



Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 25, 2025

PARK CITIES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

May 25, 2025
8:00, 9:30, and 11:00 a.m.

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Welcome and Announcements

The Rev. Paul Goebel

*Call to Worship

Minister: When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dream.

People: Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy.

Minister: Those who sow in tears shall reap with shouts of joy!

People: He who goes out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing, shall come home with shouts of joy, bringing his sheaves with him.

Psalms 126.1, 2a, 5-6

*Easter Hymn

"Now All the Vaults of Heaven Resound" *LASST UNS ERFREUEN*



1. Now all the vault of heav'n re-sounds in praise of love that still a -
2. E - ter - nal is the gift He brings, there - fore our heart with rap-ture
3. Oh, fill us, Lord with daunt-less love; set heart and will on things a -
4. A - dor-ing prais-es now we bring and with the heav'n-ly bless-ed



bounds: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!" Sing,
sings: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!" Now
bove that we con - quer through Your tri - umph; grant
sing: "Christ has tri - umphed! Al - le - lu - ia!" Be



choirs of an - gels, loud and clear! Re - peat their song of glo - ry
still He comes to give us life and by His pre-sence stills all
grace suf - fi - cient for life's day that by our lives we tru - ly
to the Fa-ther and our Lord, to Spir - it blest, most ho - ly



here: "Christ has tri - umphed! Christ has tri - umphed!" Al - le -
strife. Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing! Al - le -
say: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!" Al - le -
God, All the glo - ry, nev - er end - ing! Al - le -



lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

*Prayer of Adoration

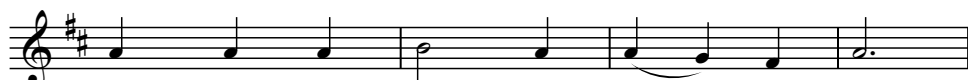
If any person is devout and loves God,
 let him come to this radiant triumphant feast.
 If any person is a wise follower,
 let him enter into the joy of his Lord, rejoicing.
 If any have fasted long,
 let him now receive refreshment.
 If any have labored from the first hour,
 let him today receive his just reward.
 If any have waited even until the eleventh hour,
 let him not be alarmed at this tardiness.
 For the Lord will accept the last even as the first.
 Therefore, all of you, enter into the joy of your Lord.

All singing,
 Stanza 1:

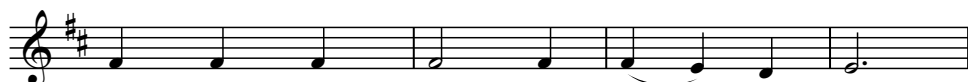
"The Strife Is O'er"

PALESTRINA

REFRAIN, sung at beginning and after last verse



1. The strife is o'er, the battle done;
 2. The pow'rs of death have done — their worst,
 3. The three sad days have quick - ly sped;
 4. Lord, by the stripes which wound - ed Thee,



the vic - to - ry of life — is won;
 but Christ their le - gions hath — dis - persed:
 He ris - es glo - rious from — the dead:
 from death's dread sting Thy ser - vants free,



the song of tri-umph has be - gun. Al - le - lu - ia!
 let shouts of ho - ly joy out - burst. Al - le - lu - ia!
 all glo - ry to our ris - en Head! Al - le - lu - ia!
 that we may live and sing to Thee. Al - le - lu - ia!

All speaking:

The table is full; all of you, feast sumptuously.
 The calf is fattened; let no one go away hungry.
 Enjoy the feast of faith; receive the riches of God's mercy.
 Let no one bewail his poverty,
 for the fullness of the Kingdom is revealed.
 Let no one weep for his iniquities,
 for the forgiveness shines forth from the grave.
 Let no one fear death, for the Savior's death has set us free.

All singing,
 Stanza 2:

The pow'rs of death have done their worst, but Christ their legions
 hath dispersed: let shouts of holy joy outburst. Alleluia!

