



WELCOME!

We are so glad you have chosen to worship with us this morning!

Service for the Lord's Day
May 17, 2015 Easter 7

**All who are able are asked to stand.*

THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF SAINT DAVID

Our Vision:

A Worshipping, Sharing, Welcoming Community

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God Calls Us to Worship



Prelude:

*The Entry of the Scriptures

* Call to worship: *Meet us here today, Our God, and teach us to be one:*

One in love for each other, one in understanding with all who find in Jesus the Way to You. One in peace with all who find other paths to your Truth. We ask all this in the name of Jesus, whose fervent prayer was ever: "May they all be one."

*Hymn: Rejoice the Lord is King

Opening prayer: *As disciples of Christ, we proclaim in our words the hope "that we may all be one", yet often we become bound, even imprisoned, by our fears or distrust of those who seem different from us in some way. When our fears bind us, we forget our calling to be witnesses in the world of the love of God manifest in Christ Jesus and in each of us. The fear of difference causes us to retreat and separate ourselves from others. The fear of difference imprisons us in cells of our own making.*

Assurance of Pardon: *Sisters and brothers, God is at work in us and with us! The glory that God has manifested in Jesus Christ is given to us even now so that we may live and love as one, for in Christ, we are one.*

Where we Hear God's Word

First Reading: *Acts 1:15-17, 21-26*

One: *The Word of the Lord.*

All: **Thanks be to God.**

THIS WEEK

The early service Sunday at 9 am

The Circle of prayer meets Sunday at 10 in the study.

Traditional service at 11 am.

Sunday School meets during worship

The choir meets on Thursdays at 7: 30 pm

David's Place gathers Fridays.

Responsive Reading: Psalm 1 ✘ *Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or take the path that sinners tread, or sit in the seat of scoffers; ✘ but their delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law they meditate day and night. ✘ They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither. In all that they do, they prosper. ✘ The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away. ✘ Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous; ✘ for the LORD watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.* Gloria Patri (sung)

*Hymn: This is my Commandment **694**
Scripture: Epistle: **1 John 5: 9-13**
Gospel: **John 17:6-19**
One: The Gospel of the Lord. **All: Praise to you, O Christ**

*Hymn: Help us to help each other **489**
Sermon: **Jesus remembers you**

We Respond to God's Word

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Anthem: 

*Doxology: "Praise God, from whom all blessings flow" **830**

Offertory Prayer

Announcements:

"Lord, listen to your children praying" (sung unannounced) **449**

Prayers of the People:

The Lord's Prayer ("debts & debtors")

We Go Out to Serve God

*Hymn: Jesus shall reign **275**

Commissioning and Benediction:

*Choral Amen:

Postlude: 

Worship is now ended let our service begin!

We welcome all who are worshipping here today! If you are here for the first time, please sign the Guest Book at the main entrance. A special welcome to Zoe Leger, our guest pianist for this morning.

Westend Baptist: On May 30th (9:30 - 12PM) a "workshop for women" focus conversations around the theme: RISK TAKERS: reaching across the generations.

The deadline for the next newsletter is May 29. Please send any contributions to Carol Dobson caroljdobson@gmail.com

Calvin Presbyterian is hosting a Ham Take-Out Supper on Saturday, May 23, 2015. Pick-up time is 4:00 – 4:30 pm. Price:

\$10.00 / supper, includes potato salad, ham, garnish, roll and apple pie. Please call 902-475-1528 for tickets or more information.

Capella Regalis May 22nd in First Baptist Church 7:00pm

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.

1 John 5:9-13 If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son. And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life. I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

John 17:6-19 "I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I

am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.

Prayers of the People: Easter 7

(inspired by John 17:6-19, Acts 1:15-17, 21-26)

Our gracious, eternal God, we thank you for the challenges which life brings. It also brings changes which sometimes throws us into crisis. Be with us in such times in our Christian community. Like the early disciples help us in our common life to find your guidance in our collective decisions.

Help us to approach our decisions seeking your guidance through prayer.

