FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA

Fifth Sunday of Easter April 29, 2018

A SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD
WITH THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

(As we prepare to worship, please silence all mobile devices.)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS, JOYS AND CONCERNS Mindy Douglas

PRELUDE Two Variations on “Shades Mountain” John Eggert

INTROIT Lord God, We Praise You Sung to Shades Mountain

Lord God, we praise thee, now the night is over;
Active and watchful, stand we all before thee;
Singing we offer prayer and meditation:
Thus we adore thee.

Monarch of all things, fit us for thy mansions;
Banish our weakness, health and wholeness sending;
Bring us to heaven, where thy saints united
Joy without ending.

CALL TO WORSHIP Mindy Douglas

Leader: Jesus offers a new-old commandment,
People: That we should love each other.
Leader: With the incredible power and the unfathomable depth of God’s love for us,
People: We can, we must love one another.
Leader: And it is in this, our love for one another,
People: That the world will know whom and what we worship.
Leader: Come, children of God, let us love one another.
All: Let us worship God.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN (see page 7) Christ Is Alive, With Joy We Sing Gelobt Sei Gott

CONFESION OF SIN (remain standing) Mindy Douglas

Call to Confession
Prayer of Confession
Leader: God of steadfast love, you change bitter tears of remorseful hearts with the raindrops of mercy;
People: Now, let us germinate a new life, growing with integrity!
Leader: God of steadfast love, you change the cold shame of contrite hearts with sunrays of mercy;
People: Now, let us sprout a new life, growing with honesty!
Leader: God of steadfast love, you change the stony edges of repentant hearts into landscapes of mercy;
People: Now, let us branch out into new life, growing with generosity!

Silent Confession
Declaration of Pardon

* Those who are able, please stand.
Response (all sing)  

He is the sun which brings the dawn:  
He is the light of all the world,  
Setting us free from death and sin.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

COLLECT FOR THE DAY  

Leader:  The Lord be with you.  
People:  And also with you.  
Leader:  Let us pray.  
All:  Wondrous Vine-grower, you make all things new in water and Word, feeding your people with love, joy, and peace. Lead us today and every day to the font of new beginnings. Teach us to love what you have commanded and to prune what does not nourish your creation, in the name of the Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer, one God, now and forever. Amen.

ACTS OF THE APOSTLES  

Acts 8:26-40  
(Pew Bible, NT Page 127)

Leader:  The Word of the Lord.  
People:  Thanks be to God!

EPISTLE LESSON  

1 John 4:7-12  
(Pew Bible, NT Page 241)

Leader:  The Word of the Lord.  
People:  Thanks be to God!

*HYMN NO. 366  

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling  
Hyfrydol

GOSPEL LESSON  

John 15:1-8  
(Pew Bible, NT Page 109)

Leader:  The Word of the Lord.  
People:  Thanks be to God!

SERMON  

"Metaphor as Healing"  
Marilyn Hedgpeth

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH  

(From Romans 8:35-39)  
Sam Migliarese

Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, “For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.” No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

*HYMN NO. 226 (verses 1, 2, 4, and 6)  

There in God’s Garden  
Shades Mountain  
(Children through 1st grade enter worship during the hymn.)

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN  

Marilyn Hedgpeth

(Following “A Time with Children,” children can remain in worship with their parents or return to the nursery. Children’s Choir participants may join Samantha in the choir room for rehearsal.)
DEDICATION OF OFFERINGS

Offertory Anthem

Christ, the Vine

Christ, the vine, and God, the gardener, we, the branches bearing fruit.
We can bring forth shoots of promise when our lives in Christ take root.
Christ, the fruit from Jesse springing, you fulfilled the prophet’s trust.
And you pray that we, your body, will fulfill your trust in us.
Christ, may we submit to pruning that we bear more grapes for wine.
Help us, when we’re overburdened, draw new strength from you, the vine.
You made us to be partners growing Spirit’s fruit anew.
Keep us one in love together: you in us, and we in you!

*Doxology with Alleluias

Lasst uns erfreuen

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

*THE PEACE

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.
People: And also with you.

Sam Miglarese

INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE

Marilyn Hedgpeth

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Leader: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Leader: Lift up your hearts.
People: We lift them to the Lord.
Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.
Leader: Abiding God, you planted the vineyard of creation, and called your chosen people to be your vine, rooted and grounded in you. Through your Son, you abide in us, and in the power of your Holy Spirit you shape the branches of the vine to make fruit that will last. Your Son was crucified that the blood of his sacrifice might be the wine through which we may never be thirsty again. In the meal of creation, of resurrection, and of everlasting life, you pour out the cup of your abundance to give us eternal joy in you. And so we gladly thank you, with angels and archangels, and all the company of heaven, singing the hymn of your unending praise.

