

**POTWIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

**Topeka, Kansas**

**Sunday May 5, 2024**

*6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Eastertide/Potwin Church 135<sup>th</sup> Birthday*

Liturgical color: white

**PRELUDE**

**CHIMES**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

***Gathering***

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP:**

*Leader: Let the people praise you O God!*

**Unison: Let us be glad and sing with joy for you O God judge the people with equity and guide the nations of the earth.**

*Leader: Let the people praise you O God. Let all the people praise you!*

**Unison: God, our God, has blessed us. Let all the earth worship God's Holy Name!**

**\*INVOCATION/OPENING PRAYER (Unison)**

**Holy God,**

**Without you, our hearts are empty and our bones ache. Without your presence, we fall apart. Rebuild us, Holy God. Rebuild all the broken places in this world, in our homes, in our churches, and in our hearts. Rebuild us we pray, as we open our lips and our minds and our hearts to praise you, this day and forever. Amen.**

**\*OPENING HYMN: "To God Be the Glory" (#485 Blue Hymnal)**

***Praise, Prayers, and Petitions***

**SILENT PRAYERS OF PERSONAL CONFESSION:**

**CORPORATE PRAYERS OF CONFESSION:**

Eternal God, in every age you have raised up women and men to live and die in faith. We confess that we are indifferent to your will. You call us to proclaim your name, but we are silent. You call us to do what is just, but we remain idle. You call us to live faithfully, but we are afraid. In your mercy, forgive us. Give us courage to follow in your way, so that joined with those from ages past we may serve you with faith, hope, and love and be a part of ushering in your kingdom. In Christ's name we ask it, Amen.

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON:**

*Leader: As God has forgiven us so let us forgive one another. The Peace of Christ be with you!*

**Unison: And also with you!**

*Leader: Please share the love and peace of Christ with each other as you feel comfortable.*

**PASSING OF THE PEACE:**

**HYMN:** “Blest Be the Tie That Binds” (#438 Blue Hymnal)

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER**

(pg 16 in the Hymnal, Traditional version)

**\*Glory Be to the Father (Gloria Patri) #577**

***The Word:***

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**Illumination (Sung x2)**

*Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my heart*

**OLD TESTAMENT READING:** Psalm 66:1-12

**NEW TESTAMENT READING:** 2 Corinthians 5:1-9

**ANTHEM:** “Walk By Faith” *Potwin Spirit Singers*

**MESSAGE:** “Cross, Table, Tomb” *Pastor Sue Ann Seel*

**Response to the Word**

**TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

**OFFERTORY:** “This is My Father’s World & Joshua Fit the Battle of Jericho”

*Potwin Bells*

**DOXOLOGY:**

“Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow” (#592 Blue Hymnal)

**\*OFFERING RESPONSE: Blessed be God forever.**

**SERVICE OF COMMUNION:**

*Leader: Gratitude, praise, hearts lifted high, voices full and joyful, these you deserve.*

**Unison: For when we were nothing, you made us something. When we had no name, no faith, no future, you called us your children. When we**

**lost our way or turned away, you did not abandon us. When we came back to you, your arms opened wide in welcome.**

*Leader: And look, you prepare a table for us offering not just bread and wine, but your very self so that we may be filled, forgiven, healed, blessed, and made new again. You are worth all our pain and all our praise.*

**Unison: So now in gratitude we join our voices with all the saints, saying: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and 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.**

*Leader: Almighty Father, Creator and Sustainer of Life, Your majesty and power, your continued blessings of grace and your great goodness fill us with wonder. We are unworthy of the pardon you have in mercy given us. We can bring only our thanks, putting our trust in your Son, who alone saves us from evil. Therefore, in joy let us lift our hearts and minds on high where, with Christ your only Son and with the Holy Spirit, all glory is yours now and forever! Let us now join together to say the mystery of our faith:*

**Unison: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

## **INSTITUTION**

### **SERVING OF THE ELEMENTS**

**CONCLUDING PRAYER:** (Unison)

**Lord Jesus Christ,**

**Take us; renew and remake us**

**What we have been is past: what we will be through you, still awaits us.**

**Take us with you Jesus. Show us the way. Let us be the Way. We love you, Amen.**

*(Excerpts from a communion service found in "A Wee Worship Book," by Wild Goose Worship Group, Iona Community.)*

**\*CLOSING SONG: "Do Lord"**

*Southwind Strings*

**\*BLESSING AND CHARGE**

**\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE:**

**"Let There Be Peace on Earth"**

Let there be peace on earth

And let it begin with me

Let there be peace on earth

The peace that was meant to be

With God as our Father  
Siblings all are we  
Let us walk with each other  
In perfect harmony  
Let peace begin with me  
Let this be the moment now  
With every step I take  
Let this be my solemn vow  
To take each moment and live  
Each moment in peace eternally  
Let there be peace on earth  
And let it begin with me