



# ATASCOCITA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

### SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER 7<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

**MAY 29, 2022**

**PRELUDE**

Steve Coleman

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**MINUTE FOR MISSION**

*Pentecost Special Offering*

Bonnie Russell

**INTROIT**

*"When Morning Gilds the Sky"*

Chancel Choir

**OPENING SENTENCES**

Rev Dr Richard Kleiman

Before and after, first and last, Alpha and Omega, the steadfast love of God endures forever.

**Alleluia!**

◆ **HYMN NO. 321**

*"The Church's One Foundation"*

Congregation

◆ **CALL TO CONFESSION**

Rev Shelley Craig

Having defeated sin and conquered death, the risen Christ beckons to us, welcoming our confession and promising new life. Trusting in the promise of the gospel, let us confess our sin.

◆ **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Congregation

**Holy God, you have shown yourself to us in Jesus, perfect in every way, compassionate and kind, faithful and loving, gracious and hospitable. We stumble and fall as we seek to follow him, struggling to make his ways our ways. Our sins are real, and they are many. Forgive our failings and encourage us to start again.**

◆ **DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

Rev Shelley Craig

Neither sin nor doubt nor death, nor anything else in all creation can separate us from the love of God in Jesus Christ. This is good news!

**In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!**

◆ **PEACE OF CHRIST**

Rev Shelley Craig

The peace of Our Lord, Jesus Christ be with you. **And also with you!**

◆ **HYMN NO. 188**

*"Jesus Loves Me!" (vs 1)*

Congregation

**CHILDREN'S MOMENT**

Charis Nees

**PRAYER**

**Gracious God, Be the peace that I seek, the love that I give, the hope that I carry, the light that I walk in, and the dream of this new day. This is my prayer. Amen**

**THE FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON**

Acts 16:16-34 (NRSV)

Michael Burgos

One day, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave-girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. <sup>17</sup> While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, "These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation." <sup>18</sup> She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And it came out that very hour. <sup>19</sup> But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the authorities. <sup>20</sup>

When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, “These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews <sup>21</sup> and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe.” <sup>22</sup> The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. <sup>23</sup> After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. <sup>24</sup> Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks. <sup>25</sup> About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. <sup>26</sup> Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone’s chains were unfastened. <sup>27</sup> When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. <sup>28</sup> But Paul shouted in a loud voice, “Do not harm yourself, for we are all here.” <sup>29</sup> The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. <sup>30</sup> Then he brought them outside and said, “Sirs, what must I do to be saved?” <sup>31</sup> They answered, “Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household.” <sup>32</sup> They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. <sup>33</sup> At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. <sup>34</sup> He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

***After the Reading:***

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM OF THE DAY**

Psalm 97 (NRSV)

Michael Burgos

The LORD is king! Let the earth rejoice; let the many coastlands be glad!

**<sup>2</sup> Clouds and thick darkness are all around him; righteousness and justice are the foundation of his throne.**

<sup>3</sup> Fire goes before him, and consumes his adversaries on every side.

**<sup>4</sup> His lightnings light up the world; the earth sees and trembles.**

<sup>5</sup> The mountains melt like wax before the LORD, before the Lord of all the earth.

**<sup>6</sup> The heavens proclaim his righteousness; and all the peoples behold his glory.**

<sup>7</sup> All worshipers of images are put to shame, those who make their boast in worthless idols; all gods bow down before him.

**<sup>8</sup> Zion hears and is glad, and the towns of Judah rejoice, because of your judgments, O God.**

<sup>9</sup> For you, O LORD, are most high over all the earth; you are exalted far above all gods.

**<sup>10</sup> The LORD loves those who hate evil; he guards the lives of his faithful; he rescues them from the hand of the wicked.**

<sup>11</sup> Light dawns for the righteous, and joy for the upright in heart.

