



Psalm 8 by Mandie Manzano

WORSHIP SERVICE

MAY 18, 2025

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

614 Griffis Street, Cary, NC 27511

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ORDER OF WORSHIP – 10:30 A.M.

Gathering

(* Please stand as you are able.)

Gathering Chime

Prelude

Andante in Ab Major

Rinck

Welcome and Announcements

*Introit

Christ Has Risen

1. Christ has ris - en while earth slum - bers,
Christ has ris - en where hope died, as he said and
as he prom - ised, as we doubt - ed
and de - nied. Let the moon em - brace the bless - ing;
let the sun sus - tain the cheer; let the world con -
firm the ru - mor: Christ is ris - en, God is here!

The musical score is written for a single melodic line on a treble clef staff with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The tempo and mood are indicated as 'Andante'. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

* Call to Worship

Sing to our God a new song.

God has done marvelous things!

Make a joyful noise to the Lord!

Break forth into joyous song and sing praises.

Let the sea roar and all that fills it.

Let the world and its people sing together for joy!

*Hymn

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

No. 611

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**Loving God, we have not loved you
or each other with our whole hearts.**

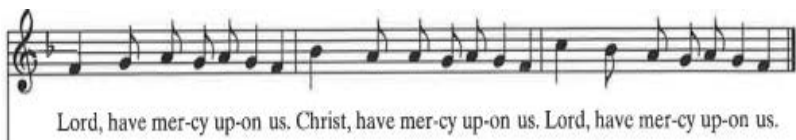
**Forgive us, we pray,
and lead us toward wholeness,
that we may be filled with your joy.**

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Silent Confession

Kyrie

Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us



Assurance of Pardon

Forgive us, Lord, we pray.

Teach us to trust your promise

and to believe the good news of salvation:

Christ is alive; Jesus is risen from the dead. Amen.

***Response**

Exsultet

Liam Lawton



Word

Prayer for Illumination

Scott Gibbs

Scripture Reading

Psalm 8

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Scripture Reading

Hebrews, Chapter 11

Message

Wind & Waves & Stars & Saints

Paul Lang

***Hymn**

Earth and All Stars!

No. 26

***Affirmation of Faith** *The Apostles' Creed*

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;**

**he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Time With Our Children

Jen Pierce

Responding

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Offertory

By Faith
Chancel Choir

Larson

*By faith we see the hand of God in the light of creation's grand design,
In the lives of those who prove his faithfulness,
who walk by faith and not by sight.
By faith the prophets saw a day when the longed-for Messiah would appear
With the power to break the chains of sin and death,
and rise triumphant from the grave.*

*We will stand as children of the promise,
we will fix our eyes on Christ, our soul's reward;
'Til the race is finished and the work is done
we'll walk by faith and not by sight.
By faith the church was called to go to the lost, deliver captives,
And to preach good news in every corner of the earth.*

*By faith this mountain shall be moved,
and the power of the gospel shall prevail;
For we know in Christ all things are possible for all who call upon his name.*

*Great is thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed thy hand hath provided,
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!
By faith we see the hand of God. By faith this mountain shall be moved.
We'll walk by faith and not by sight. We'll walk by faith*

***Doxology** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

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!

Joys and Concerns of the Congregation

Lord in your goodness: Hear our praise; Lord in your mercy: Hear our prayer.

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins

as we forgive those who sin against us.

**Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

Sending

***The Liturgy of Departure** (see 'Wind, Waves, Stars & Saints' handout)

Today's Worship Service Participants

Ministers: Rev. Dr. Paul Lang, Rev. Paul Burgess

Music Director: Ed Yasick

Choir: Chancel Choir

Lay Reader: Scott Gibbs

Children's Time: Jen Pierce

Ushers: Scott Walker, Mary Walker,

Su Johnson, Angela Rose

Tech: Ken Worsham

Slides: Beth Cleveland



Pastor Paul's Sabbatical

May 26 - August 25, 2025

Sabbatical Pastoral Coverage

Pastoral support will be provided by a team of folks while Pastor Paul is away.

- † All summer - Alan Bancroft and Paul Burgess.
- † Monday, May 26 - Sunday, June 22 - Duane Hix
- † Monday, June 23 - Sunday, July 20 - Osy Nüesch
- † Monday, July 28 - Sunday, August 25 - Deky Hall

Contact information is available from the Church Office during business hours.

