATITUDE Ben Brannan

## THE CHURCH CONFESSES AND SEEKS ASSURANCE

CALL TO CONFESSION Kathryn Lester-Bacon

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**In the resurrection of Jesus Christ, all things are made new. Surprising God, make us new today. Your command to love one another across all differences opens us to new horizons. Yet we often respond with fear and judgement toward our neighbor. You have called us to love beyond social differences, yet we place labels on those we do not know. You have called us to love beyond cultural difference, yet we do not see the beauty in the face of the other. God of mercy, open our hearts to enact such love, beyond all differences and beyond all similarities. May we learn to love those who are different, and see you in them.**

*A time of silent confession and personal prayer follows.*

RESPONSE Hymnal 288



Spir-it of the liv-ing God, fall a-fresh on me. Spir-it of the liv-ing God, fall a-fresh on me Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me. Spir-it of the liv-ing God, fall a-fresh on me.

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

It is true. God's power in the resurrection of Jesus Christ has created all things new. A new heaven and a new earth. Be at peace, and know you are made new in Jesus Christ.

**Alleluia! May our lives always reflect God's love. Amen.**

\*GRATEFUL RESPONSE tune: *Azmon*

**God's steadfast love is unsurpassed by our imagined worth;**

**God's faithfulness shall far outlive the timeless bounds of earth.**

(from Ps 117, Michael Morgan, [Psalter for Christian Worship](#))

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE

The Peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

**And also with you.**

*The Passing of the Peace is not only a greeting but a sharing of God's peace with one another.*

## THE CHURCH LISTENS FOR GOD'S WORD

SHARING FAITH WITH CHILDREN Ginger Evans

*Children may depart the sanctuary for the Dining Room or return to sit with their parents.*

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON Acts 11:1–18 Pew Bible, p. 895

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM I Give to You a New Commandment Peter Nardone

I give to you a new commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. *Ubi caritas est vera, Deus ibi est.* [Where there is true love, God is there.] *Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor.* [Christ's love has gathered us into one.] *Exsultemus et in ipso jucundemur.* [Let us exult and be glad in it.] *Timemus et amemus Deum vivum.* [Let us fear, and let us love the living God.] *Et ex corde diligamus nos sincero.* [And may we love each other with a sincere heart.] Amen. – John 13:34-35 and *Liber usualis*

SCRIPTURE LESSON John 13:31–35 Pew Bible, p. 877

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**Thanks be to God.**

SERMON *Identified by Love* Ben Brannan

### PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

## THE CHURCH RESPONDS IN FAITH

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH from *A Brief Statement of Faith*

**In life and in death we belong to the one triune God, through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the communion of the Holy Spirit. We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human and fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God, and is calling all to repent and believe the gospel. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community.**

**We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. We rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.**

\*Hymn 757 Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples *Kingsfold*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Alex Evans

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*debtors/debtors*) Hymnal, p. 35

### OFFERING OF OUR LIVES

Collection of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Love One Another John Bell

*Refrain: Love one another for love is of God. Those who live in love, God lives in them.* Those who show love are the children of God; father and mother is God to each of them.

R. Love has no place for the menace of fear; fear is abandoned where love is found.

R. (Text based on 1 John 4:7-19)

\*Doxology *Hymn to Joy*

**Christ is risen! Shout Hosanna! Celebrate this day of days!**

**Christ is risen! Hush in wonder: all creation is amazed.**

**In the desert all surrounding, see, a spreading tree has grown.**

**Healing leaves of grace abounding bring a taste of love unknown!**

\*Prayer of Dedication

\*Hymn 366 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling *Hyfrydol*

\*BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE



A - men. A - men. A - - - - men.

\*POSTLUDE Prelude in Classic Style Gordon Young

## COMMUNITY WORSHIP ENDS — DISCIPLESHIP AND SERVICE BEGIN AGAIN

\* Please stand if you are able.

† Ushers will seat people here and during the hymns.

The flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of Anna Powers Anderson, Alvin Powers Anderson, William Morris Anderson, and in thanksgiving for the marriage of Robert Hart Moore and Amy Denise Hazzard

### In Our Prayers

*For intercession:* for all who are recovering, in treatment, or in transition; and for all who are facing challenging situations and in need of healing.

*Metropolitan Richmond at Prayer:* We pray for the churches and religious institutions: For seminaries, bible colleges, and schools training persons for vocations in ministry; for the students, faculty, and staff of these institutions.

## Announcements & Opportunities

**Welcome and God's peace to you on this Lord's Day as we gather for worship.** Regardless of who you are, or where you have come from, or what you are seeking, we welcome you and greet one another as we seek to devote our lives as disciples of Christ. We are especially delighted to have visitors with us.

**If you are visiting, or seeking a church home, we invite you to explore all that happens in life and ministry in this church.** Speak to one of the pastors for more information and be sure to sign the Friendship Pad, which is found in the pew. We also invite you to leave us your address, phone number, and/or email so that we might contact you. Also, please be sure to touch base with one of our greeters outside the main door on Fifth Street after worship.

**Your children are always welcome at Second Presbyterian Church.** We have a wonderful nursery for infants and toddlers available each Sunday. **The worship service is live-streamed to the Dining Room** which is set up for a place where children of any age can be free to move about.

