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The Word of God for the People of God
Thanks be to God.

Sermon The Rev. Ashley Drake Mertz

Responding to the Word

*Hymn 451 *Open My Eyes*
"Open My Eyes, That I May See"

Call to Stewardship
All undesignated cash goes to the Compassion Fund.

*Affirmation of Faith (Unison) The Apostles' Creed
**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of
heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our
Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of
the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was
crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the
third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended
into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the
Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge
the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the
holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the
forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and
the life everlasting. Amen.**

Offertory Hermann Schroeder
"Schoenster Herr Jesu"

*Congregational Response Hymn 606 *Old Hundredth*
**Praise God from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*Offertory Prayer

The Lord's Supper
(Gluten-free bread is in small cups on each tray.)

Communion Voluntary Hymns of the Faith

Prayer for the People and Lord's Prayer Choral Amen
**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.**

Bearing and Following the Word into the World

*Hymn 761 *Beecher*
"Called as Partners in Christ's Service"

*Invitation to Discipleship

*Charge and Benediction

*Closing Choral Response *Be Not Afraid*
Be not afraid; sing out for Joy! Christ is risen! Alleluia!

*Peace of Christ
The peace of Christ be with you
And also with you

*Closing Voluntary Healey Willan
"Prelude on *Old 124th*"



*Weeping may linger for
the night, but joy comes
with the morning.*

Psalm 30:5, NRSV

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THE ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP

May 5, 2019

10:40 A.M.

Communion

**The congregation is invited to stand as music begins.
Additional worshipers may enter as the congregation sings.*

Welcome and Announcements

Welcome to worship at Grace First Presbyterian Church! As we light the Christ Candle, we are reminded that Jesus is the light of the world. As we pour the Baptismal Waters in the Font, we recall our baptism and newness of life. As we bring in the Bible, we remember the centrality of the Word. We worship our Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer. *(Please sign the attendance register, pass it down the pew, and then back so everyone can greet those worshiping near you.)*

Gathering Around the Word

Opening Voluntary arr. Gordon Young
“Let Us Break Bread Together”

Entrance of Baptismal Water and The Christ Light
Chimes and the Entrance of the Bible

Call to Worship (Responsive)

I looked and heard the voice of angels, thousands
and thousands around God’s throne singing:

**Worthy is the lamb who was slain to receive
power and wealth and wisdom and might and
honor and glory and blessing!**

Then I heard every creature on earth, and under the
earth, and in the sea, singing:

**To the one who is seated on the throne and to
the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and
might forever and ever!**

Prayer of Invocation

*Hymn 240

Alleluia No. 1

“Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks”

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

**Lord God, in the light of your glory we see the
evil we have done, the suffering we have caused, the
good we have refused, and the truth we have denied.
Heal us of our sin, wash us in your mercy, and feed us
with your grace, so that we may follow your way and tell
the good news of the gospel.**

Silent Confession...

Assurance of Forgiveness (Responsive)

Rise up from the dust! Cast off the shroud of
sorrow and put on the joy of the Lord. In Jesus Christ
we are forgiven.

People: Thanks be to God.

*Congregational Response Hymn 645 v.1 *Mit Freuden Zart*

**Sing praise to God who reigns above, the God of all creation,
the God of power, the God of love, the God of our salvation.**

**With healing balm my soul is filled, and every faithless
murmur stilled: to God all praise and glory!**

Proclaiming the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Music Ministry

Natalie Sleeth

“Hymn of Promise”
Sanctuary Choir

In the bulb there is a flower; in the seed, an apple tree;
In cocoons, a hidden promise: butterflies will soon be free!
In the cold and snow of winter, there’s a spring that waits to be,
Unrevealed until its season something God alone can see.

There’s a song in every silence, seeking word and melody;
There’s a dawn in every darkness, bringing hope to you and me.
From the past will come the future; what it holds, a mystery,
Unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

Alleluia! In our end is our beginning; in our time, infinity.
In our doubt, there is believing; in our life, eternity.
In our death, a resurrection; at the last, a victory,
Unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

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