

**Troy Presbyterian Church
11021 Troy Pike, Versailles, KY
Seventh Sunday of Easter
May 21, 2023**

Chiming the Hour

Musician

Opening Sentences

Liturgist

One: Christ is risen!
Many: Christ is risen indeed!
One: Let us worship God.

Prelude

Musician

Call to Worship:

Liturgist

One: Sing to God, sing praises to God's name; exalt the one who rides the clouds; "I AM" is that name, rejoice before God!
Many: In your holy habitation, O God, you are a father to orphans, defender of widows; you give the solitary a home and bring forth prisoners into freedom.
One: Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth; sing praises to the Lord. Ascribe power to God, whose majesty is over Israel; whose strength is in the skies.
Many: How wonderful you are in your holy places, O God of Israel, giving strength and power to your people! Blessed be God!

*Hymn

"Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above" (GTG #645)

*Call to Confession

Pastor

*Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Pastor

Living God, we confess that our faith is sometimes weak, our love for others can be faint, our prayers timid, our gratitude less than convincing. (*silent confession*) Draw near in mercy to forgive us, and fill us with your power, through the grace of Jesus Christ, our resurrected Savior. Amen.

*Assurance of Pardon

Pastor

One: Sisters and brothers, as Christ is our witness, God's power to pardon is immeasurable. Therefore, proclaim this good news to the ends of the earth:

Many: **through the mercy of Jesus, our sins are forgiven.
Alleluia! Amen!**

*Musical Response

"Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks""

(GTG #240)

Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.

Prayer of Illumination (*unison*)

Liturgist

Come, Holy Spirit, open our minds to see the power of Scripture to give life; enlighten our hearts that we might see Christ in all whom we meet; in the name of the one, holy, and living God, to whom we give all glory. Amen.

Scripture Reading: Psalm 90+

Liturgist

Lord, you have been our dwelling place^[a]
in all generations.

² Before the mountains were brought forth
or ever you had formed the earth and the world,
from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

³ You turn us^[b] back to dust
and say, "Turn back, you mortals."

⁴ For a thousand years in your sight
are like yesterday when it is past
or like a watch in the night.

⁵ You sweep them away; they are like a dream,
like grass that is renewed in the morning;

⁶ in the morning it flourishes and is renewed;
in the evening it fades and withers.

⁷ For we are consumed by your anger;
by your wrath we are overwhelmed.

⁸ You have set our iniquities before you,
our secret sins in the light of your countenance.

⁹ For all our days pass away under your wrath;
our years come to an end^[c] like a sigh.

¹⁰ The days of our life are seventy years
or perhaps eighty, if we are strong;

even then their span^[d] is only toil and trouble;
they are soon gone, and we fly away.

¹¹ Who considers the power of your anger?
Your wrath is as great as the fear that is due you.

¹² So teach us to count our days
that we may gain a wise heart.

¹³ Turn, O Lord! How long?
Have compassion on your servants!

¹⁴ Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love,
so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

¹⁵ Make us glad as many days as you have afflicted us
and as many years as we have seen evil.

¹⁶ Let your work be manifest to your servants
and your glorious power to their children.

¹⁷ Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us
and prosper for us the work of our hands—
O prosper the work of our hands!

Scripture Reading: Acts 1:6-14+

Liturgist

So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?” ⁷ He replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” ⁹ When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰ While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. ¹¹ They said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

¹² Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day’s journey away. ¹³ When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying: Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of^[a] James. ¹⁴ All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

One: This is the good news we have received, in which we stand,
and by which we are saved.
Many: **Thanks be to God.**

Choral Anthem

Gospel Reading: Matthew 28:16-20+ Pastor
Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. ¹⁷ When they saw him, they worshiped him, but they doubted. ¹⁸ And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."^[a]

One: The gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.
Many: **Glory to you, O God.**

Sermon "From the Neighborhood to the World"

*Hymn "Called as Partners in Christ's Service" (GTG #761)

*Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles' Creed (GTG, pg. 35)

Morning Prayer Pastor

Offering of Our Lives Liturgist

*Musical Response "Doxology" (GTG #606)

*Prayer of Dedication and Lord's Prayer (unison) Liturgist

... as you taught your disciples to say: **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.**

*Hymn "Praise My Soul, the King of Heaven" (GTG #620)

*Words of Charge and Benediction

Pastor

*Musical Blessing

“Farewell, Good Friends!”

(GTG #540)

Service Notes:

Good morning, and welcome to worship at Troy Presbyterian Church! We’re glad that you’ve joined our worship this day, either in-person or live-streamed at home. If you’ve considered joining the Troy fellowship, please speak to the pastor or one of the ushers for more information. For more about the church, see the website: www.troychurchky.org and/or look for us on Facebook. The office number is 859-873-2373 and the church email address is: troypresbyterian@windstream.net.

Pastor Jerry is participating in a pulpit exchange and is preaching today at First Presbyterian Church, Paris, KY. We welcome Pastor Jose Luis Casal, who leads the Paris Church.

For Families with young children (ages birth to 5th grade): activity kits are provided for children. If your children grow restless during worship, parents are welcome to take children to the Nursery and Wee Worship Rooms in the Learning Center.

