



PINNACLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, May 14, 2023 | 10:00 am
6th Sunday of Easter

Prelude *Arioso* J. S. Bach
Largo F. Chopin
Wesley Skinner, cello • Ilona Kubiacyk-Adler, piano

Lighting of the Candles Sarah White

Words of Welcome Wes Avram

Call to Worship Wes Avram

Prayer of Adoration Sarah White

***Opening Hymn** *Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth* No. 7

**1 Mothering God, you gave me birth
in the bright morning of this world.
Creator, source of every breath,
you are my rain, my wind, my sun.**

**2 Mothering Christ, you took my form,
offering me your food of light,
grain of life, and grape of love,
your very body for my peace.**

**3 Mothering Spirit, nurturing one,
in arms of patience hold me close,
so that in faith I root and grow
until I flower, until I know.**

Call to Confession Michael Hegeman

Common Confession and Assurance (unison) Michael Hegeman

We confess to you, Lord, what we are:

We are not the people we like others to think we are;

We are afraid to admit to ourselves what lies in the depths of our souls. But we do not want to hide our true selves from you. You know us as we are, and you love us to health. Help us not to shrink away from self-knowledge; release us from chains that bind; teach us to respect ourselves for your sake; give us the courage to put our trust in your guiding power. Now hear our silent prayers of confession. (silence)

***Congregational Response** (unison) *Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks*

No. 240, vs. 1

Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.
Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name
Jesus is Lord of all the earth.
He is the King of creation.
Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.
Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name

***Passing of the Peace**

Michael Hegeman

One: The peace of our Lord be with you.
All: And also with you.

Children's Message

Leah Quarles

Sacrament of Baptism

Shaina Ann

Wes Avram
Mary Upchurch
Child of Sarah & Mark Schild

*** Baptism Hymn**

Child of Blessing, Child of Promise

No. 486, vs. 1-2

**1 Child of blessing, child of promise,
baptized with the Spirit's sign,
with this water God has sealed you
unto love and grace divine.**

**2 Child of love, our love's expression,
love's creation, loved indeed!
Fresh from God, refresh our spirits;
into joy and laughter lead.**

Children & 6th-8th Grade Youth leave for Church School.

Our Common Life

Erik Khoobyarian

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Offertory

Musical Offering

Beautiful Savior

Lloyd Larson

Chancel Choir, Ilona Kubiacyk-Adler, director • Wesley Skinner, cello
Jon Lang, piano

*Beautiful Savior! King of creation!
Son of God and Son of Man!
Truly I'll love thee, truly I'll serve thee.
Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.*

*Fair are the meadows, fair are the woodlands,
Robed in the blooming flow'rs of spring.
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,
He makes the woeful heart to sing.*

*Fair is the sunshine, fair is the moonlight,
Bright the sparkling stars on high;
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer
Than all the holy angels in the sky.*

*Beautiful Savior! Lord of the nations!
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, praise, adoration,
Now and forevermore be Thine!*

*Doxology (Lasst uns erfreuen, No. 609)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God, all creatures high and low.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Praise God, in Jesus fully known:

Creator, Word, and Spirit one.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

*Prayer of Dedication

Erik Khoobyarian

Scripture Reading

Acts 17:22-31

Wes Avram

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Where We Least Expect It

Wes Avram

Special Music

Allegro Appassionato op. 43
Wesley Skinner, cello • Ilona Kubiacyk-Adler, piano

C. Saint-Saëns

Common Prayer, Lord's Prayer (unison)

Erik Khoobyarian

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.

*Closing Hymn

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

No. 12

**1 Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.**

**2 Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might:
thy justice, like mountains high soaring above;
thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.**

**3 To all, life thou givest, to both great and small.
In all life thou livest, the true life of all.
We blossom and flourish like leaves on the tree,
then wither and perish; but naught changeth thee.**

4 Thou reignest in glory; thou dwellest in light.
Thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight.
All praise we would render; O help us to see
'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee!

*Charge & Benediction

Wes Avram

Sending Music

Toccata in C major BWV 564
Ilona Kubiaczyk-Adler, organ

J. S. Bach

* Please rise.

Scripture

Acts 17:22-31

22 Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely spiritual you are in every way. 23 For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. 24 The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, 25 nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. 26 From one ancestor[a] he made all peoples to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, 27 so that they would search for God[b] and perhaps fumble about for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. 28 For 'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said,

'For we, too, are his offspring.'

29 "Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. 30 While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, 31 because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

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About the Music

Wesley Skinner holds BM and MM degrees from the Cleveland Institute of Music and a Doctorate of Musical Arts from ASU. Wesley's solo competition wins include the Cleveland Institute of Music Concerto Competition, Paducah Symphony Young Artist Competition (KY), Tennessee Cello Workshop Competition, Lewisville Lake Symphony International String Competition (TX), and the ASU Concerto Competition; and as an active chamber musician, his quartet, Laniakea String Quartet won first prize in The 2019 Hong Kong International Chamber Music Competition. As a trained instructor in the Suzuki Method, Wesley utilizes his diverse experience and conservatory training in his private studio of more than 50 students. www.WesleySkinnerCellist.com

Notes of Interest

Ushers are Audrey Hart, Adam Rogers, Benjamin Sidoti, and Kailer Smith; **Head Usher** is Matthew Sidoti.

Prayer Requests

Please pray for the following members & friends:

- For Lorna, having surgery to treat an infection;
- For Danielle & Noah, who recently lost their 6-month old twin, Kaylani;
- For our healthcare workers, first responders, and local and federal government workers who are serving our communities;
- For the people of Haiti and Harmony Ministries;
- For our men and women in the military.

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