

**Service for the Lord's Day  
Paw Creek Presbyterian Church • May 16, 2021**

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Welcome to Sunday Worship at Paw Creek Presbyterian Church! We worship together each week both in our sanctuary and online (see [pawcreekpc.org](http://pawcreekpc.org) for links to Facebook and YouTube). Whichever is best for you, we are glad you are with us. If you are a visitor, please let us know you were here. You can fill out a card in the pew rack, or the visitor information form on our website.

For safety, when we worship in the sanctuary we adhere to masking and distancing guidelines; the ushers are here to help you find a safely distanced seat. The congregation does not sing the hymns or speak the prayers. Hymnbooks are available in the pew racks so you can follow along with the words as they are sung.

**Preparatory Music** "I'd Rather Have Jesus/I Have Decided To Follow Jesus"  
arr. Harlan Rogers

**Welcome** *The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Love of God, and  
the Communion of the Holy Spirit is in our midst. Thanks be to God!*

**Prelude** "Creator Spirit, By Whose Aid" arr. John Purifoy  
Evan Thee, Oboe

**Call to Worship** Psalm 47  
Clap your hands, all you peoples;  
shout to God with a cry of joy.  
For the LORD Most High is to be feared,  
the great ruler over all the earth.  
Sing praises to God, sing praises;  
sing praises to our LORD, sing praises.

**Hymn 263** "All Hail the Power of Jesus's Name"  
verses 1, 3 & 4

**Prayer of the Day**

Almighty God, your blessed Son before his passion prayed for his disciples that they might be one, as you and he are one. Grant that your church, being bound together in love and obedience to you, may be united in one body by the one Spirit. May the world believe in the one whom you have sent, for he is your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

**Scripture Reading**

Acts 1: 15-17, 21-26

In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred twenty persons) and said, "Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus-- for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry. So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us-- one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection." So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. Then they prayed and said, "Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place." And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

**Hymn 819** "Be Still, My Soul"  
verses 1 & 2

**Sermon** *A Game of Chance?*

**Offertory** "Blessed Assurance" arr. Mark Albrecht  
Evan Thee, Oboe

Offerings for God's work through Paw Creek Church are gratefully received in the baskets by the entrance and exits to the sanctuary, or by mail to the church office.

**Prayers of God's People**

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

**Hymn 43** "On Eagle's Wings"  
verses 1 - 4

**Charge and Benediction**

**Postlude** "My Tribute (To God Be the Glory)" Andrae Crouch