Help us to examine our own hearts for any unseemly motives.

Help us to focus on the common good and not be driven by our own selfish interests.

Help us to seek consensus and never be satisfied with power plays and divisiveness.

Help us all to share in our mutual ministry.

Lead us forward and help us to create a community where love, acceptance, and mutuality are expressed, where joy abounds, and

where results are achieved because we are all working hand in hand together. May it be said of us as it was said of old: "See how those Christians love one another."

We ask that you would save us from ever being a cloistered cell which seeks escape from our world. Instead, open the windows of our souls to the world and its needs. Send us forth to herald the good news of Jesus, to be your servants to those in need, to visit the sick and the imprisoned, to remember the forgotten in our society, and to work for justice and peace. Use our varied gifts so that as Peter suggested we all might do our fair share in this ministry. Bolster us in moments when we feel inadequate for the task and give us courage. Amen.

— written by Richard J. Einerson

We come before you now to ask you to forgiveness for our divisiveness. You said, "By this will all know you are my disciples, if you have love, one for another."

We are divided; we have retreated behind our theological differences, and we are unwilling to come together for the sake of the unity of your body, the church, or for your kingdom.

We look at one another with distrust. We are prideful in our beliefs that we alone have found the truth and all other groups have not. Rather than focusing on our common beliefs, that you are the LORD of all men, the only way, the truth and the life, we have focused on our differences, and this has served to drive us further apart. And what are the differences? We disagree on how a person is to be baptized or what type of worship style is correct, or what part works of service have in the life of one of your followers. We could go on for quite a while.

We do not speak of or to one another with love and compassion. We are jealous and envious when other congregations reach people and grow, while we struggle to make our church programs work because we lack people or funds.

We are divided along racial lines in a way that has created a perspective of haves and have-nots, when we know that you made all people and that the early church shared all things in common.

We are the richest, best educated, best equipped group of believers since you left the 120 in the upper room before Pentecost yet still we do not act mature or seek to make a change in this situation that we have created by our territorialism and pride.

O LORD, forgive us. Please give us the grace and the courage to break down the walls that divide us and to build a kingdom from the rubble of those ruins. Please bring us together. Give us more love for one another and less love for ourselves. Give us more love for you and less love for this world's system. Show us our sin and how it causes many to stumble over our lines of division so we may renounce and forsake our sinful ways and walk with you and one another in sweet fellowship. Give us new resolve to view everyone in this room as our Christian brother or sister with love and understanding and a desire to work together to reach a lost and dying world with the only true good news that there is.

Thank you, LORD Jesus for your mercy and your patience with us. Thank you for not giving up on us and for not giving us what our sin deserves.

Amen.

PASTORAL CARE

Those seeking pastoral care are requested to contact one of the following:

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MISSION CAPSULES: Serving up food security

After many faithful years of serving with SOYNICA in Nicaragua, PCC Mission staff Denise Van Wissen is now serving as a nutritionist with the Council of Protestant Churches of Nicaragua, a long-standing partner of The Presbyterian Church in Canada. Denise is assisting with a new Food and Environmental Security project funded by Presbyterian World Service & Development and the Canadian Foodgrains Bank. She develops reference material and facilitates continuing education around food and nutritional security with CEPAD staff. She is also helping to strengthen and support families by bringing new ideas and resources to a women's project and culinary arts initiative. *Presbyterians Sharing* supports Denise as she shares her gifts with CEPAD. Please pray for her as she settles into her new role.

PRAYER *Ascension Sunday* Pray for the courage to share the gospel in word and in deed, with a spirit of love and humility.

STEWARDSHIP Charity gives itself rich; covetousness hoards itself poor. *German Proverb*



We welcome younger children to our services! St. David's is still a breastfeeding friendly facility.



! Breastfeed.

The 3 R's at Saint David's - Reduce, Reuse and Recycle. **This is a 'scent free' zone for the comfort of all.**

Our Greeter this morning is Colin MacPherson. Our scripture reader for this morning is Nancy Tindall. Our refreshment host is Anne Sommerville.