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# A Service of Worship for the Lord's Day

Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 2, 2021

Second Presbyterian Church (Lexington, KY)

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## God Calls Us to Worship

Chiming of the Hour

Pouring of the Water

Jen Brown-Murphy

Welcome

Jen-Brown Murphy

Prelude

*O Blessed Spring*

Mark Sedio

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\*Call to Worship (*responsively*)

Jackie Graves

Leader From you comes my praise in the great congregation;

**People: My vows I will pay before those who fear God.**

Leader: All the ends of the earth, shall remember and turn to the Lord;

**People: And all the families of the nations shall worship before him.**

\*Prayer of the Day

Jackie Graves

O God, distant yet near, we gather as witnesses to your promise that if we seek you with all our hearts, we will find you. Be among us today. Hear the confessions of our mouths and the yearnings of our hearts. Help us to change the narrowness of our vision and pettiness of our living. Make us new again with your holy grace. Grant us your spirit that our worship may witness to your holy presence in our lives. We praise and give thanks to you, Eternal God, through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

\*Hymn

*Now the Green Blade Rises* (vv. 1 & 4)

(NOËL NOUVELET)

Text and Music Harmony (c) 1928 Oxford University Press

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### **(Those gathered in the sanctuary for worship should not sing.)**

vs.1 Now the green blade rises from the buried grain, wheat that in dark earth many days has lain; love lives again, that with the dead has been; love is come again like wheat arising green.

vs.4 When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain, your touch can call us back to life again; fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been; love is come again like wheat arising green.

## God Speaks to Us from the Word

Prayer for Illumination		Pastor David Holden
Acts 8.26-40		Pastor David Holden
Sermon	<i>What If?</i>	Pastor David Holden
*The Apostles' Creed (unison)		Pastor David Holden

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Anthem	<i>Didn't My Lord Deliver Daniel</i>	Spiritual, arr. Roger Emerson (c) 1992 Emersongs Broadcast under OneLicense #A-702383
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## God Feeds Us at the Table

Offering of Our Gifts		Jen Brown-Murphy
Offertory	<i>Lord of All Good</i>	(TOULON) Text (c) 1962 Oxford University Press
Invitation to the Lord's Table		Pastor David Holden
Great Prayer of Thanksgiving		Pastor David Holden
The Lord's Prayer ( <i>unison</i> )		Pastor David Holden
Breaking of the Bread and Pouring of the Cup		
Communion of the People	<i>Let Us Break Bread Together</i>	LORD'S SUPPER

## God Sends Us into the World

Prayer after Communion		Pastor David Holden
Sending		Pastor David Holden
Postlude	<i>Christ Our Sure Defense</i>	Paul Manz (c) 1974 Concordia Publishing House Broadcast under OneLicense #A-702383

## Service Notes

- **Pastors:** John P. Leggett, David Holden
- **Liturgists:** Jackie Graves, Jen Brown-Murphy
- **Musicians:** Gary and Martha Anderson, Ashley Cissell, Ashley Patak, Brian Williams, Jimmy Simmons, Chris Burchett, Emma Whitt
- **Welcome to all who are worshiping with us, both in-person and on livestream!** Please remember singing is not permitted for those worshiping in-person. **For the safety of all, in-person communion will not be held.** Please feel free to pick up the home communion elements provided on the table as you exit the sanctuary.
- **Your gifts and donations** in response to God are instrumental in sustaining our ability to move forward with all the ministries of Second Presbyterian Church. You may make your gifts through the secure link on the church website (<https://onrealm.org/2preslex/-/give/now>) or by mailing your check to Second Presbyterian Church, 460 East Main Street, Lexington, KY 40507, or for those worshiping with us in person, **place in the offering plates located on the tables at the entrances as you exit.** Thank you!
- **As a way to honor your mother on Mother's Day,** the Mission Committee invites you to participate in the annual **Mother's Day Offering for Meals on Wheels.** Monetary donations may be made in honor/memory of your loved one by check payable to Meals on Wheels and placing it in the offering plate as you leave, mailing it to the church or online through our website.
- **The Present Word Bible Study** continues on Sundays with readings from both the Old and New Testaments from **8:45-9:45 a.m.,** in the Campbell Room.
- **Sunday Women's Gathering** – Beth Moore study continues on Sundays by zoom at **10:45 a.m.,** called Breaking Free. Contact Becky Edwins (266-8666) for details.
- **The Theology** class continues on Sunday mornings at 11:00 am via Zoom. The book we are discussing is *The Year of Living Biblically: One Man's Humble Quest to Follow the Bible as Literally as Possible* by A.J. Jacobs. Contact Phil Maxson ([pmaxson@twc.com](mailto:pmaxson@twc.com)) for zoom details.
- **Men's Breakfast Group** - Join us we study *What Do We Do With Evil* by Richard Rohr. We meet on zoom every **Wednesday mornings from 6:30-7:30 a.m.** Contact Shawn Caudill (608-6662) for details.
- **All Church Adult Book Study** led by Pastor David Holden will be held at **7:00 p.m.** on Wednesday nights beginning **May 5<sup>th</sup>** and continuing thru June 16<sup>th</sup>, by zoom. Join us as we discuss the book *Becoming Jesus' Prayer: Transforming Your Life Through the Lord's Prayer.* Visit the Adult Education page of our website ([www.2preslex.org](http://www.2preslex.org)) for zoom details.
- **Youth and Deacons** are teaming up for another **donation drive** to support the **Family Care Center** on **Saturday, May 8<sup>th</sup> from 10:45-11:30.** You can also bring items on Sunday morning and place in the Fellowship Hall or make a monetary donation payable to Second and mark "Family Care Center" in the memo line and mail it to the church. Items most needed include: **diapers (all sizes), wipes, personal care and cleaning supplies, sippy cups, new or gently used toys and books.**

- **Beth Wachs Circle Group** will meet in-person in the Forum Room on **Monday, May 10<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m.** Social distancing will be practiced. Please contact Sandra Harrison (806-1172 or [slharr64@gmail.com](mailto:slharr64@gmail.com)) for details.

### **Celebrations**

- **Pat Webb** celebrated her 97<sup>th</sup> birthday on April 30<sup>th</sup>.
- **Joe Kennedy**, father of Carol Behr, will celebrate his 96th birthday on Monday, May 10th with a drive-thru at his house (404 Clinton Rd., Lexington, KY 40502) from 5:30-7:00 p.m. *Sending a card is also welcomed.*

### **Our Sympathy**

We extend the love and concern of the congregation to the following:

- **Chris DeHoag** on the passing of his mother, Anne.
- **Catherine Hunt** on the passing of her husband, Mark, on April 26<sup>th</sup>.