**<sup>12</sup> Rejoice in the LORD, O you righteous, and give thanks to his holy name!**

**THE SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON**

Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21 (NRSV)

Michael Burgos

“See, I am coming soon; my reward is with me, to repay according to everyone’s work. <sup>13</sup> I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.” <sup>14</sup> Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they will have the right to the tree of life and may enter the city by the gates. <sup>16</sup> “It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star.” <sup>17</sup> The Spirit and the bride say, “Come.” And let everyone who hears say, “Come.” And let everyone who is thirsty come. Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift. <sup>20</sup> The one who testifies to these things says, “Surely I am coming soon.” Amen. Come, Lord Jesus! <sup>21</sup> The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. Amen.

***After the Reading:***

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**THE GOSPEL LESSON**

John 17:20-26 (NRSV)

Rev Shelley Craig

“I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, <sup>21</sup> that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. <sup>22</sup> The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, <sup>23</sup> I in them and you in me, that they may become

completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. <sup>24</sup> Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world. <sup>25</sup> “Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. <sup>26</sup> I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.”

***After the Reading:***

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**ANTHEM**

“*Rock of Ages*”

Kris Maxymillian  
Arranged and accompanied by Allan Griffin

**SERMON**

“*The Real Jesus’ Prayer*”

Rev Dr Richard Kleiman

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

God of new life; **hear our prayer.**

Rev Dr Richard Kleiman

✦ **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Congregation

**Life in Christ is life eternal. The resurrection of Jesus is the sign that God will consummate the work of creation and reconciliation beyond death and bring to fulfillment the new life begun in Christ.** (*Adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.26*)

✦ **HYMN NO. 772**

“*Live into Hope*”

Congregation

✦ **INVITATION TO OFFERING**

Rev Shelley Craig

As God gave us Christ, the firstfruit of creation, let us humbly offer the substance of our lives in thanksgiving to our God.

**OFFERTORY**

Steve Coleman

✦ **DOXOLOGY**

Congregation

**THE EUCHARIST**

✦ **INVITATION TO THE TABLE**

Rev Dr Richard Kleiman

**GREAT THANKSGIVING**

Rev Shelley Craig

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Blessed are you, O Lord our God: you are sovereign and holy, surrounded by cloud and fire. The heavens proclaim your righteousness, and the peoples extol your glory. All worshipers of false idols are put to shame. Therefore we praise you, joining the song of the universal church and the heavenly choir:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Blessed is Jesus Christ, our Savior: Christ came to us to make your name known – He is one with you in glory and love, and we are one in him. Now all the world may believe in him, and have eternal life. Remembering your goodness and grace, we offer ourselves to you with gratitude as we share this joyful feast.

**Christ has died, Christ is Risen, Christ will come again.**

Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this bread and cup; make us one in the body and blood of Jesus Christ our Lord. Keep us faithful as we await the coming of Christ, the Alpha and Omega. Let us be witnesses with the Holy Spirit and the holy church, ever praying: “Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!” Through the Lord Jesus Christ, in the unity of the Spirit, we bless you, God of glory, now and forever. **Amen.**

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

Rev Dr Richard Kleiman

**THE LORD’S PRAYER**

**BREAKING THE BREAD**

✦ **COMMUNION**

✦ **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

✦ **HYMN NO. 616** *“Our God Is an Awesome God”* Congregation

✦ **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION** Congregation  
**Go out into the world in peace; have courage; hold onto what is good; return no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted, support the weak; help the suffering; honor all people; love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.**

✦ **CLOSING RESPONSE HYMN NO. 726** *“Will You Come and Follow Me” (vs 1)* Congregation

**POSTLUDE** Steve Coleman

✦ All who are able may stand  
**Bold print indicates Congregation participation**

**Sunday Morning Worship Leaders**

Rev Dr Richard Kleiman  
Rev Shelley Craig  
Michael Burgos, Liturgist

Steve Coleman, Pianist  
Kris Maxymillian, Special Music  
Allan Griffin, Special Music



