

JOHN McMILLAN  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
10:00 AM WORSHIP & FACEBOOK LIVE  
TO KNOW, TO GLORIFY AND TO SERVE GOD  
MAY 21, 2023  
YOUTH SUNDAY

THE PRELUDE - *"Simple Gifts" & "Jewels"* - arr. Jon Spong

THE WELCOME

Emily Shubilla

THE INTROIT *"Ode to Joy"*

Leah Shubilla

**\*THE CALL TO WORSHIP**

James Braden

We gather together for worship,  
*visitors and long-time members,*  
*in our homes and in the sanctuary,*  
old and young, with our happiness and our sadness,  
*feeling peace and dealing with change,*  
*facing bittersweet endings and exciting beginnings.*  
For meeting us where we are,  
*God, we praise you,*  
*and we invite you into this place.*

**\*THE HYMN OF ADORATION - "Christ Be Beside Me" - #702**

1 Christ be beside me;  
Christ be before me;  
Christ be behind me,  
King of my heart.  
Christ be within me;  
Christ be below me;  
Christ be above me,  
never to part.

2 Christ on my right hand,  
Christ on my left hand,  
Christ all around me,  
shield in the strife.  
Christ in my sleeping,  
Christ in my sitting,  
Christ in my rising,  
Light of my life.

3 Christ be in all hearts  
thinking about me;  
Christ be on all tongues  
telling of me.  
Christ be the vision  
in eyes that see me;  
in ears that hear me  
Christ ever be.

**THE CALL TO CONFESSION** (*please remain seated*)

Violet Betters

**THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

God of Grace,  
Too often we busy ourselves with distractions  
And forget to talk to you  
To let you into our lives  
And follow you as lead us in the right direction  
Forgive us for being driven by fear  
Remind us to make prayer important  
To prioritize you, God  
To use words that support your Word  
To be faithful and honest  
Help calm our minds and hearts  
So that our focus is on you

**THE SILENT CONFESSION**

**THE ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

Hear the good news: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.  
*Alleluia! Amen.*

**\*THE GLORIA PATRI #581**

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.

**THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER** (*please remain seated*)

Alex Scott

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.

**THE SPECIAL MUSIC - "This Train is Bound for Glory"**

Colin Chenevert & Family

**DISTRIBUTING THIRD GRADE BIBLES**

Linda Pelan

Scott Carter, Mia Clark, Elyse Deckard, Luka Gaudelli, Samantha Gaudelli, Caris Gilbert, Deacon Knopp, Joshua Serena, Leah Shubilla, Vivian Woessner

**RECOGNIZING TEACHERS & LEADERS**

Joe Smith

Jeannie Bonnewell, Jeremiah Booker, Emily Brow, Michelle Chenevert, Cindy Fast, Courtney Durkin, Hugh Given, Jim Hinerman, Kevin Hollerich, Emilee Little, Julie McGuire, Delaney Scott, Jessica Scott, Devon Serena, Megan Sherry, Emily Shubilla, Caitlin Smith, Sarah Westland, Dan Zearley, Susan Zearley

**SPECIAL MUSIC - "This Little Light of Mine"**

Children's Church

Directed by Emily Brow

**THE SCRIPTURE AND MESSAGE**

Rev. Samantha Coggins

Acts 1:1-11

He Ascended Into Heaven

**THE HYMN "O God, You are my God" ('Step by Step') #743**

O God, you are my God,  
and I will ever praise you.

O God, you are my God,  
and I will ever praise you.

I will seek you in the morning,  
and I will learn to walk in your ways.

And step by step you'll lead me,  
and I will follow you all of my days.

## **THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Elizabeth Todd

We rejoice that nothing in all of creation –  
not life or death,  
or angels or rulers,  
or things present,  
or things to come,  
or powers,  
or height,  
or depth –  
nothing can separate us from the love of God that we find in Jesus.

## **THE INVITATION TO OFFERING**

### **MINUTE FOR MISSION – VBS**

Julie McGuire

### **THE OFFERTORY - “Amazing Grace”**

Anna Todd

### **\*THE DOXOLOGY #609**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.  
Praise God, all creatures high and low.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Praise God in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word, and Spirit one.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

### **\*THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

### **\*THE HYMN OF DISCIPLESHIP - “Will You Let Me Be Your Servant” - #727**

**1** Will you let me be your servant,  
let me be as Christ to you?  
Pray that I may have the grace  
to let you be my servant too.

**2** We are pilgrims on a journey;  
we’re together on the road.  
We are here to help each other  
walk the mile and bear the load.

3 I will hold the Christ-light for you  
in the nighttime of your fear.  
I will hold my hand out to you,  
speak the peace you long to hear.

4 I will weep when you are weeping;  
when you laugh I'll laugh with you.  
I will share your joy and sorrow  
till we've seen this journey through.

5 When we sing to God in heaven,  
we shall find such harmony,  
born of all we've known together  
of Christ's love and agony.  
Will you let me be your servant,  
let me be as Christ to you?  
Pray that I may have the grace  
to let you be my servant too.

**\*THE BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE** - "*Stand up for Jesus*" - L.S. Clark