

First Presbyterian Church of Racine  
Sunday, May 17, 2020

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

*“Andantino” by Hilarion Eslava  
Alejandro Alumbremos*

CALL TO WORSHIP

O Lord, open our lips.

**And our mouths shall proclaim your praise.**

The Lord’s unfailing love and mercy never cease,  
fresh as the morning and sure as the sunrise.

HYMN

*“Lift High the Cross”*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*Larry Dickerson*

**Almighty God, we pray for your blessing  
on the church in this and every place  
where your people gather.**

**May the faithful find salvation,  
and the careless be awakened.**

**May the doubting find faith,  
and the anxious be encouraged.**

**May the tempted find help,  
and the sorrowful find comfort.**

**May the weary find rest,  
and the strong be renewed.**

**May the aged find peace  
and the young be inspired;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God is good.

On all whose lives are open to change,  
from guilt to grace, from darkness to light,  
God pronounces pardon and grants peace.

**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

PASSING THE PEACE

Since God has made us the blessed community, the Church,  
let us greet one another with the peace and joy of Christ.

Peace and joy be with you.

**And also with you.**

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Like the Murmur of the Dove’s Song”  
*Mark Paffrath*

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

SCRIPTURE

Acts 8:26-40  
*Larry Dickerson*  
John 15:1-8  
*Rev. Dr. Mark McDonough*

SERMON

“Flourishing in the Flourishing of Others”  
*Rev. Dr. Mark McDonough*

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

MUSIC FOR REFLECTION

OFFERING/OFFERTORY

“Take Me to the Water”  
*Mark Paffrath*

DOXOLOGY

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE AND 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.**

GOING FORTH TO MINISTER

HYMN

“Spirit of the Living God”  
*Alejandro Alumbremos*

BENEDICTION

The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord be kind and gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor  
and give you peace.  
**Alleluia! Amen.**

POSTLUDE

“Allegro” by Fr. Walczynski  
*Alejandro Alumbremos*