

*Chapel by the Sea
Presbyterian Church (USA)
4th Sunday of Easter/
Mother's Day
May 8, 2022*



Chapel by the Sea was the first church on our island and remains a church for the community, welcoming all people seeking to know and serve Christ. We are a mission for Jesus Christ and church for all seasons...

...seasons of life

...seasons of the year

...seasons of our growth as Christians

A WORSHIP SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

TOLLING OF THE BELL

PRELUDE

Time of Introspection
Dr. Wojciech Wojtasiewicz

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Melana Scruggs

OPEN DISCUSSION ON THE SEARCH PROCESS

CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 23)

M: The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want.

C: He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.

M: Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil;
for you are with me; your rod and your staff— they comfort me.

**C: You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.**

M: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,

C: And I shall dwell in the house of the LORD my whole life long.

1 I sing the mighty power of God
That made the mountains rise;
That spread the flowing seas abroad
And built the lofty skies.
I sing the wisdom that ordained
The sun to rule the day;
The moon shines full at God's command,
And all the stars obey.

2 I sing the goodness of the Lord
That filled the earth with food;
God formed the creatures with a word
And then pronounced them good.
Lord, how Thy wonders are displayed,
Where'er I turn my eyes;
If I survey the ground I tread,
Or gaze upon the skies!

3 There's not a plant or flower below
But makes Thy glories known;
And clouds arise, and tempests blow,
By order from Thy throne;
While all that borrows life from Thee
Is ever in Thy care,
And everywhere that we can be,
Thou, God, art present there.

²²At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, ²³and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. ²⁴So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, “How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.” ²⁵Jesus answered, “I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father’s name testify to me; ²⁶but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep.

²⁷My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father’s hand. ³⁰The Father and I are one.”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of grace, you send your son Jesus to be our Lord, but we refuse to receive him. You give us new life in Christ, but we turn away. You reveal our Lord to us in your word, in the sacraments and in your church. Forgive us for not looking for our Lord, not recognizing him, and for not following him. Renew in us that devotion that lays aside all else, in order to follow Christ. Amen.

DECLARATION OF PARDON

Rev. Scruggs

**GLORIA PATRI*

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
World without end. A – men, A – men.**

**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.**

OFFERING MESSAGE

OFFERTORY

Just a Closer Walk with Thee
Traditional Folk Song
The Chapel Chimers

**DOXOLOGY*

**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. A-men.**

INTERCESSORY PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Scruggs

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.

SCRIPTURE READING

Revelation 7:9-17 (NRSV)

Linda Dundee
Liturgist

⁹After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. ¹⁰They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!"

¹¹And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹²singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

¹³Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?” ¹⁴I said to him, “Sir, you are the one that knows.” Then he said to me, “These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

¹⁵For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

¹⁶They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat;

¹⁷for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

ANTHEM

Time of Meditation
Dr. Wojciech Wojtasiewicz

GOSPEL READING

Acts 9:36-43 (NRSV)

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³⁶Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. ³⁷At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. ³⁸Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, “Please come to us without delay.” ³⁹So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them.

⁴⁰Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, “Tabitha, get up.” Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. ⁴¹He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. ⁴²This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. ⁴³Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

SERMON

“Resurrection Power”

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**HYMN #106 (Vs. 1,2,4) Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks ALLELUIA NO. 1*

Refrain:

Alleluia, Alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord,
Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to His name.

1 Jesus is Lord of all the earth.
He is the King of creation. *Refrain.*

2 Spread the good news o’er all the earth.
Jesus has died and has risen. *Refrain.*

4 God has proclaimed the just reward:
Life for all men, alleluia! *Refrain.*

**BENEDICTION*

Rev. Scruggs

**CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE*

Go Now In Peace

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**Go Now In Peace, Never Be Afraid.
God Will Go With You, Each Hour Of Every Day.
Go Now In Faith, Steadfast, Strong And True.
Know He Will Guide You In All You Do.
Go Now In Love, And Show You Believe.
Reach Out To Others, So All The World Can See.
God Will Be There, Watching From Above.
Go Now In Peace, In Faith, And In Love.
Amen, Amen, Amen.**

POSTLUDE

Inspirational Music
Dr. Wojciech Wojtasiewicz

Please join us in Silver Hall for coffee and fellowship.

