



On the fourth Sunday of the month,  
the congregations of First Presbyterian and First United Presbyterian Churches  
will be worshipping together.

Many years ago, our churches shared a history as one congregation  
before our ties were broken by racism and sin.

Years later, we rejoice that we can participate in Christ's ministry of reconciliation  
as we bear witness to God's faithfulness and grace.

## Order of Worship

*Fifth Sunday in Easter*  
May 22, 2022  
11 a.m.

### Preparation

Prelude

Words of Welcome

The Reverend Lorenzo Small, Sr.

Chiming of the Trinity

### Adoration

Choral Call to Worship

Everett Williams/ed. Young

*This is the day that the Lord hath made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it. Let us  
rejoice! Amen!*

1 How firm a foun - da - tion, ye saints of the Lord,  
 2 "Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dis-mayed,  
 3 "When through the deep wa - ters I call thee to go,  
 4 "When through fi - ery tri - als thy path - way shall lie,  
 5 "The soul that on Je - sus hath leaned for re - pose,

is laid for your faith in God's ex - cel - lent Word!  
 for I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;  
 the riv - ers of sor - row shall not o - ver - flow;  
 my grace, all suf - fi - cient, shall be thy sup - ply;  
 I will not, I will not de - sert to its foes;

What more can be said than to you God hath said,  
 I'll strength - en thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,  
 for I will be near thee, thy trou - bles to bless,  
 the flame shall not hurt thee; I on - ly de - sign  
 that soul, though all hell should en - deav - or to shake,

to you who for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?  
 up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand.  
 and sanc - ti - fy to thee thy deep - est dis - tress.  
 thy dross to con - sume, and thy gold to re - fine.  
 I'll nev - er, no, nev - er, no, nev - er for - sake."

# Confession

## Call to Confession

The Reverend Pen Peery

## Prayer of Confession

**Lord, we confess we are too attached to this world, and so when things go haywire, we struggle with fear. We have convinced ourselves that following you means earthly comfort more often than not. So, we loathe trouble and exert much energy in sustaining our own comfort. We even believe that being your disciple means a life free from trouble. Thus, when trouble comes we become perplexed. Forgive us, and by your Holy Spirit, help us to look towards the life to come, and to trust in the victory Jesus has secured for us, despite what may come in this life. Amen.**

## Assurance of Pardon

One: Friends, believe the good news.

**All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

## \*Response to Pardon (Hymn No. 441)

NETTLETON

**Hear the good news of salvation: Jesus died to show God's love. Such great kindness! Such great mercy! Come to us from heaven above. Jesus Christ, how much I love you! Jesus Christ, you save from sin!**

## Time with Children

*Children age 3 through first grade may leave for First Church. They will return to the sanctuary during the last hymn. Older children are encouraged to stay and worship with their families.*

# Proclamation

## Prayer for Illumination

## Anthem

"My Soul's Been Anchored in the Lord"

Moses Hogan

*My soul's been anchored in the Lord. Before I'd stay in hell one day I'd sing and pray myself away. Gon' shout and pray and never stop until I reach the mountaintop. Do you love him: God Almighty? Are you anchored? Will you serve him? Oh yes! Lord, I'm anchored. Lord, I love you. Yes, I'll serve you. Lord, I'll praise you. Hallelujah! My soul's been anchored in the Lord.*

## Scripture

John 16:33 (NKJV)

*"These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world."*

## Sermon

The Reverend Lorenzo Small, Sr.

"It's True, But I'm Working on It: Don't Be Afraid"

## Anthem

"My Life Is in Your Hands"

Kirk Franklin

FUPC Praise Team

The 11 a.m. service is televised over WAXN-TV, Channel 64 this morning and streamed live at [www.firstpres-charlotte.org](http://www.firstpres-charlotte.org) and on Facebook Live.

**The rosebuds celebrate the births of** Mary Ross and Kathryn Virginia Cook, daughters of Elizabeth and Thomas Cook.

**The Session has called a congregational meeting** for today immediately following worship for the purpose of electing the Officer Nominating Committee.

# Response

## Affirmation of Faith

The Reverend Anna Dickson

### \*Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

### Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

**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.**

### Stewardship of Life

Presentation of Tithes and Offering

### Offertory Anthem

"God of Grace and God of Glory"

arr. Dan Forrest

*God of grace and god of glory, on your people pour your power. Crown your ancient church's story; bring its bud to glorious flower. Grant us wisdom; grant us courage for the facing of this hour. Lo! The hosts of evil round us scorn our Christ; assail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wisdom; grant us courage for the living of these days. Save us from week resignation to the evils we deplore; let the gift of your salvation be our glory evermore. Grant us wisdom; grant us courage, serving you whom we adore. God of grace and god of glory, on your people pour your power. Crown your ancient church's story; bring its bud to glorious flower. Grant us wisdom; grant us courage for the facing of this hour. Amen.*

### \*Doxology

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

### \*Prayer of Dedication

# Sending Forth

\*Hymn No. 837

"What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine"

SHOWALTER

1 What a fel-low-ship, what a joy di-vine, lean-ing on the ev-er-  
2 O how sweet to walk in this pil-grim way, lean-ing on the ev-er-  
3 What have I to dread, what have I to fear, lean-ing on the ev-er-

last-ing arms; what a bless-ed-ness, what a peace is mine,  
last-ing arms; O how bright the path grows from day to day,  
last-ing arms? I have bless-ed peace with my Lord so near,

*Refrain*  
lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms. Lean-ing,  
Lean-ing on Je-sus,  
lean-ing, safe and se-cure from all a-larms; lean-ing on  
Je-sus, lean-ing on Je-sus, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms.

\*Benediction

\*Benediction Response

Postlude

Congregational Meeting

## First Presbyterian Church Announcements

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We are glad you are worshipping with us today!

We welcome all to First Presbyterian Church as we worship together, knowing that each of us is a beloved part of the body of Christ.

### Our Pastors

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Are you interested in joining our church?

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### Officer Nominations Now Open, through June 15

We need your help to elect the next class of officers to serve on the Session, Diaconate, and the Associate Pastor Nominating Committee. | Access the nomination form at [fpc.tiny.us/onc2022](http://fpc.tiny.us/onc2022) | To request a printed form, email [tgaspar@firstpres-charlotte.org](mailto:tgaspar@firstpres-charlotte.org)

### BellXcel Summer Camp at FPC, June 20 - July 27

BellXcel summer camp is returning to FPC this summer! Serve our 75 scholars as a math or literacy tutor, enrichment volunteer or field trip chaperone. | To volunteer, visit [fpc.tiny.us/bellxcel2022](http://fpc.tiny.us/bellxcel2022)

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