

FIFTH SUNDAY *of* EASTER

Sunday, May 15, 2022

Watch live: <https://youtu.be/On1hjgwtJBI>

PRELUDE

Prelude and Fugue in C from Eight Short Preludes and Fugues - J.S. Bach

Linda Sweetman Waters, Organ

WELCOME *and* ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Bruce Ballantine

CALL *to* WORSHIP

Jesus said: I give you a new commandment, that you love one another.

Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another.

*HYMN – *We Are One in the Spirit* - See Attachment

PRAYER *of* CONFESSION

Almighty God, you love us, but we have not loved you. You call, but we have not listened.

We walk away from neighbors in need, wrapped up in our own concerns.

We have gone along with evil, pride, quarrelling and divisiveness.

God of grace, help us to admit our sin, so that as you come to us in mercy, we may repent, turn to you, and receive forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE *of* FORGIVENESS

*GLORIA PATRI – HYMN 579

*PASSING *of the* PEACE

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

MaryEllen Castaldo ~ Director *of* Children *and* Family Ministries

PSALTER READING

Psalm 148 ~ Suzy McDevitt

MUSICAL OFFERING

Hymn of Praise - John Carter

Chancel Choir and Linda Sweetman Waters, Organ Dr. Edward Schmiedecke, Music Director

Please join the Choir, when directed, in singing the text in bold below.

Awake, awake! Awake, my heart, for night is passing! Awake, awake! Awake, my heart, awake and pray. Awake, my heart, and come rejoicing. The dove of dawn is on the wing to welcome in the day.

When morning gilds the skies my heart awaking cries; may Jesus Christ be praised!

Alike at work and prayer, to Jesus I repair. May Jesus Christ be praised! Awake my heart, the dove of dawn is flying, on silent wings she rises with the sun. Be still, my heart, and hear her sweet voice crying. The song she sings is only just begun. Be still my heart. The night becomes as day, when from the heart we say, may Jesus Christ be praised! The powers of darkness fear when this sweet chant they hear; may Jesus Christ be praised! Awake, awake! Awake, my heart, awake and sing! Awake my heart, awake and sing!

Be this, while life is mine, my canticle divine; may Jesus Christ be praised!

Be this the eternal song through all the ages long; may Jesus Christ be praised! May Jesus Christ be praised!!

GOSPEL READING

John 13:31-35 ~ Suzy McDevitt

SERMON

So Simple, Yet So Complicated

Rev. Bruce Ballantine



OFFERING INVITATION

Please venmo @FirstPres-RidgewoodNJ, drop your offering in the plate on your way out, or mail check to the church. Thank you!



PRAYER *of* DEDICATION

OFFERTORY SOLO

It Is Well With My Soul - Philip P. Bliss, arr. Joseph M. Martin
Joshua LeRose, Tenor and Linda Sweetman Waters, Piano

When peace, like a river attendeth my way, when sorrows like sea billows roll; whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say, "It is well, it is well with my soul." My sin, oh, the bliss of this glorious thought. My sin, not in part, but the whole is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more. Praise the Lord, O my soul! And, Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight, the clouds be rolled back as a scroll, the trump' shall resound and the Lord shall descend, "Even so, it is well with my soul!"

PRAYERS *of the* PEOPLE

Loving and listening God, ever-attentive to the voices of those in need,
we call on your name so that we might live. Now hear our prayers:

For the church that bears Christ's name, that the world may know we are his disciples
by the love that we have for one another.

Silent Prayers

Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayers.**

For leaders of nations and all persons in positions of authority,
that their lives may be marked by Christ-like service and love.

Silent Prayers

Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayers.**

For the Ukrainian people and all victims of war, for all who are oppressed and living in captivity,
that they may escape from evil and death to find the land of freedom you have promised.

Silent Prayers

Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayers.**

For those who are hungry and thirsty this day and for those who have more than enough,
that we may learn to share your generous gifts, O God.

Silent Prayers

Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayers.**

For those who are dealing with loss or facing death, for those who are ill or recovering from injury,
that the presence of Christ may bless and keep them.

Silent Prayers

Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayers.**

Answer us in the day of trouble, O God, so that we may lift up the cup of salvation
in the presence of your people, giving thanks for all your goodness to us; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

And now we are bold to pray as Jesus taught us:

**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 358 – *Help Us Accept Each Other*

BENEDICTION *and* POSTLUDE
Toccata in G Major - William Hieronymus Pachelbel
 Linda Sweetman Waters, Organ

CHANCEL FLOWERS

Chancel Flowers are given by Jill Critchley and are in dedication
 for all of the birthdays in May. Happy Birthday!

*Please stand if you are able.

THE CHURCH

We Are One in the Spirit 300
 They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love

Capo 1: (Em) (Bm) (Em)
 Fm Cm Fm

1 We are one in the Spir - it; we are one in the Lord;
 2 We will walk with each oth - er; we will walk hand in hand;
 3 We will work with each oth - er; we will work side by side;
 4 All praise to the Fa - ther, from whom all things come,

(Am) (Em)
 B^bm Fm

we are one in the Spir - it; we are one in the Lord,
 we will walk with each oth - er; we will walk hand in hand,
 we will work with each oth - er; we will work side by side,
 and all praise to Christ Je - sus, God's on - ly Son,

(Am) (Em)
 B^bm Fm

and we pray that all u - ni - ty may one day be re - stored:
 and to - geth - er we'll spread the news that God is in our land:
 and we'll guard hu - man dig - ni - ty and save hu - man pride:
 and all praise to the Spir - it, who makes us one:

Refrain (C) (Em)
 D^b Fm

And they'll know we are Chris-tians by our love, by our

(Am) (Em) (Am) (Bm) (Em) (Am/E) (Em)
 B^bm Fm B^bm Cm Fm B^bm/F Fm

love; yes, they'll know we are Chris-tians by our love.

Help Us Accept Each Other

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Doreen Potter, 1975

1. Help us ac - cept each oth - er As Christ ac - cept-ed us;
 2. Teach us, O Lord, Your les - sons, As in our dai - ly life
 3. Let Your ac - cep - tance change us, So that we may be moved
 4. Lord, for to - day's en - coun - ters With all who are in need,

Teach us as sis - ter, broth - er, Each per - son to em - brace.
 We strug - gle to be hu - man And search for hope and faith.
 In liv - ing sit - u - a - tions To do the truth in love;
 Who hun - ger for ac - cep - tance, For righ - teous - ness and bread,

Be pres - ent, Lord, a - mong us And bring us to be - lieve
 Teach us to care for peo - ple, For all, not just for some,
 To prac - tice Your ac - cep - tance Un - til we know by heart
 We need new eyes for see - ing, New hands for hold - ing on:

LIFE IN CHRIST

We are our - selves ac - cept - ed And meant to love and live.
 To love them as we find them Or as they may be - come.
 The ta - ble of for - give - ness And laugh - ter's heal - ing art.
 Re - new us with Your Spir - it; Lord, free us, make us one!