

Fifth Sunday in Lent

Seniors Recognition Sunday

Pulaski Heights United Methodist Church
Classic Worship, 9:00 & 11:00 a.m.
May 7, 2023

(*) The asterisk indicates to stand, as you are able.

WELCOME

Dr. John Robbins

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

arr. Maureen Howell

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Let us worship the eternal God,
the source of love and life, who creates us.

People: **Let us worship Jesus Christ,
the risen one, who lives among us.**

Pastor: Let us worship the Spirit,
the holy fire, who renews us.

People: **To the one true God be praise in all times and places,
through the grace of Jesus Christ.**

* HYMN 547

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ELLACOMBE

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Statement of Faith of the United Church of Canada)

Dr. Jeffery Hampton

We are not alone; we live in God's world.

**We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus,
the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit.**

**We trust in God. We are called to be the Church: to celebrate God's presence,
to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus,
crucified and risen, our judge and our hope.**

In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us.

We are not alone. Thanks be to God. Amen

* GLORIA PATRI 70

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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.**

VIDEO PRESENTATION: GRADUATING SENIORS

PHUMC SCHOLARSHIPS ANNOUNCEMENT

Bev Villines

CALL TO CONFESSION

Dr. Hampton

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him,
who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another.
Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND PARDON

**Almighty God, we confess how hard it is to be your people. You have called us to be the
church, to continue the mission of Jesus Christ to our lonely and confused world. Yet we
acknowledge that we can be more isolated than involved, more callous than compassionate,**

**more legalistic than loving. Gracious Lord, remove the obstacles preventing us from being your
representatives to a broken world. Awaken our hearts to the promised gift of your
indwelling Spirit. This we pray in Jesus' powerful name. Amen.**

Pastor: Hear the good news.

Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us.
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

People: **In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven,**

All: **Glory to God. Amen.**

* SCRIPTURE LESSON

Acts 4:32-37

This is the Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

* GREETING

SERMON

Gifts

Dr. Robbins

Series: The Promises We Make

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Katy Chambers

GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Be Thou My Vision

arr. Keith Christopher

Chancel Choir

* DOXOLOGY 95

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Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God, all creatures here below.

Praise God above, ye heavenly host.

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

* THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Rev. Jay Clark

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Lift up your hearts.

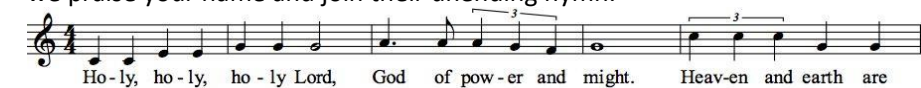
We lift them up to the Lord. Let us give our thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The pastor gives thanks, remembering God's acts of salvation, and concludes:

And so, with your people on earth, and all the company of heaven

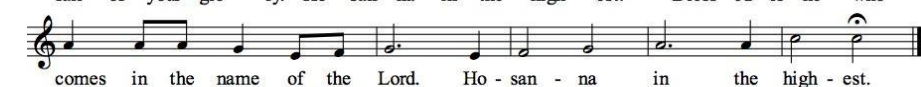
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord, God of pow-er and might. Heav-en and earth are



full of your glo-ry. Ho-san-na in the high-est. Bless-ed is he who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

The pastor continues the thanksgiving and concludes:

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,

We offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice,

in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.



Christ has died, Christ is ris-en, Christ will come a-gain!

The pastor invokes the present work of the Holy Spirit and then praises the Trinity, concluding:

All honor is yours, Almighty God, now and forever.



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 trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil,
for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP AND MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

* **HYMN 557** *Blest Be the Tie That Binds* DENNIS

* WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

We rejoice to recognize you as a member of Christ's holy church, and we welcome you to Pulaski Heights United Methodist Church. With you we renew our vows to uphold it with our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness.

* **BENEDICTION** (Numbers 6:24-26)

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

* **CLOSING VOLUNTARY** *Postlude in B-flat Major* J. Guy Ropartz

WORSHIP LEADERS

Dr. John Robbins, *Senior Pastor*; Rev. Jay Clark, *Executive Pastor*
Dr. Jeffery Hampton, *Pastor, Caring Ministries*; Rev. Katye Chambers, *Associate Pastor*
Dr. Frode Gundersen, *Director of Music & Worship*; Sungyun Kim, *Organist & Associate Music Director*

ACOLYTES

(9:00) John Willis & Sarah-Katherine Willis

USHERS

(9:00) Emily Erkel (*Lead*), Caroline Beauchamp, Rick Fleetwood, Geoff Gwinn
(11:00) Scott Clement (*Lead*), Edith Bowman, Daniel Hines, Boo Jennings, Jim Moody

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

The Sanctuary flowers are in honor of all PHUMC seniors.

COLUMBARIUM FLOWERS

The Columbarium Garden flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Jim Argue, Jr. by Jeff, Emily, Charlotte, and Anderson Stotts.

2023 PHUMC SENIORS

Ridge Agar; Andrew Bean; Cate Bennett; Sam Bowman; Riley Brady; Riley Bryant; Marin Carlton; Camryn Carr; Cameron Chrisman; Emma Grace Colley; Jacob Cooley; Brooklyn Courtney-Moore; Ava Darr;; Keeton Dassinger; Samantha DeLuca; Caston Freeman; JP Freyaldenhoven; Jack Harbour; Ava Harrelson; Scottie Hightower; Riley House; Emmy Jones; James Krowski; Hays Laidlaw; Wesley Langley; Emily Schallenberg; Sam Spencer; Bryce Sugg