**Narthex News**

**Faith Formation**

- Doug Kennard’s class will study the book of Acts using scripture and the book by NT Wright, “Acts,” as a study guide. June 5 we start discussing the video: *Great Course on Biblical Wisdom* by Koterski from Fordham University, *Introduction to Biblical Literature*. If you wish additional reading to join the video course, Doug recommends Leo G. Perdue, *Wisdom Literature* of Brite Divinity School, the introduction chapter, pp 1-14. 978-0-664-22919-1. May be obtained from Amazon.
- Pastor Shelley’s hybrid class meets in room 102 at 9:20 am. The discussion will be the “who/what/where/when” of the scripture to be preached in worship. Last class before summer sabbatical.
- Begins June 5 - “Christian Chat,” fellowship in a non-structured setting visiting a variety of topics.
- Children, grades K-5, meet in the orange classroom with Terri Thomson at 9:30 am. Last class until August.
- The nursery is open during Faith Formation and worship hour.
- Youth meet in the youth room after worship service at 11:45. Lunch will be provided.

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**Pentecost Sunday, June 6.**  
**Wear red as we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit.**

**A gift to the Pentecost Offering** helps the church encourage, develop, and support its young people and also address the needs of at-risk children. Forty percent of the funds received stay with APC to develop and support programs for young people in our church and community. Brochures and giving envelopes are in the pew pockets for your convenience. Your gift may also be entered on the APC website ([apchumble.org](http://apchumble.org)). Click on the "Give Now" button on the home page. From there you choose the fund that you wish to support. Pentecost Special Offerings campaign ends Sunday, June 5.

**Signup opportunities are available in the narthex:** Greeters, Ushers, Cookie Providers, Ancient Mariners, Empty Nesters, Seniors & Friends, and Summer Camp volunteers.

**Not quite "farewell" yet, so we will "celebrate" Richard and Elsa at an open house, Sunday, May 29, from 2-4 pm.** Come-and-go at the home of Forrest and Shelley Craig, 20523 Riverside Pines Dr, 77346.

**Introducing Christian Chat Sunday mornings during the Faith Formation hour in classroom 102.** Do you ever want to chat with like-minded people about faith, the world, scripture? Need some place to go while your partner is at choir practice or the kids are in class? Looking for fellowship in a non-structured setting? **Come join us for Christian Chat in June and July.** All are welcome to chat or just listen. Questions for discussion are drawn from the collection and we can discuss or just pick another question. Contact Terri Thomson ([apcchildrenscommittee@apchumble.org](mailto:apcchildrenscommittee@apchumble.org)) if you have questions or ideas about adult classes.

**APC "Mighty Water" Summer Camps for children (entering first through fifth grades) will be Tuesday through Thursday: June 7, 8, 9; 14, 15, 16; and 21, 22, 23 from 9:30 am until 2:30 pm.** Mark your calendars for three weeks of summer fun! Each week will have a different theme – Art, Music, and Science. Price is \$60 per week with a 10% discount for multiple children in one family. Registration is open on the APC website ([apchumble.org](http://apchumble.org)).

**APC "Mighty Water" Summer Camps need volunteers** to ensure the success of the camps: teachers, teacher helpers, and snack makers. For more information, please contact Lisa Stacy or Terri Thomson ([apcchildrenscommittee@apchumble.org](mailto:apcchildrenscommittee@apchumble.org)).

**APC "Mighty Water" Summer Camps supplies wish list to make our camps exciting and educational:** paper towels, 2 boxes sugar cubes, OFF insect repellent, 3 bags play sand, clean and empty 1 gallon jugs, 2 liter soda bottles, oyster shells, blue food coloring, 6 plastic square (card table size) blue table coverings. *All donations are appreciated!*

**The CLC Summer Program will coincide with APC Summer Camps but has their own curriculum for children 18 months to those entering Kindergarten, Tuesday through Thursday, June 7, 8, 9; 14, 15, 16; and 21, 22, 23 from 9:30 am until 2:30 pm.** Registration is open on the CLC website ([creativelearningcenteratapc.org](http://creativelearningcenteratapc.org)). For more information, please contact Cathy Gerald (281-852-4832).

**Mission Market Place IS OPEN in their new location - room 101 (in the narthex).** Sign up for the "Frequent Fliers" program. Pick up a card in the store when you make your next purchase and present the card each time you make a purchase of \$10 or more. When the card has 10 punches, receive 25% off one item and 10% off the remainder of your purchase. All proceeds from sales in the Mission Market Place go to several different mission organizations.

