

Service for the Lord's Day
Paw Creek Presbyterian Church • May 10, 2020
The Fifth Sunday of Easter

Welcome

*The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Love of God, and
the Communion of the Holy Spirit be with us all.*

Prelude

Softly and Tenderly

arr. Craig Curry

Call to Worship

Psalm 31

Love the LORD, all you who are faithful
be strong and let your heart take courage,
all you who wait for the LORD.
How great is your goodness, O LORD!
for those who put their trust in you.
Blessed be the LORD!
who has shown us the wonders of love.

Hymn

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

arr. Brian Howell

Immortal, invisible, God only wise, in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days, almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

To all, life thou givest, to both great and small. In all life thou livest, the true life of all.
We blossom and flourish like leaves on the tree, then wither and perish; but naught changeth thee.

Thou reignest in glory; thou dwells in light. Thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight.
All praise we would render, O help us to see 'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee!

Prayer of the Day

We behold your glory, O God, in the love shown by your Son, lifted up on the cross and exalted on high. Be glorified anew in the love we have for one another as disciples of the risen Lord Jesus, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Scripture Reading

Acts 7: 51-60

Stephen continued: "You stiff-necked people, uncircumcised in heart and ears, you are forever opposing the Holy Spirit, just as your ancestors used to do. Which of the prophets did your ancestors not persecute? They killed those who foretold the coming of the Righteous One, and now you have become his betrayers and murderers. You are the ones that received the law as ordained by angels, and yet you have not kept it."

When they heard these things, they became enraged and ground their teeth at Stephen. But filled with the Holy Spirit, he gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of

God. "Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he died.

Hymn

When Peace Like a River

arr. Brian Howell

When peace like river attendees 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
It is well with my soul; it is well; it is well with my soul.

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come, let this blest assurance control,
that Christ hath regarded my helpless estate, and hath shed his own blood for my soul!
It is well with my soul; it is well; it is well with my soul.

O Lord, haste the day when our faith shall be sight, the clouds be rolled back as a scroll,
the trumpet shall sound and the Lord shall descend; even so it is well with my soul.
It is well with my soul; it is well; it is well with my soul.

Homily

Even if it hurts

Offertory

In the beauty of music, let us turn our hearts to thanksgiving for all God's bounty
as we think of gifts of action, kindness and caring that we can offer to God in the coming week.

Prayers of God's People

Beginning with announcements and prayer concerns; and concluding with *The Lord's Prayer*

Charge and Benediction

Let us now be active in the world in peace and be of good courage;
holding fast to what is good; rendering to no one evil for evil;
strengthening the fainthearted; supporting the weak,
helping the afflicted, honoring all people;
loving and serving the Lord, and rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Postlude

When the Roll is Called Up Yonder

arr. John Turner