All (sung): Sanctus

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power, God of might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

Hymn No. 565 (Haugen)

Leader: Transforming God, your Son took on the ordinary substance of human flesh and bone. On his last night with his friends, he took the ordinary materials of bread and wine and made the ordinarieness of our lives glow with the wonder of eternal life. Take these gifts of bread and wine and make them be for us the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ; who, at supper with his disciples, took bread, gave you thanks, broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying, “Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.” After supper he took the cup. Again he gave you thanks, and gave it to his disciples, saying “Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.”
Leader: Great is the mystery of faith.
All: Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.
Leader: Redeeming God, you turn Word into flesh, and your perfect love casts out our fear. You show us a way to love you by giving us brothers and sisters to love as we love you. Abide with all whose lives are far from fruitful; remain with those who have experienced pruning; dwell with any who feel like branches that have been discarded. Unite your whole church, living and departed, as branches of your one vine, rooted and grounded in you. Nurture your whole creation, until you are all in all, one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

(Prayers of thanksgiving and intercession)

The Lord’s Prayer (in unison)
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.

*The Sharing of the Bread and Cup

Note: Gluten/peanut-free bread is served at the station to the right, in front of the lectern.

*Prayer After Communion

Mindy Douglas

Leader: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
People: Amen.
All: Lord, help us to see that every act of kindness, every word of forgiveness, every gesture of love, seen or unseen, however small, changes the world, and us, forever. Amen.

*Hymn No. 247

Now the Green Blade Rises

Noel Nouvelet

*Benediction

Marilyn Hedgpeth

*Postlude

Variation on “Shades Mountain”

John Eggert

First Presbyterian Church welcomes all who worship here. We honor and celebrate the human diversity and unity that God gives us in Christ. We welcome individuals of every age, race, nationality, gender, ability, sexual orientation, and economic circumstance to participate fully in the life of the church. So that we may better know each other, please sign the Ritual of Friendship pad, pass it along the center pew across to the shorter side pew, and then return it to the starting point, noting the names of those sitting near you. On Sunday, April 22, we welcomed 19 visitors to our worship service.

The flowers are given to the glory of God by Chris, Meredith, Logan, and Evelyn Brown in memory of Seth Greyson Brown.

Hearing Assistance Receivers are available from the ushers. Before you leave the sanctuary please turn off the receiver and place it in the specially marked receptacle near the baptism font.

Nursery care for infants to 6 years of age is provided during worship on the second floor of the Education Building. After the sermon is delivered, children ages 3 to 6 join worship for “A Time with the Children” while childcare for infants – 2 years continues in the nursery.

There is a changing table in the narthex, located to the left as you exit the rear of the sanctuary.

Worship bags and activity bulletins are available in the foyer for children. Books are on the pews in the narthex for younger children to read and enjoy should they need a break from the service.
Portions of today’s worship texts were reprinted from Feasting on the Word, Eucharistic Prayers, and Daily Prayer.

Registration is now open for the 2018 Great Big Church Family Festival. Use this link to register your family: https://goo.gl/gRtboC

~ Joys and Concerns ~

Graeme Peterson joined FPC in 2009. He participated in youth group and also served as a deacon (Class of 2012). In 2013, he transferred his membership to White Memorial Presbyterian Church, Raleigh. Graeme was received back into the membership of FPC by the Session on April 23, 2018. He is a graduate of Duke University (2017) and works with RTI International. Please welcome Graeme back to FPC.

Added this week: Carl Sims, son of Kathy Colville

Carsey Family
Graham/Seawell/Boyle Family
Deborah Lawrence, mother of Darlington Hebron
Lorimer Family
Susan Seahorn

Brookdale Senior Living (Durham): Julian Boswell
Croasdaile Village: Bette Conroy (Friendship Hall)
Croasdaile Pavilion: Bob Keever, John Kerr, Bob Rankin, Florence Shackelford
Dubose Center, Chapel Hill: Mary Clark
Hillcrest Convalescence Center: Margaret Sims
Pruitt Health at Carolina Point (Durham): Helen Garrison
The Forest at Duke: Fran Bryant, Peaches McPherson

Family and Friends of Church Members and Staff:
Tom Birchfield, step-father of Wil James
Norma Cardoni, mother of Sheila Breitweiser
Ching-Chang Chin, father of Li-Chen Chin
Clairborne Clark, son of Arthur and Mary Clark
Marc Crawford, friend of Brianna and Ricky Bennett
Linda High, niece-in-law of Elizabeth High
Maria Holland, daughter of Katy and Bruce Loebright
Huberg family, friends of Kathy Parkins and Mary Kay Robinson
Marsha Hussung, sister of Brent Curtis
Clara Iedema, sister of Hendrika Vande Kemp
David Kilpatrick, grandson of Elizabeth High (US Air Force, deployed to Zaragoza, Spain)
Patricia Kost, grandmother of Jack Kost
Ben Johnston-Krase, pastor of Durham's Farm Church
Eric Maina, nephew of Mercy Ndambiri-Curlett, in hospice care at Duke Hospital
Paul Martin, brother of Beth Neece
Sue Noel, resident at Croasdaile Village and friend of Bill Hendrickson
Rosemary Orphys, aunt of Kerry Holbrook
Jonathan Pratt, son of Lanny Pratt
Nichola (Nicky) Sampson, sister-in-law of Sue Fricks
Vickie Tobey, niece of Mickey Velkey and cousin of Beth Brockman
Anne Turlington, aunt of Jack Kost
Women's Voices Chorus

