

Presbyterian Church of Vinton

10:30 a.m. Worship

Rev. Jessica Crane Munoz

THE CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

Sunday, May 9, 2021

Sixth Sunday in Easter

Prelude

Inge Schminke

Welcome And Announcements

Pastor Jessica

INTROIT

Inge Schminke

Call to Worship

Pastor Jessica

Leader: Sing to our God a new song.

Liturgist: God has done marvelous things!

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the Lord!

Liturgist: Break forth in joyous song and sing praises.

Leader: Let the sea roar and all that fills it.

Liturgist: Let the world and its people sing together for joy!

Music

Prayer of Confession

Liturgist

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.

Assurance of Pardon

Pastor Jessica

SCRIPTURE READING

1 John 5:1-6

Liturgist

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments.

For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments.

And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Music

Open My Eyes, That I May See

SCRIPTURE READING

John 15:9-17

Pastor Jessica

As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

'This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you.

I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father.

You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

MESSAGE

Pastor Jessica

Music

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

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Invitation To Offering

**** DOXOLOGY**

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Sit or stand as you feel comfortable. No singing at this time.

**** OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Liturgist

Holy God, in Christ you have chosen us to be your friends and to know your will in the world. Therefore, we pray in Jesus' name that these tithes and offerings spread your love near and far. Amen.

Lasagna Lunch

MAY 16TH AFTER WORSHIP

HOSTED BY THE JH/SH YOUTH GROUPS



LASAGNA, GREEN BEANS, CAKE

TAKE FOOD TO GO OR EAT
IN FELLOWSHIP HALL.
DELIVERY AVAILABLE.

Contact Dianna Wiese at 319-310-7108 or dianna_dw63@yahoo.com to schedule a meal delivery. RSVPs appreciated but not required. No Cost. Free will offering.

Last day of Sunday school is today, May 9th. (Some classes concluded early, last week.) Thank you to our Sunday school teachers: Kirk Page, Emily Mefford, Cindy Tippett, Ron Tippett, and Rosemary Schwartz. Classes will resume in September.

Next Sunday we honor High School Graduates in worship. This year's graduates are: Emma Arnold, Gretta Dilley, Sophia Dilley, Hunter Hillman, and Sage Holmes.

Book study "When Helping Hurts" will meet Mondays, May 11th and May 17th at noon. After that, we will take a several week break before beginning our next study. Watch the summer newsletter for details.

VBS registration is just around the corner. Mark your calendar for the last week in July for ages pre-K to exiting 5th grade. Volunteer spots available.

Looking ahead: May 23rd – Pentecost, May 24th office closed for Memorial Day, May 30th – 5th Sunday, wear blue

Covid-19 and Church Activities:

In the state of Iowa, in the week of May 3, there have been 2.43 million doses of Covid-19 vaccine given, with 1.11 million people fully vaccinated. This is 35.2% of the total Iowa population. To reach “herd immunity”, a phrase many of us have learned this year, the vast majority of the population must be vaccinated. We are close to half-way there as a state. Benton county is below the state average with 29% having received one or more doses and 24.3% fully vaccinated. (As of May 1, 2021)

The CDC has issued updated guidelines for folks who are vaccinated; the guidelines and restrictions around vaccinated/non-vaccinated folks vary greatly.

With many in our congregation vaccinated, there is an appeal to move back into our “old” activities. However, not everyone has yet had a chance to complete their vaccination series. Moreover, there are people within our church community who are not be able to be vaccinated for various health reasons.

We keep all these factors in mind as we move forward with relaxing our guidelines around issues like: masking, food, gathering, etc. **With patience, and with slow-but-steady progress, we are moving toward resuming and renewing programming, participation, and gatherings.**

Worship – everyone wear a mask

Fellowship time (outdoors) – no mask required for vaccinated persons, non- vaccinated should wear a mask.

Fellowship time (indoors) – vaccinated persons should wear a mask when not eating/drinking; non-vaccinated persons should consider not attending or wear a mask and not eat or drink

Small groups – if the groups contain all vaccinated persons, then masks are not required. In small mixed groups (<+=7), non-vaccinated persons should wear masks.

If you are eligible for vaccination and have not already done so, please consider vaccination. Protecting yourself through vaccination also protects the people around you, like those at increased risk of severe illness from COVID-19 or those who can't get vaccinated – like infants, or people with weakened immune systems from things like chemotherapy for cancer.

Presbyterian Women will meet in Fellowship Hall **May 20th at 1:30 pm.** We will discuss lesson six, “Words of Love: Hold Your Marriage Scared” in the “Love Carved in Stone New Horizon’s Study Guide”. We welcome all ladies of our congregation to join us, and hope to see you there.