

Pinetops Presbyterian Church
The Service for the Lord's Day

May 21, 2017

Ten O'clock

The Church Gathers

Prayer for Preparation (from *I Corinthians 5: 7-8*)

Alleluia! Christ, our Passover, is sacrificed for us; therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!
Amen.

Prelude

Prelude in C Major

J. S. Bach

Introit

God of Great and God of Small

Natalie Sleeth

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Liturgist, Bill Cobb

One: We continue in the season of Easter. Again, we say it, for still we give thanks:
Alleluia! Christ is risen.

All: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

One: May his grace and peace be with you.

All: May he fill our heart with joy.

† Opening Hymn

We Gather Together

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Confession and Pardon

† Call to Confession

The proof of God's amazing love is this: while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. Let us confess our sins before God and one another. Let us pray:

† Prayer of Confession

All: Mighty and merciful God, you have called us to be your people and claimed us for your service. We confess that we have not always lived up to our calling. We have been timid disciples: quiet in our witness, and weak in our work for your kingdom. Forgive us, we pray. As you chose and claimed us in our baptism, strengthen us now, to choose to follow you. Pour your Spirit out on us, and fill us with the gifts and heart needed to fulfill our common calling; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

† Silent Prayers of Personal Confession

† Assurance of Pardon

One: As a father has compassion for his children, so the Lord has compassion for those who fear God. As a mother comforts her child, so I will comfort you, says the Lord. Remember this: the Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. Friends, believe this, the Good News of the gospel.

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God! Amen.

† The Passing of the Peace

One: God has received us, pardoned us and loved us; let us forgive each other in love and share the peace of Christ. The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

All: And also with you.

† Congregational Response

"Gloria Patri"

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(The children may go to the Fellowship Hall at this time for Children's Church)

You are finished and may return to your seat. Thank you for your willingness to serve as liturgist.