All speaking:

**He who was held prisoner by death has annihilated it.
By descending into death, He made death captive.
He angered it when it tasted of His flesh.
Isaiah saw this, and he cried:**

**Death was angered when it encountered You in the lower regions.
It was angered, for it was defeated.
It was angered, for it was mocked.
It was angered, for it was abolished.
It was angered, for it was overthrown.
It was angered, for it was bound in chains.
It received a body and it met God face to face.
It took earth and encountered heaven.
It took that which is seen and fell upon the unseen.**

All singing,

Stanza 3:

**The three sad days have quickly sped; He rises glorious from the dead:
all glory to our risen Head! Alleluia!**

All speaking:

**O Death, where is your sting?
O Grave, where is your victory?
Christ is risen and you are overthrown.
Christ is risen and the devils have fallen.
Christ is risen and the angels rejoice.
Christ is risen and life reigns.
Christ is risen and not one dead remains in the grave.**

**For Christ, being risen from the dead, is become the first fruits of those
who have fallen asleep, and to Him be glory and honor, even to eternity.
Amen.**

from Come to the Feast, John Chrysostom (344 - 407)

All singing,

Stanza 4:

**Lord, by the stripes which wounded Thee, from death's dread sting
Thy servants free, that we may live and sing to Thee. Alleluia!**

Refrain: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Please be seated.

Public Confession of Sin

Mr. Overton

**O God of heaven,
we confess that we have not lived our lives in the light of eternity.
We have not held fast to the truth that
“the sufferings of this present time
are not worth comparing to the glory
that will be revealed to us.”
We have not set our affections on the unseen eternal things,
but set them time and time again on transient things;
things we hope will save us;
things we hope will give us joy;
things to keep us from becoming bored.
Lord, save us from our sin,
and guide us in Your ways,
lift our eyes to You.
Take our lives in Your hands,
and do with them what You will,
for our help is in You.**

Private Confession

Musical Response

9:30/11:00

“Gweedore Brae”

Lucas Aleman, violin • J. Marty Cope, piano

John Crowther

*I lift up my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come?
My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth. Psalm 121.1-2*

Words of Assurance and Pardon of the Gospel

And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with Him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This He set aside, nailing it to the cross. He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in Him.

Colossians 2.13-15

Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

*Hymn

“Eternal Father, Strong to Save”

MELITA



1. E - ter - nal Fa - ther, strong to save, whose arm doth bind the
2. O Sav - ior, whose al - might - y word the winds and waves sub -
3. O sa - cred Spir - it, who didst brood up - on the cha - os
4. O Trin - i - ty of love and pow'r, our breth - ren shield in



rest - less wave, who bidd'st the might - y o - cean deep its
mis - sive heard, who walk - edst on the foam - ing deep and
dark and rude, who bidd'st its an - gry tu - mult cease, and
dan - ger's hour; from rock and tem - pest, fire and foe, pro -

*



own ap - point - ed lim - its keep: O hear us when we
calm a - mid its rage didst sleep: O hear us when we
gav - est light and life and peace: O hear us when we
tect them where - so - e'er they go; and ev - er let there



cry to Thee for those in per - il on the sea.
cry to Thee for those in per - il on the sea.
cry to Thee for those in per - il on the sea.
rise to Thee glad hymns of praise from land and sea.

Prayer of Intercession/Offertory Prayer

Mr. Overton

*In addition to giving via passed offering plates, you are also welcome
to give online at pcpc.org/give or text “give” to 214-833-7724.*

Musical Offering

8:00

“Trio in G, BWV 655”
Mary Preston, *organ*

J. S. Bach

9:30/11:00

“Laudate Dominum” from *Solemn Vespers*
Chancel Choir • Andrea Miller, *soprano*

W. A. Mozart

Mr. Aleman, *violin* • Stephen Nielson, *piano* • Mr. Cope, *conducting*

Laudate Dominum omnes gentes; Laudate eum, omnes populi. Quoniam confirmata est super nos misericordia ejus, et veritas Domini manet in aeternum.

Gloria Patri, et Filio, et Spiritui Sancto. Sicut erat in principio, et nunc, et semper, et in saecula saeculorum. Amen.

Praise the LORD, all nations! Extol Him, all peoples! For great is His steadfast love toward us, and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever. Praise the LORD!

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.

*Doxology

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God from whom all bless-ings flow; praise Him, all crea-tures
here be - low; praise Him a - bove ye heav'n - ly host:
praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

Worship Explorers will resume on August 17 for our 1st and 2nd grade students.

