



Clothing Body
and Soul

The Clothing Church

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, PLANO, TX

SUNDAY BULLETIN



SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

MAY 17, 2026

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

*This * means please stand as you are able.*

PRELUDE & PROCESSION

"Rejoice, the Lord is King!"

Wayne Barlow

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

MUSICAL CONTEMPLATION

"Beautiful Savior"

James Engel

Please stand

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: O God, when you went out before your people, when you marched through the wilderness, the earth quaked,

People: the heavens poured down rain at the presence of God, the God of Sinai, at the presence of God, the God of Israel.

Leader: Rain in abundance, O God, you showered abroad; you restored your heritage when it languished; your flock found a dwelling in it; in your goodness, O God, you provided for the needy.

People: Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth; sing praises to the Lord.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Please be seated

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Please stand

***OPENING HYMN 267** *"Come, Christians, Join to Sing"*

Please be seated

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: Eternal God, you have loved us from generation to generation. You have shown your faithfulness more often than we can recall. The Bible tells us of your steadfast mercy. You even pray for us. Yet we live holding on to past hurts; we are not open to your new creation. We prefer the safety of what we know to the excitement of discipleship. Forgive us, we pray, and make us again as you would have us be. We make all of our prayers in the name of Jesus Christ, and hear us now as we pray silently. Amen.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Pastor: We know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence.

People: Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

Pastor: Believe the promise of the gospel:

People: in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Please Stand

*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. Amen, Amen.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: May the Peace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, be with you!

People: And also with you.

Leader: Greet one another with a sign of peace.

*PEACE RESPONSE HYMN #172 (no repeats) "Blest Are They"

*"Rejoice and be glad! Blessed are you; holy are you!
Rejoice and be glad! Yours is the Kingdom of God!"*

Please be seated

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING (Epistle)

Acts 1:6-14

ANTHEM

"Coronation"
by Craig Courtney

Sanctuary Choir
Zachary Ligh, horn
Nola Strand, piano

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING (Gospel)

John 17:1-11

SERMON

"May 1976"

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

OFFERTORY INVITATION

Please rise

*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. Amen.

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION**

***PROFESSION OF FAITH** (*From A Brief Statement of Faith*)

All: In a broken and fearful world, the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!" With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Please be seated

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Pastor: Holy God, you have blessed us in order that we might share those blessings in turn, and so it is from the vantage point of knowing that we are your beloved children that we continue in prayer, knowing that you want to hear us, and should our words fail, that you will pray for us with sighs too deep for words.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Pastor: We pray for the world and all that are in it. You made the universe and all that is in it from the overflowing of your love. And so, we know that there is not even a blade of grass, not a bird or animal that is not precious to you. Teach us to remember that all of it is precious in your eyes. Make us mindful of what it means to be stewards of the earth, not merely to see it as our dominion.

People: Lord help us to care for and honor all of your creation.

Pastor: We pray for the people of the world, particularly for those who live under threat of violence and war. You call us to lives of wholeness. And so, as we pray, we ask you to make us mindful of the ways that our decisions ripple out across the globe to other people. We pray for this nation, for our government, the congress, the courts, and the president. Whatever our differences, we know that we need leaders of integrity, and so we pray that character would be manifest in those who govern.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Pastor: We pray for this city, for its poor and hungry as well as for those who live without shelter. Lord we thank you for the ministry you have called us to fulfill as the Clothing Church and ask that you continue to provide resources, both human and financial to serve the homeless in Plano.

People: Lord, we praise you and thank you.

Pastor: Make us mindful of what it is to be a good citizen. Show us the ways that make for harmony and wellbeing. Open our eyes to the ways that we might serve our community. Hear our prayers for the poor, the unhoused, the lonely. Hear us as we pray for those who suffer from addiction and mental and emotional illness. Be with those who suffer violence in our communities, particularly the victims of gun violence.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Pastor: Teach us to be a voice of peace, always. We pray for our neighborhoods and schools and homes. May the countless gifts of love that you have showered upon us enable us to manifest your grace in untold ways. Finally, we pray for the church. May we be fed, and having been fed, may we feed others. For it is for these reasons that you have called us into being and call us even still to lives of goodness and wholeness, for the life of the world you came to save. And now, with the confidence of children of God, we conclude with the words our savior taught us:

THE LORD'S PRAYER

All: 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.

Please stand

***CLOSING HYMN #269** *"Lead On, O King Eternal"*

***CHARGE**

***BENEDICTION**

*** RESPONSE Hymn #80** *"You Shall Go Out With Joy"*

*You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace;
The mountains and the hills will break forth before you;
There'll be shouts of joy, and all the trees of the field will clap,
Will clap their hands. And all the trees of the field will clap their hands;
The trees of the field will clap their hands;
the trees of the field will clap their hands while you go out with joy!*

***POSTLUDE** *"Alleluia! Sing to Jesus"* Wilbur Held

Participants in worship:

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