

First Presbyterian Church

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Offertory Prayer

Leader: Jesus calls all who love him to feed his sheep, by taking care of those around us. [...] Help us care for those whom Jesus loves: the flock of those in need all around us. Please pray with me:

All: Lord God, you have called us to you and sent us out to feed your sheep. Thank you for feeding us and providing for us; help us to be generous in giving our time, our talent, and our treasure on behalf of this world. Amen.

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Leader: Loving God, we lift up our hearts to you in thanksgiving. [...] And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven, we join their unending hymn:

Response: (Sung) Alleluia, Alleluia, give thanks to the Risen Lord....

Leader: You are holy, O God of love, [...] transform us into people who demonstrate your love to all of humanity.

Response: (Sung) Alleluia, Alleluia, give thanks to the Risen Lord....

Leader: Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us [...] and we are bold to pray now the prayer Christ taught us, saying:

Lord's Prayer

Sharing the Bread and the Cup

Prayer After the Supper

God of steadfast love, your son Jesus commanded us to love you and love others, with all our heart, soul, mind and strength. Thank you for continuously feeding us in heart and mind and body, so that we may be one, working, walking, and worshiping together, known always by our love. Amen.

Closing Song

Christ is Alive!

We Are Sent Out to the World

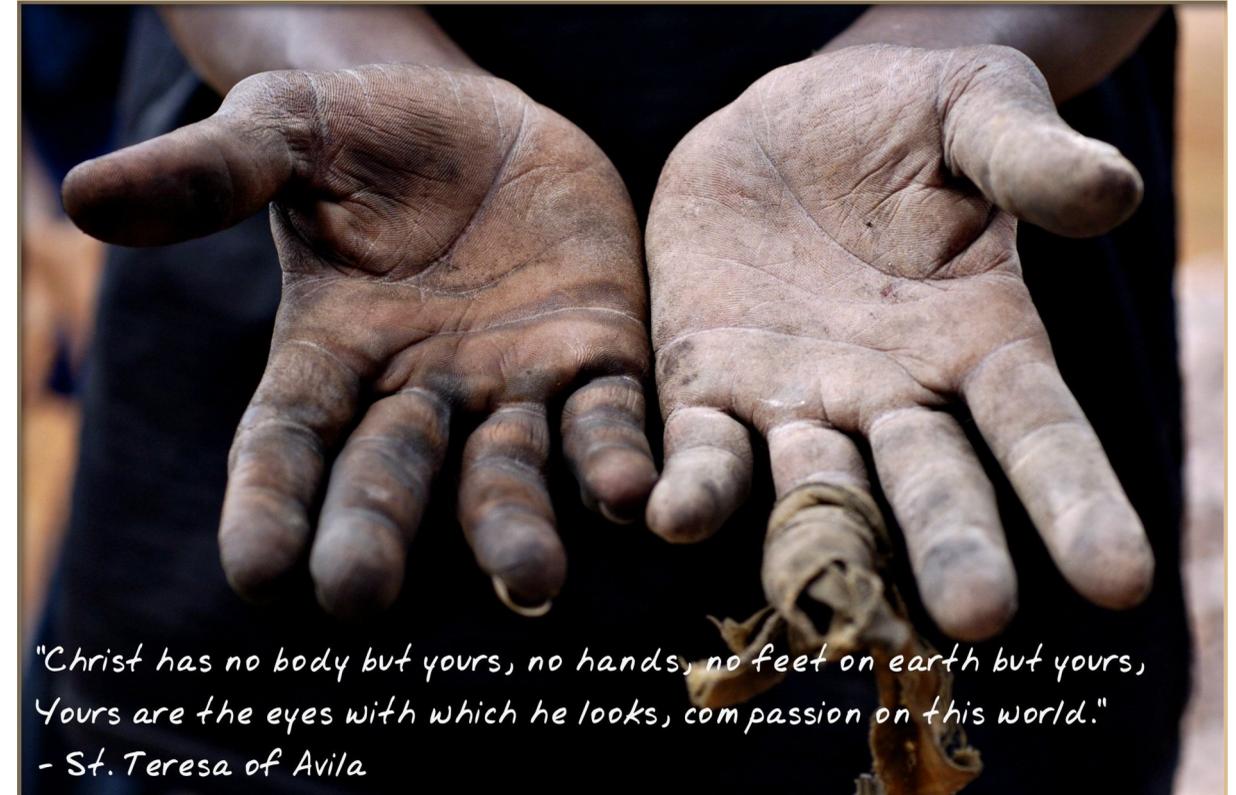
Benediction

Leader: And let all God's people say...

People: Alleluia! Amen!

Response

Dream Statement



Pastor - Rev. Dr. Christina Berry

Ministers - All the People

May 1, 2022

We Gather

Welcome

First Reading: *Christ Has No Body, by Ste. Teresa of Avila*

Christ has no body but yours,
No hands, no feet on earth but yours,
Yours are the eyes with which he looks
Compassion on this world,
Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good,
Yours are the hands, with which he blesses all the world.
Yours are the hands, yours are the feet,
Yours are the eyes, you are his body.
Christ has no body now but yours,
No hands, no feet on earth but yours,
Yours are the eyes with which he looks compassion on this world.
Christ has no body now on earth but yours.

Setting intentions of care and compassion. What intentions do you have to respond with compassion to the “sheep” around you?

Silence is kept

Call to Worship

Leader: People of God, we gather to love the God who hovered over the deep and called the world into being.

People: We come to worship the God of all creation.

Leader: People of God, we gather to be fed by Jesus, whom God raised from the dead.

People: We come to gather at Christ’s table.

Leader: People of God, beloved of God, fed by Christ, nourished on his word, we are gathered so that we can be sent out to this world that God so loves.

People: We come to be sent out, ready to love and care for all.

All: Alleluia! Let us worship God!

Opening Songs

Christ, Be Our Light

We Prepare our Hearts

Prayer of Confession

Holy One, you sent Jesus into the world to call us close to you. He taught us and healed us and died and was raised for us. And yet, even though we have seen this miracle of resurrection, we go back to our old ways, doing the same things over and over, expecting different results. Like the fishermen Jesus called, we go back to our boats and fail to see you waiting for us, to feed us and send us out. We say it wasn’t our intention to ignore you, or to neglect your sheep. But we confess that we didn’t set out to do your will so much as we just hoped we didn’t have to! Forgive us! Help us to see you, to receive your gifts, to hear and respond, and to follow where you lead. We pray in the name of Jesus.

Silence is kept

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Friends, believe the good news. Jesus calls our names as he called the disciples; Jesus feeds us even when we do not recognize him. Jesus calls us as he called Simon Peter and asked for his love, then told him to feed and tend the people. The nurturing love of Jesus is ours, for Jesus has called our names.

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God! Amen.

Response

Glory to God

Sharing the Peace

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Response

Peace Song

We Receive the Word

Children’s Message

Scripture

John 21:1-17

Sermon

We Respond to the Word

Minute for Mission