*This summer we invite your family to worship together.
To help your little ones engage, Zest Quests are available
for them to follow along with the sermon.*

***The Scripture Reading: John 12.34-50**

- ³⁴ So the crowd answered Him, “We have heard from the Law that the Christ remains forever. How can You say that the Son of Man must be lifted up? Who is this Son of Man?”
- ³⁵ So Jesus said to them, “The light is among you for a little while longer. Walk while you have the light, lest darkness overtake you. The one who walks in the darkness does not know where he is going.
- ³⁶ While you have the light, believe in the light, that you may become sons of light.” When Jesus had said these things, He departed and hid Himself from them.
- ³⁷ Though He had done so many signs before them, they still did not believe in Him,
- ³⁸ so that the word spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: “Lord, who has believed what he heard from us, and to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?”
- ³⁹ Therefore they could not believe. For again Isaiah said,
- ⁴⁰ “He has blinded their eyes and hardened their heart, lest they see with their eyes, and understand with their heart, and turn, and I would heal them.”
- ⁴¹ Isaiah said these things because he saw His glory and spoke of Him.
- ⁴² Nevertheless, many even of the authorities believed in Him, but for fear of the Pharisees they did not confess it, so that they would not be put out of the synagogue;
- ⁴³ for they loved the glory that comes from man more than the glory that comes from God.
- ⁴⁴ And Jesus cried out and said, “Whoever believes in Me, believes not in Me but in Him who sent Me.
- ⁴⁵ And whoever sees Me sees Him who sent Me.
- ⁴⁶ I have come into the world as light, so that whoever believes in Me may not remain in darkness.
- ⁴⁷ If anyone hears My words and does not keep them, I do not judge him; for I did not come to judge the world but to save the world.
- ⁴⁸ The one who rejects Me and does not receive My words has a judge; the word that I have spoken will judge him on the last day.
- ⁴⁹ For I have not spoken on My own authority, but the Father who sent Me has Himself given Me a commandment—what to say and what to speak.
- ⁵⁰ And I know that His commandment is eternal life. What I say, therefore, I say as the Father has told Me.”

Sermon

“Believe in the Light”

Mr. Goebel

Worshippers at 9:30 and 11:00, please continue at the closing hymn.

***The Great Thanksgiving 8:00**

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: **And with your spirit.**

Minister: Lift up your hearts!

People: **We lift them up to the Lord!**

Minister: Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

People: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

Minister: It is right and good and a joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks unto You, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God.

People: **Therefore, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify Your glorious Name; evermore praising You, and singing:**

Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
 heav'n and earth are full of Your glo-ry.
 Ho-san-na in the high-est. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

***The Words of Institution 8:00**

Communion 8:00

*Please remain seated.
 You will be served by your elders, and we will all partake
 together when so instructed by the pastor.
 (The bread being served is gluten free.)*

***Closing Hymn**

"In Christ Alone"

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1. In Christ a-lone my hope is found, He is my
 2. In Christ a-lone who took on flesh, full-ness of
 3. There in the ground His bod-y lay, Light of the
 4. No guilt in life, no fear in death, This is the
 light, my strength, my song; This Cor-ner-stone, this so-lid
 God in help-less babe! This gift of love and right-eous-
 world by dark-ness slain: Then burst-ing forth in glo-r'ous
 pow'r of Christ in me; From life's first cry to fi-nal
 Ground, firm through the fier-cest drought and storm.
 ness scorned by the ones He came to save:
 Day up from the grave He rose a-gain!
 breath Je-sus com-mands my des-ti-ny.
 What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are
 'Till on that cross as Je-sus died, the wrath of
 And as He stands in vic-to-ry sin's curse has
 No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man, can ev-er

stilled, when striv-ings cease! My Com-for-ter, my All in
 God was sat-is-fied For ev-'ry sin on Him was
 lost its grip on me, For I am His and He is
 pluck me from His hand; 'Till He re- turns or calls me

All, here in the love of Christ I stand.
 laid; here in the death of Christ I live.
 mine—bought with the pre-cious blood of Christ.
 home, here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand!