For bulletin items marked with an asterisk (*), please stand, whether in body or spirit.

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Worship Leaders:

Lorri Paul, Liturgist

Chancel Choir

Hayden P. McNeal, Music Director and Organist

The Rev. Jose Luis Casal, Guest Pastor

Troy Year-To-Date Financial Report

Your Stewardship Committee wants to keep everyone informed about our church finances.

Through April 2023:

Pledges & Other Income	\$48,373
Operating Expenses	\$54,630
Net Operating Loss	(\$6,257)
Funds Available as of 4/30/23:	\$70,948
Less Designated Funds and liabilities:	(\$21,080)
Balance Remaining for Operations:	\$49,868

Thank you for supporting the mission and ministry of Troy Church.

645 Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above



1 Sing praise to God who reigns a - bove, the God of all
 2 What God's al-might - y power has made God's gra - cious mer -
 3 The Lord is nev - er far a - way, but, through all grief
 4 Thus all my toil - some way a - long I sing a - loud



cre - a - tion, the God of power, the God of love,
 cy keep - eth; by morn - ing glow or eve - ning shade
 dis - tress - ing, an ev - er - pres - ent help and stay,
 thy prais - es, that all may hear the grate - ful song



the God of our sal - va - tion. With
 God's watch - ful eye ne'er sleep - eth. With -
 our peace and joy and bless - ing, as
 my voice un - wea - ried rais - es. Be



heal - ing balm my soul is filled, and ev - ery faith - less
 in the king - dom of God's might, lo! all is just and
 with a moth - er's ten - der hand God gent - ly leads the
 joy - ful in the Lord, my heart; both soul and bod - y,



The regal divine imagery here will not be new to most singers, but some may not expect the third stanza's image of God as mother. Yet it is part of God's self-description in Isaiah 66:13. This Bohemian Brethren tune resembles both Genevan psalm tunes and French folk songs.

THANKSGIVING



mur - mur stilled:
all is right: to God all praise and glo - ry!
cho - sen band:
take your part:

The image shows a musical score for Thanksgiving. It consists of two staves of music. The top staff is in treble clef and the bottom staff is in bass clef. Both staves are in the key of D major (indicated by two sharps) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are written between the two staves. The lyrics are: "mur - mur stilled: all is right: to God all praise and glo - ry! cho - sen band: take your part:". The music is a simple, hymn-like melody.

Called as Partners in Christ's Service 761



1 Called as part-ners in Christ's ser-vice, called to min-is-tries of grace,
 2 Christ's ex-am-ple, Christ's in-spir-ing, Christ's clear call to work and worth,
 3 Thus new pat-terns for Christ's mis-sion, in a small or glob-al sense,
 4 So God grant us for to - mor-row ways to or - der hu - man life



we re-pond with deep com-mit-ment fresh new lines of faith to trace.
 let us fol-low, nev-er fal-tering, rec-on-cil-ing folk on earth.
 help us bear each oth-er's bur-dens, break-ing down each wall or fence.
 that sur-round each per-son's sor-row with a calm that con-quests strife.



May we learn the art of shar-ing, side by side and friend with friend,
 Men and wom-en, rich-er, poor-er, all God's peo-ple, young and old,
 Words of com-fort, words of vi-sion, words of chal-lenge, said with care,
 Make us part-ners in our liv-ing, our com-pas-sion to in-crease,



e - qual part-ners in our car-ing to ful-fill God's cho-sen end.
 blend-ing hu-man skills to-gether gra-cious gifts from God un-fold.
 bring new power and strength for ac-tion, make us col-leagues, free and fair.
 mes-sen-gers of faith, thus giv-ing hope and con-fi-dence and peace.



This hymn is a celebration of mutuality and diversity as well as a challenge to the Christian community to live out a ministry of reconciliation and inclusion. This 20th-century text is set to a 19th-century tune named for the noted pastor and preacher Henry Ward Beecher.

620 Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

(Psalm 103)

1 Praise, my soul, the King of heav - en; to his
 2 Praise him for his grace and fa - vor to his
 3 Fa - ther - like, he tends and spares us; well our
 4 An - gels, help us to a - dore him; you be -

feet your trib - ute bring; ran - somed, healed, re - stored, for -
 peo - ple in dis - tress; praise him still the same as
 fee - ble frame he knows; in his hands he gent - ly
 hold him face to face. Sun and moon, bow down be -

giv - en, ev - er - more his prais - es sing: Al - le - lu - ia!
 ev - er, slow to chide, and swift to bless: Al - le - lu - ia!
 bears us, res - cues us from all our foes. Al - le - lu - ia!
 fore him, dwell - ers all in time and space: Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia! Praise the ev - er - last - ing King.
 Al - le - lu - ia! Glo - rious in his faith - ful - ness.
 Al - le - lu - ia! Wide - ly yet his mer - cy flows.
 Al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace.

This free paraphrase of Psalm 103 gains much energy and conviction by including the double "Alleluia!" before the final line of text. That repeated four-note figure descending from the tune's highest note gives voice to the praise that the rest of the hymn evokes.