

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 22, 2022

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, REGINA

OUR MISSION: Christ calls us to be faithful disciples who strive to be joyful in our worship, tender in our life together, and daring in our outreach.

We acknowledge we worship on Treaty 4 Territory, the traditional homeland of the Cree, Ojibwe, Saulteaux, Dakota, Nakota, Lakota, and the Métis Nation.

Minister: The Rev. Amanda Currie

Music Director: Will Ireton / Pianist today: Gabe Omolida

Music Scholars: Vynz Hipolito and Grace Podbielski

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements Aksa Yakemchuk

Entry of the Written Word

Call to Worship

Alleluia, Christ is risen.

The Lord is risen indeed, alleluia.

Let the peoples praise you, O God;

Let all the peoples praise you.

Prayer of Approach

Hymn: God of mercy, God of grace #39

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession:

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 these and all our sins,
that we might live in peace**

and reflect your love in the world;

through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness

Ministry of Music

Migratory V

Paula Weber

Adam Guettel

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Children's Time

Hymn: Down in the river to pray CCLI#5029239

Prayer for Illumination Alfred Ferozdin

Scripture Readings:

Acts 16:9-15

Psalm 67

Sung Response: **Let the peoples praise you Lord;
Let the peoples praise you.**

R O God, be gracious to us and bless us
and make your face to shine upon us,
that your way may be known upon earth,
your saving power among all nations.
Let the people praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.

Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
**for you judge the peoples with equity
and guide the nations upon earth.**

Let the peoples praise you, O God;

let all the peoples praise you.

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The earth has yielded its increase;

God, our God, has blessed us.

May God continue to bless us;

let all the ends of the earth revere God.

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John 14:23-29

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Sermon: *Blessed to be a Blessing*

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Prayers of the People

Lord, send out your Spirit

and renew the face of the earth.

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,
the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

Hymn: Spirit, open my heart

MV#79

We Present our Gifts to God

Offertory

Doxology (#306) and Prayer of Dedication:

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise God all creatures high and low;
praise God in Jesus fully known:
Creator, Word and Spirit, One.**

WE GO OUT IN GOD'S NAME

Hymn: We have this ministry

#590

Commissioning and Benediction

Choral Amen (#780): **Amen, amen, amen.**

Aaronic Blessing (#619)

**The Lord bless you and keep you;
the Lord make his face shine upon you,
and be gracious unto you;
the Lord lift up his countenance upon you
and give you his peace.**

Postlude

HYMNS for Sunday May 22nd

#39 - God of mercy, God of grace

God of mercy, God of grace,
show the brightness of your face.
Shine upon us, Saviour, shine;
fill your world with light divine,
and your saving health extend
unto earth's remotest end.

Let the people praise you, Lord;
be by all that live adored.

Let the nations shout and sing
glory to their gracious King;
at your feet their tribute pay,
and your holy will obey.

Let the people praise you, Lord;
earth shall then its fruits afford.

Unto us your blessing give;
we to you devoted live,
all below and all above,
one in joy and light and love.

Down to the river to pray

CCLI Song #5029239

As I went down in the river to pray,
studyin' about that good ole way
and who shall wear the starry crown,
good Lord, show me the way.

Refrain Oh, sisters (brothers, sinners) let's go down,
let's go down, come on down.
Oh sisters, (brothers, sinners) let's go down,
down in the river to pray.

As I went down in the river to pray,
studyin' about that good ole way
and who shall wear the robe and crown,
good Lord, show me the way.

Refrain

As I went down in the river to pray,
studyin' about that good ole way
and who shall wear the starry crown,
good Lord, show me the way.

Refrain

MV #79 - Spirit, open my heart

Refrain Spirit, open my heart
to the joy and pain of living.
As you love may I love,
in receiving and in giving,
Spirit, open my heart.