This Week at Cary Presbyterian Church

Website and Online Member Directory: www.carypresbyterian.org

Sunday May 25	9:15 a.m.	Pastor's Class: Christian Prayer Toolbox <i>Visio Divina</i>
	10:30 a.m.	Sunday Worship Service (In Person & Online)
Monday May 26 Memorial Day		OFFICE CLOSED FOR HOLIDAY
Tuesday May 27	7:00 p.m.	Nominating Team (Parlor)
	7:00 p.m.	BSA Troop 232B (Youth Area)
Wednesday May 28	9:30 a.m.	Weekly Sabbatical Prayer Time (Sanctuary) NO Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Thursday May 29		
Friday May 30	7:00 p.m.	Courage, Strength, & Hope / Alateens (Youth)
	7:00 p.m.	Al-Anon / Courage, Strength, & Hope (101/102)
Saturday May 31		
Sunday June 1 Youth Sunday	9:15 a.m.	Pastor's Class: What Christians Can Learn From Other Religions <i>Judaism</i>
	10:30 a.m.	Youth Sunday Worship Service (In Person & Online)
	11:30 a.m.	Social Justice Lunch & Learn (Fellowship Hall)
	11:45 a.m.	ASP Training (Youth Area)

Congregational Sabbatical Events starting in May

(See Sabbatical Resources Website Page at CPC.org)

† **Daily Prayer Primer** – Beginning Monday, May 26 – Monday, August 25 you can access a daily Florilegium entry, daily collect and night prayer [at CPC.org](http://CPC.org).

These are the same prayers Paul will be praying on his sabbatical. Please use a votive from the Narthex for your daily prayer ritual and listen to Paul's recordings about sabbatical saints referenced in the primer [at CPC.org](http://CPC.org).

† **Weekly morning prayer** - Beginning Wednesday, May 28 – Wednesday, August 20 at 9:30 in the sanctuary. Please join us for 20 minutes of prayer, scripture and reflection each Wednesday morning during Paul's sabbatical. To volunteer as a prayer leader please [use the Sign-Up Genius link you will be able to access from our weekly E-Link newsletter](#). Guidelines, prayers and scripture will be provided for prayer leaders.

Wind, Waves, Stars, & Saints

A photograph of a lighthouse on a hill at night. The lighthouse is illuminated from within, casting a warm glow. The sky is dark blue and filled with stars, with the Milky Way galaxy visible as a bright, hazy band of light. A wooden fence runs along the bottom of the image, leading towards the lighthouse.

Sabbatical

May 26 - August 25

2025

Liturgy of Departure - Sabbatical 2025

Opening Sentences Based on Psalm 121 *A Song of Ascents*.

We lift up our eyes to the hills—
from where will our help come?

**Our help comes from the LORD,
who made heaven and earth.**

God will not let your foot be moved;
he who keeps you will not slumber.

**He who keeps Israel
will neither slumber nor sleep.**

The LORD is our keeper;
the LORD is our shade at our right hand.

**The sun shall not strike us by day,
nor the moon by night.**

The LORD will keep us from all evil;
he will keep our life.

**The LORD will keep
our going out and our coming in
from this time on and forevermore.**

Paul Lang: May God, our strength and our salvation,
be with you all.

Congregation: **And also with you.**

Paul Burgess: God is the beginning and the end of our
life's pilgrimage.

Congregation: **Let us call upon the Lord with
confidence. Lord, be our way,
truth, and life during this sabbatical
season.**

Paul Burgess: We wish Godspeed to pastor Paul as he begins his sabbatical.

Congregation: **As you journey, Paul, we ask God to go with you to guard you from harm.**

Paul Lang: May God's peace remain with you as I leave to encounter God in wind, waves, stars, and saints.

Congregation: **May God be your first, fast, last friend while we are away from one another.**

Paul Lang: I pray God's blessing on you while I am gone from you.

Congregation: **May God cause your heart to sing as you:**

† **spend time with old friends and make new ones;**

† **as you study,**

† **visit new surroundings,**

† **and travel to sacred places.**

Paul Lang: I thank God for my ministry with you and for the gift of this time you have provided me.

Congregation: **May you experience the gifts of renewing rest and spiritual growth in your journey.**

Paul Lang: I pray that God gifts you, also, with a spiritual journey of your own.

Congregation: **God grant you a trusting heart as you plant your feet and heart in new places. We send you with our blessing.**

Paul Lang: I leave you this candle. Light it when you gather for worship each Lord's Day. Pray for me while I am gone.

Congregation: **We will pray that you return renewed and energized for ministry.**

Paul Lang: I go seeking those gifts. And I will carry with me a candle. I will light it and pray for you while we are separated. I will pray that you are keeping the Sabbath so that you, too, might be renewed to serve in God's name.

Paul Burgess: Lord you are the way the truth and the life — you always show mercy toward those who love you and you are never far away from those who seek you. Remain with your servant Paul on this holy pilgrimage and guide his way in accord with your will. Shelter him with your protection by day, give him the light of your grace by night, and, as his companion on the journey, bring him to his destinations in safety. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: **Amen!**