Spring Concert

Sunday, May 6 – 3:00 PM
FPC Sanctuary

This concert will feature Artistic Director Allan Friedman's new refugee song, *Miriym, Maria, and Maryam*, a dramatic piece written in response to the present reality of millions of displaced people around the globe. Accompanied by guitars, oud, percussion, and interpretive dance, with text from Psalms, Rumi, and Hafez, Friedman imagines three women of different faiths as they are swept up in tragic historical events. The spring program will also include modern and Renaissance choral works by women on the Virgin Mary; Ariel Ramirez's romping and lively South American folk mass, *Misa Criolla*; and international songs of peace, including an Iraqi lullaby and a Palestinian-American's song on the longing to be free. Tickets are $17 for adults and $7 for students. To purchase advance tickets, please visit the Women’s Voices Chorus website. All tickets purchased online will be available for pickup at the ticket table in the lobby on the day of the concert.

Smart Devices Needed

Do you have an old iPod, iPhone, or iPad? Please bring it to church to donate! Your device will be donated to Music and Memory (www.musicandmemory.org) to provide "personalized music" for people suffering from dementia. Look for the plastic box with the Music and Memory logo in the volunteer's office, or contact Christyn Klinck for more information (cfklinck@gmail.com). Donations accepted through Sunday, May 27.

~ Serving Today ~

Liturgist: *Jerry Postema*
Narthex Greeter: *Debbie Hamlin-Aggrey*
After Worship Greeters: *Al Arrowood* (side/font); *Ellie Dilworth* (rear/narthex)
Ushers: *Emily Wilkins* (head), *Christy Gudiatis, Dale Gaddis*
Communion Elders:
- Head/replenish elements: *Alice Raney*
- Cup: *Miriam Morey* (C1), *Dawn Carsey* (C2/process), *Gerald Postema* (C3), *Caroline Rourk* (C4)
- Shepherds: *Delia Kwon* (center aisle), *Carol Carson* (font aisle), *Jane Wettach* (pulpit aisle)
Christ Is Alive, With Joy We Sing

Melchior Vulpius
GELOB'T SEI GOTT

1. Christ is alive, with joy we sing; we celebrate our risen Lord, praising the glory of his name.

2. He is the grain of wheat that died; sown in distress and reaped in joy, yielding a harvest of new life.

3. He is the vine set in the earth, sharing our life, beginning flesh, that we might share in God's own life.

4. He is the bread which comes from God broken to feed us in our need, given to bring eternal life.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.
He is the sun which brings the dawn: He is the light of all the world, setting us free from death and sin.

Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.
Now the Green Blade Rises

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.

2. In the grave they laid him, love by hated slain,
   thinking that he would never wake again,
   laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen;
   love is come again like wheat arising green.

3. Forth he came at Easter like the risen grain,
   he that for three days in the grave had lain;
   raised from the dead, my living Lord is seen;
   love is come again like wheat arising green.

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.
366 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

1 Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heaven, to
2 Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit into every
3 Come, Almighty, to deliver; let us all thy
4 Finish then thy new creation; pure and spotless

earth come down, fix in us thy humble dwelling; all thy
troubled breast; let us all in thee inherit; let us
life receive; suddenly return, and never, never let us be; let us see thy great salvation perfect-

faithful mercies crown. Jesus, thou art all compassion; find the promised rest. Take away the love of sinning; more thy temples leave. Thee we would be always blessing, ly restored in thee: changed from glory into glory,
pure, un-bounded love thou art; visit us with
Alpha and Omega be; end of faith, as
serve thee as thy hosts above, pray, and praise thee
till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our

thy salvation; enter every trembling heart.
its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.
without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.
crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.
226 There in God’s Garden

1 There in God’s garden stands the tree of Wisdom,
2 Its name is Jesus, name that says, “Our Saviour!”
3 Thorns not its own are tangled in its foliage;
4 See how its branches reach to us in welcome;

whose leaves hold forth the healing of the nations:
There on its branches see the scars of suffering;
Our greed has starved it, our despite has choked it;
Hear what the Voice says, “Come to me, ye weary!”

tree of all knowledge, tree of all comfort,
see there the tendrils of our human
Yet, look! It lives! Its grief has not deceived;
Give me your sickness; give me all your
5 This is my ending;
this, my resurrection;
into your hands,
Lord, I commit my spirit.
This have I searched for;
now I can possess it.
This ground is holy.

6 All heaven is singing,
"Thanks to Christ whose passion
offers in mercy
healing, strength, and pardon.
Peoples and nations,
take it; take it freely!"
Amen! My Master!
### The Week at a Glance!

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### CHURCH STAFF

- **Tom Bloom**, Business Administrator
- **Robert Daye**, Sexton
- **Mindy Douglas**, Pastor/Head of Staff
- **Susan Dunlap**, Parish Associate
- **Sarah Finbow**, Youth Minister
- **Marilyn Hedgpeth**, Associate Pastor
- **Cheryl Henry**, Parish Associate
- **Valerie McMillian**, Parish Administrator
- **Sam Migliarese**, Associate Pastor
- **Kathy Parkins**, Minister of Music

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