God, replace my stony heart
with a heart that's kind and tender.
All my coldness and fear
to your grace I now surrender. Refrain

Write your love upon my heart
as my law, my goal, my story.
In each thought, word, and deed,
may my living bring you glory. Refrain

May I weep with those who weep,
share the joy of sister, brother.
In the welcome of Christ,
may we welcome one another. Refrain

#590 - We have this ministry

We have this ministry and we are not discouraged;
it is by God's own power that we may live and serve.
Openly we share God's work, speaking truth as we believe,
praying that the shadowed world my healing light receive.
We have this ministry; O God receive our living.

O Christ, the tree of life, our end and our beginning,
we grow to fullest flower when rooted in your love.
Brothers, sisters, clergy, lay, called to service by your grace,
different cultures, different gifts, the young and old a place.
We have this ministry; O God, receive our giving.

The yoke of Christ is ours: the whole world is our parish;
we daily take the cross, the burden and the joy.
Bearing hurts of those we serve, wounded, bruised
and bowed with pain,
Holy Spirit, bread and wine, we die and rise again.
We have this ministry; O God, receive our loving.

Migratory V (Adam Guettel)

*We sail above the weather,
We search the ocean floor,
We rival our creation, still yearning for more.
But can we fly together, a migratory V?
How wonderful if that's what God could see.*

*A single voice in whispered prayer
Can only pray to travel there.
But all as one we sound the everlasting sound,
And sing to our salvation, aloft and in formation.
A migratory V.
How wonderful if that's what God could see.*

Pray with your First Church Family

Please pray for...

- The poor, that they may experience the blessing of the Lord and the generosity of God's people.
- The rich, that they may hear the call of Jesus and open their hearts in hospitality towards those in need.
- Jeannie Macfarlane and all who mourn the death of John Macfarlane, that we may be comforted.
- Betty Green and her daughter Kelly, as Betty has moved into palliative care.
- Peace, security, and courage for the people of Ukraine in the midst of war, and for the peace of the whole world.

Praise God for...

- The welcome of Jesus towards all who are rich or poor or anywhere in between.
- All the blessings we receive, and the ways we are gifted in order to be a blessing to others.
- The news that the refugee process for the Mathiang family is moving along, and we can start getting ready to welcome them to Canada.

This Week at First Church

May 22	10:30 am	Worship (In-Person & YouTube) Sunday School (In-Person)
	11:45 am	Coffee Hour in the gymnasium
	1:00 pm	Church Membership Class (Hybrid: Morris Room & Zoom)
May 24	12:30 pm	Freedom 55ers (Zoom)
May 25	12:00 pm	Bible Study (Zoom)
	7:00 pm	Book Club (Zoom)
May 26	7:30 pm	Choir
May 28	10:00 am	Worship Committee
May 29	10:30 am	Worship (In-Person & YouTube) Sunday School (In-Person)
	11:45 am	Coffee Hour in the gymnasium
	1:00 pm	Church Membership Class (Hybrid: Morris Room & Zoom)
	3:00 pm	Welcome & Inclusion Team (Zoom)

Office Hours Monday - holiday/Wed. to Fri. 8:30am-2pm.
Contact Shirley at the office at 306-522-9571 or
firstpresregina@sasktel.net.

Camp Christopher We are excited to be approaching another camping season! Please check the table on the narthex for camper brochures, camper registration forms (also online), staff application forms, work crew volunteer letters and volunteer application forms.

We need volunteers throughout May and June to help with the maintenance of camp.

Our to-do list:

- Paint/stain: cabin, decks, various signs, lodge
- General handy work: shelving in kitchen porch, install coat hooks and chalkboard, caulk/insulate doors and windows
- Clear walking paths: clear leaves and other debris
- Build a GAGA pit: this game is similar to dodgeball and the kids love it!
- Moving items into our new boathouse

- Are you an electrician?: install motion sensor light switches, disconnect power from old boathouse and connect to new boathouse

If you would like more information, or would like to sign up, please contact Donna Wilkinson at info@campchristopher.ca or call her at 306-535-6916.