**Ancient Mariners' next trip is Friday, June 17.** A Harris County precinct bus will take us to Lake Jackson where we will visit museums (free) and have lunch at a German restaurant. Your lunch is your only expense. A sign-up sheet is in the narthex. **Last day to sign up is Sunday, May 29.** For more information, please contact Linda Andrus by email ([harley3064@aol.com](mailto:harley3064@aol.com)) or text (281-923-6286).

**Pastoral Care.** In case of emergency, in May, please contact Lisa Stacy, ph: 281-627-1970. June elder, Terri Thomson, ph: 713-205-0115

**Church office will be closed Monday, May 30.**

Check the APC website ([apchumble.org](http://apchumble.org)) for any updates.

Doris, Julie, and Jeff wish to share the obituary of Robert Clinton Fisher

Robert Clinton Fisher, 75, passed away at home in May 18, 2022, in Kingwood Texas. He was born on March 19, 1947, in Tulsa, Oklahoma and lived the majority of his life in Houston, Texas. A graduate of Westbury High School in 1965, he continued his education attending the University of Houston, then the University of California in Santa Barbara where he received a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Political Science and also a Master of Arts Degree in Political Science. He enjoyed his hobbies of flowers and photography. Always a lover of cars, he turned them into his career.

He is survived by his wife of forty-nine years, Doris Lewis Fisher. He was very proud of his children. son Jeffrey Fisher of Austin, and his daughter Julie Fisher of Kingwood. Robert is also survived by his brother-in-law Philip Lewis of Austin, and in Denver nephew Alexander Lewis, niece Lauren Lewis, and niece Rebecca Lorenti.

The family thanks Atascocita Presbyterian Church family for the many dinners, cards, and prayers.

## Calendar

### **Sunday 5/29 – 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

9:15 am Doug's Faith Formation class – library

9:20 am Shelley's hybrid Faith Formation class – classroom 102 – last class before summer sabbatical

9:30 am Chancel Choir practice – sanctuary

9:30 am Children's Faith Formation – will not meet in June and July

10:30 am Worship – Boxcast and sanctuary

11:45 am Youth Group – youth room

2:00 – 4 pm Open House for Richard and Elsa – home of Forrest and Shelley Craig

### **Monday 5/30**

Church office will be closed today

9:30 am Yoga – fellowship hall

### **Tuesday 5/31**

10:00 am Mission Crafters – craft room

### **Wednesday 6/1**

### **Thursday 6/2**

10:00 am Live Nativity Program Committee - library

### **Friday 6/3**

### **Saturday 6/4**

### **Sunday, 6/5 – Pentecost Sunday**

9:15 am Doug's Faith Formation class – library

9:20 am Christian Chat class – classroom 102

9:30 am Chancel Choir practice – sanctuary

10:30 am Worship – Boxcast and sanctuary

11:45 am Youth Group – youth room

## Prayers of the People

We lift prayers to the Lord for friends and family:

- Peace and safety for the people of Ukraine.
- Victims and families of yet another mass shooting.
- Pastor Nominating Committee
- All who are graduating from pre-k to college.
- Sandy Lee's cousin
- James Nesrsta, 8 year-old grandson of Pastor Richard and Elsa, in ICU treatment. Prayers of strength and faith for the family. Wisdom and knowledge for James' caregivers.
- Peace and comfort to Doris Fisher and family upon the passing of Doris' husband, Bob.
- Mike Williams, Danny Williams' brother, recovering from a heart procedure.
- Cathy Fovargue recovering from health issues.
- Carol Bixby, Joyce Olson's sister and former APC DCE, undergoing cancer treatment.
- Anne James, friend of Emily Murphy, recovering from a stroke and now has covid.
- Jim Anderson, brother of Judi Anderson, undergoing radiation treatment for cancer of the larynx.
- Natalie Burgos' grand-aunt is hospitalized after a fall.
- Sine McCarty