**Our preacher this morning is Ben Brannan**, who graduated from Union Presbyterian Seminary yesterday. In addition to receiving his M.Div., he also completed his year-long internship with us. Ben is originally from South Carolina and a graduate of USC Upstate.

**Fair Trade Coffee Sales Today:** Help Second Presbyterian stay in the top 5% of churches nationwide in sales of Equal Exchange Fair Trade coffee by buying some in after worship today. Each bag sold supports farmers working through co-ops around the world, and we sell it for our cost of \$8.00 per bag.

**Concert Today:** The Richmond Women's Chorus, under the direction of Erin Wind, will present *Home* this afternoon in the Chapel at 4:00 p.m. This one-of-a-kind event features choral music, presentations of art, and live art creation exploring the concept of home. Admission to this concert is free and open to the public. Street parking is available as well as deck event parking for \$5.

**Next Sunday, May 26** (Memorial Day Weekend) ~ **Worship time shifts to 10:00 a.m.** We will worship on Sundays at 10:00 a.m. from Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend.

**Congratulations to Webb & Cheryl Moore** on the marriage of their son, Hart, to Amy Hazzard yesterday.

### UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES

**Invitation to Safety on June 2:** Please join Sgt. Wayne Graves, Richmond Police Department, in the Dining Room, for a timely and thought provoking conversation about church safety at 11:15 a.m., following worship on June 2. There will be a 45-minute presentation followed by general discussion. Anyone who is interested in church safety is encouraged attend.

**Pentecost Offering to be Received June 9:** This special offering assists children at risk, youth, and young adults as well as supports programs of the PC(USA). This year, 40 percent stays at this church to help children attend Camp Hanover. If you wish to contribute, please make your check payable to Second Presbyterian Church and designate "Pentecost Offering" on the memo line.

Keep current by regularly checking [www.2presrichmond.org](http://www.2presrichmond.org)  
Use the church's app found in the mobile app store: 2ndpresrva

### This Morning's Worship Assistants

*Lay Reader:* Terry Sheets  
*Greeters:* Becky Hudson (*atrium*); Jack Moorman (*parking deck*)  
*Visitor Greeters:* Nan Boyd, Vernon Mays  
*Deacon on Duty:* Richard Reynolds  
*Fellowship Hour:* Lori Lape, Kate Nash

### Next Week's Assistants

*Lay Reader:* Richard Reynolds  
*Greeters:* Jacy Jacob (*atrium*); Jon Heckel (*parking deck*)  
*Visitor Greeters:* Anne Jefferson, Jeff Wells  
*Deacon on Duty:* Amy Thompson  
*Fellowship Hour:* Kathy Morgan, Anne Looney

### CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

<p><b>Today, March 19 ~ Easter 5</b> 9:30 am Church School for all ages 10:00 am Choir rehearsal 11:00 am Worship 12:15 pm Fellowship Hour</p> <p><b>Monday, May 20</b> 10:30 am Walk In Ministry (3<sup>rd</sup> Monday) 4:30 pm Budget &amp; Finance 5:00 pm Personnel Committee</p> <p><b>Tuesday, May 21</b> 6:00 pm Women's Bible Study 7:00 pm Literary Circle</p>	<p><b>Wednesday, May 22</b> 12 noon Kerygma Bible Study 7:15 pm Choir rehearsal</p> <p><b>Thursday, May 23</b> 8:30 am Parking Deck Task Force</p> <p><b>Sunday, March 26 ~ Easter 6</b> 9:00 am Choir rehearsal 10:00 am Worship 11:15 am Fellowship Hour</p> <p><b>Ongoing Programs</b> Weekdays Child Care Center Mondays AA Thursdays Yoga</p>
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### CHURCH STAFF

*Ministers:* All members of the congregation  
*Pastor:* Alex Evans  
*Associate Pastor:* Kathryn Lester-Bacon  
*Director of Christian Education:* Ginger Evans  
*Director of Music:* Jeffrey Riehl  
*Organist:* Michael Simpson  
*Building Administrator:* Rob Fergusson  
*Office Manager:* Dorothy DeJong  
*Administrative Assistant:* Willa Jacob  
*Financial Manager:* Terry Sherman  
*Production Director:* Bo Jacob  
*Parish Associate:* Sam Adams  
*Parish Visitor:* Mary Jane Winter

*Pastor Emeritus:* Ben Sparks  
*UKirk Campus Minister:* Alex Fischer  
*Pastoral Interns:*  
Alex Lester-Abdalla, Ben Brannan  
*Youth Minister:* Mary Grace Reynolds  
*Walk-In Coordinator:* Elva Mapp  
*Child Care Center Director:* Ginger Hudson  
*Sextons:* Kerry Randolph, Chris Adams  
*Security:* Cliff Anderson  
*Mission Co-Workers:*  
Karla Koll, San Jose, Costa Rica  
Cindy Corell, Haiti  
Leslie Vogel, CEDEPCA, Guatemala

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*We welcome all whom God calls into the life, worship, work, and leadership of this church without regard to gender, cultural heritage, skin color, socio-economic status, circumstances, or sexual orientation.*

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WE ARE CALLED  
to be a witness to and for the  
world of the new reality  
that God has made available to  
all people in Jesus Christ.  
We seek to know Christ and to  
make Christ known in  
downtown Richmond and  
throughout the world.

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