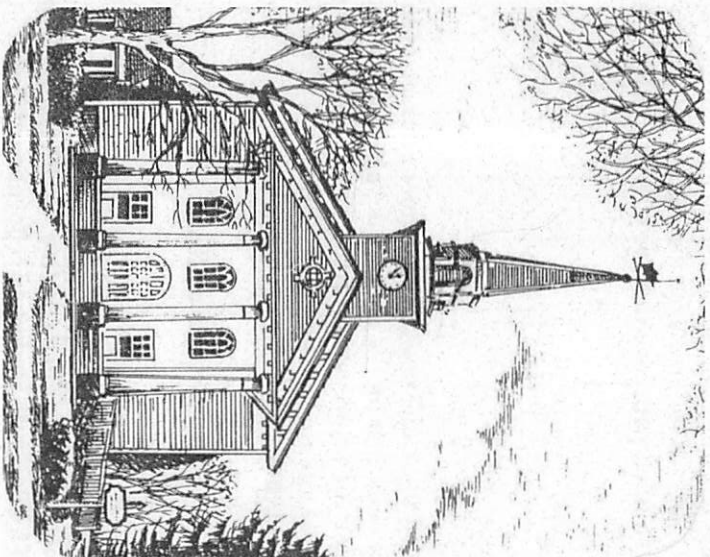


*First Presbyterian Church of East Hampton
The Old Town Church
founded in 1648*



April 29, 2018

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

April 29, 2018

5th Sunday of Easter

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Chimes

Bringing in the Light of Christ

Welcome and Parish Concerns

Prelude

“All Things Bright and Beautiful, I, II”

arr. James D. Esmond

*Call to Worship (*John 15, Acts 8, 1 John 4*)

Leader: Here in this place of worship, with the congregation of the faithful,

People: **We lay down our fears, to boldly sing God's praise.**

Leader: Here in the vineyard of the Lord, with our sisters and brothers in Christ,

People: **Grandparents tell stories of faith to little ones sitting on their laps.**

Leader: Here where God waits to serve us at the Table:

People: **We shall be so filled with love that we will run to tell others about it, and to serve them.**

*Opening Prayer

*Hymn (insert)

“Here in This Place”

Marty Haugen

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Mother of Compassion: called to be one body, we fragment ourselves into a million selfish pieces; your children of love, we insist on the right to despise our sisters and brothers; though your Perfect Love was broken for us, we are afraid to give of ourselves to the world. Abide in us, Vine Grower. Forgive us of our sins, so we may live godly, love fearlessly, and proclaim unceasingly that Jesus Christ is our Lord and Savior. Amen

Silent Confession

Kyrie (*Hymn 572*)

“Lord, Have Mercy on Us”

Merbecke

Assurance of Pardon

Pastor: Do you feel it – there, deep down in your hearts? God's love is alive, beating, breathing – in you!

People: **Because God abides in us, we can live for others, allowing God's love to bear fruit in us. Thanks be to God, we are forgiven! Amen.**

Passing of the Peace

*Gloria (*Hymn 122*)

“Thine is the Glory”

George Frederick Handel

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Children's Message

Prayer for Illumination

**denotes stand as you are able...*

Scripture Reading

New Testament: Acts 8:26-40 (NT Page 127)
Epistle: 1 John 4:7-21 (NT Page 240)
Gospel: John 15:1-8 (NT Page 109)
Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon Branching Out Rev. Scot McCachren

RESPONDING TO GOD WITH THANKSGIVING

*Hymn #170 "The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want" *Jessie Seymour Irvine*

*Affirmation of Faith – Apostle's Creed (*Traditional*) Hymnal page 14

God's reconciling act in Jesus Christ is a mystery which the Scriptures describe in various ways. It is called the sacrifice of a lamb, a shepherd's life given for his sheep, atonement by a priest; again it is ransom of a slave, payment of debt, vicarious satisfaction of a legal penalty, and victory over the powers of evil. These are expressions of a truth which remains beyond the reach of all theory in the depths of God's love for man. They reveal the gravity, cost, and sure achievement of God's reconciling work. Amen.

Moment for Mission East Hampton Street Fair Debbie Mansir

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer (*Traditional*) Hymnal Page 16

Prayer Response

Offertory Invitation

Offertory Anthem "The Festal Day is Here" *arr. Hal H. Hopson*

*Doxology (Hymn 592) "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" *Old Hundredth*

*Prayer of Dedication (*unison*)

Creator God, you are the eternal vine. Today you have pruned and watered your branches to make us bear more fruit in your name. These offerings, along with the work of our hands and our voices, are part that abundant harvest. We dedicate them in your name for the hungry, the displaced, and for the work of your Church. Amen.

GOING FORTH IN GOD'S NAME

*Hymn #361 "How Firm a Foundation" *American Folk Melody*

*Benediction

*Response (#586) "Amen" *Danish*

*Recessional, Taking the Light of Christ into the World

Postlude "All Things Bright and Beautiful, V" *arr. James D. Esmond*

Participating in this morning's service: The Rev. Scot McCachren, Pastor; Jane Hastay, Music Director; Chancel Choir; Aleaze Hodgens, lay reader; Tyler & Kim Borsack, Curt & Angel Schade, ushers.

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