*The Benediction

Minister: Now may the Savior, who died and rose and who reigns, grant you joy in the midst of labor, peace in the midst of troubles, and hope in the midst of despair—filling you with resurrection life in these days and all the days until He comes. *Dale Ralph Davis*

People: **Thanks be to God! Amen.**

Postlude

8:00

“Prelude and Fugue in A”
 Mrs. Preston, organ

J. G. Walther

9:30/11:00

“Hymn for the Fallen”
 Mr. Cope, organ

John Williams

“Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life...” John 15.13
 “For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die—but God shows His love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.” Romans 5.7-8

**Please stand if you are able.*

The flowers in our worship service this morning are given to the glory of God and in gratitude for those who serve and have served our great country. This Memorial Day, we remember those who made the ultimate sacrifice to secure our freedom. Freedom is never free; it has been bought with a price.

The image on the cover was created by Illustrator Stephen Crotts. This iteration of his artwork was commissioned by PCPC.

**Park Cities Presbyterian Church exists to extend the
transforming presence of the Kingdom of our
Lord Jesus Christ in Dallas and to the world.**

SERMON NOTES

John 12.34-50
“Believe in the Light”

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

The following questions help us engage with the sermon, music, and liturgy in this morning's worship service, and may be useful during personal devotions, group studies, and family worship.

1. What is faith? Why is faith essential to the Christian life?
2. Read John 12.35. What does Jesus mean by "the light" and "the darkness"? What does it look like to walk in the light?
3. How are Jesus' words in John 12.35-36 an echo of the prologue in John 1?
4. Read 6.1-6 and John 12.41. Who did Isaiah see according to the Apostle John?
5. Why did the authorities who believed in Jesus not confess it?
6. Read John 12.44-50. What does genuine faith in Jesus have to do with keeping His commandments?
7. What does Jesus mean when He says, "His commandment is eternal life"? (See John 12.50) How did Jesus fulfill this commandment for us?

Highlights

MAY 25, 2025

What's Next?

We have friendly faces waiting to help you connect to Christ and one another at PCPC just as you exit the front of the Sanctuary. Look for the Connect banner on your way to the Grand Hall. We would also love to help you abide in and extend Christ. You can find out more at the Information Center in the Grand Hall. Download the free PCPC mobile app to explore more.



Connection Card

Thanks for joining us today! If you are new or looking to connect with others in our church family, please scan the QR code and fill out our Connection Card, so we can know you were here and help you connect.

pcpc.org/connect

Pray for Florida Trip

Please pray for the high school students and leaders who are in Laguna Beach, Florida. Pray the gospel will bear fruit in their hearts, for joyful fellowship, and for travel mercies.

Young Adult Summer Kickoff

Wednesday, May 28

6:30 P.M. | PCPC MAIN SURFACE PARKING LOT

Don't miss our annual summer kickoff! Yard games and food will be provided.

pcpc.org/events

Summer RUF

Wednesdays, June 4–July 30

7:30 P.M. | PCPC CHAPEL

Calling all college students who are in Dallas for the summer! Gather together for a weekly large group Bible study and fellowship with RUF campus ministers from around the area.

pcpc.org/events

Men's Summer Bible Study

Tuesdays from June 10–July 15

Men, gather at 7:00 a.m. on Tuesday mornings as we seek God's wisdom to do good work for His glory.

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Women's Summer Book Study

Wednesdays from June 11–July 23

Join PCPC Women's Ministry at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesdays this summer as we read Dane Ortlund's *The Heart of Jesus* together.

pcpc.org/women

Missionary Luncheon

Sunday, June 8

12:30 P.M. | FELLOWSHIP HALL

Hear about the Kingdom work of Nancy and Derek Tu who recently answered God's call to Taiwan to work with Christ College Taipei, where Derek will focus on Bible teaching and leadership development. Lunch will be provided, donations appreciated.

pcpc.org/events

Men's Night of Worship

Thursday, June 12

6:30 P.M. | CHAPEL

Come together to praise the Lord and encourage one another. We'll meet for a time of worship through song and prayer. At the end of another ministry season, we'll celebrate what the Lord has done among us and pray for His blessing and guidance in the months ahead.

pcpc.org/men

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GENERAL FUND

2024/2025 Operating Budget	\$17,200,000
Jul 1, 2024–May 18, 2025 Budget	\$15,647,721
Jul 1, 2024–May 18, 2025 Giving	\$15,377,175
Budget Variance	(\$270,546)