*Denotes standing, if able.

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WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Nominating Committee – We will hold a Congregational Meeting immediately following worship on **May 15, 2022** for the **purpose of electing** our Pastor Nominating Committee. The nominees are:

Christine Bellport

Steve Fisher

Lynda Hicks

Tom Kelly

Tom Means

Alternate: Joyce Riggleman

Bible Study with Dr. Jim

The next series will start May 17 through June 7. “*The Beginners Guide to Heaven*” will be our topic of study.

CBTS Giving Opportunities

1. Place donation in offering plate
2. Text: CHAPELFMB \$amount to 73256
(Example: CHAPELFMB 50 – this represents a \$50 donation)
3. Online: Go to Chapel’s website www.chapelbts.org
4. Mail in donation

If have any questions, please call the church office (239) 463-3173.

Floral Dedications – Order a floral arrangement for a Sunday Worship Service to honor a life-cycle event, to mark a special anniversary, or to remember a loved one. Each arrangement is \$25. Stop by the church office to let us know how you would like to the acknowledgement worded.

Photo Directory – Chapel now has a **Photo Directory**, which is accessible on our website (www.chapelbts.org). During *Sunday Coffee Hour*, a staff or committee member will be available to take a family photo. Even if you are not planning to stay for coffee hour, please stop by long enough for us to take your picture. Each week, the photos will be upload to the website for all to view.

Session Members:

Diane Means, Clerk of Session

Class of 2023

Cassie Conrad

Laura Miller

Ron Willow

Class of 2024

Landon Doggett

Jennifer Pinkard

Emily Porter

Class of 2025

Doretta Coon

Tom Means

Steve Raps

Board of Deacons:

Lois Doggett, Liaison to Session

Class of 2022

Doretta Coon

Bob Taylor

Class of 2023

Linda Dundee

Lynda Hicks

Marylu Marshall

Louis Monaco

Community Offerings

AA, Room 5/6

Monday - Friday 7:30 a.m.

AA, Room 5/6

Monday 8:00 p.m.

AL-ANON, Room 1

Monday, 8:00 p.m.

AA, Room 5/6

Tuesday 8:00 p.m.

God's Table Outreach

Monday, Wednesday, Friday

7:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.

St. Vincent de Paul

Monday, 8:00 – 9:00 a.m.

Prayer Guide – May 8, 2022

“Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus” – Philippians 4:6-7

Please pray for...

- Mimi
- Lou Knipp
- Chip Dutcher
- Texas National Guard
- Families affect by wildfires across the country
- Terry Weaver
- Cusano & Fisher Family
- Ernie Brady
- Tre Gillette
- The Gumm Family
- Ada Beebe
- Bob Horning Family
- Marv Lindseth
- Don Kotula
- Veronica Z.
- Sandra Dundee
- Trevor Cox, US Navy
- Bill Truax
- Peggy Huff
- Henry Sidok
- Terri Bortz
- Hal Freeburn
- Melanie Freeburn
- Kenrick Beaman
- Will Jacobs
- Jean Clark
- Richard Filiak
- Peter Pollack
- Diane Willow
- Charles R. Lee
- Joy Booth
- Maria Werner
- Josh Stevens, USN
- Craig & Laurie Furlong
- People of Ukraine
- Families travelling back “north”
- Those dealing with mental illness
- Unspoken

Staff:

Rev. Dr. James R. Berger, Interim Pastor and Head of Staff

Dr Wojciech Wojtasiewicz, Director of Music/Organist

Denise Armstrong, Office Administrator

Paul Champa, Sexton

The Rev. Don Jafvert, Pastor Emeritus

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