

May 5, 2024
Sixth Sunday of Easter

PRELUDE "Nocturne in g" Chopin

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING SENTENCES Ps. 98:1-8

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!
Let us worship God!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

+**HYMN:** GTG #465 "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" CONVERSE

CALL TO CONFESSION John 15:12

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 PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS John 15:13
... how much more does Christ forgive us!
Thanks be to God! Amen.

HYMN: GTG #288 "Spirit of the Living God" LIVING GOD
(sing three times)

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION
... Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Young children are dismissed to Sunday School

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE Luke 13:29; 24:30-31

GREAT THANKSGIVING
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. ...

+ Those who are able may stand. 1 GTG = Glory to God (purple)

Great is the mystery of faith:
Christ has died,
Christ has risen,
Christ will come again.
...

THE LORD'S PRAYER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION 1 Cor. 11:23-26

COMMUNION
All are welcome at the table of the Lord.
Partake of the bread when it comes to you, mindful of your
communion with Christ. Hold the cup and we will all drink together,
mindful of our communion with one another.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION
God Most High, we have lifted our hearts to you
in this joyful meal with our risen Lord.
Continue to sustain us with your power
and draw us into your presence
so that we may feast with you in glory
at the wedding of heaven and earth;
through Christ, who lives and reigns forever. Amen.

Older children and youth are dismissed to Sunday School

INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY "Waltz No. 1" Schubert

+**RESPONSE:** GTG #606 OLD HUNDREDTH
"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

+**PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

+**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** from *The Heidelberg Catechism*
(Germany, 1563)

75. How does the holy supper remind and assure you that you share
in Christ's one sacrifice on the cross and in all his benefits?

In this way: Christ has commanded me and all believers to eat
this broken bread and to drink this cup in remembrance of him.

With this command come these promises:

First, as surely as I see with my eyes the bread of the Lord
broken for me and the cup shared with me, so surely his body was
offered and broken for me and his blood poured out for me on the
cross.

Second, as surely as I receive from the hand of the one who
serves, and taste with my mouth the bread and cup of the Lord,
given me as sure signs of Christ's body and blood, so surely he
nourishes and refreshes my soul for eternal life with his crucified
body and poured-out blood.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Acts 10:44-48 N.T. page 99

PSALM Psalm 98 O.T. page 424

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON 1 John 5:1-6 N.T. page 190

GOSPEL LESSON John 15:9-17 N.T. page 84

RESPONSE TO SCRIPTURE Luke 24:46, 48

We are witnesses to these things:
the Messiah is risen from the dead.
Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM "A Living Sacrifice" McDonald

SERMON "So That You May Love One Another" Rev. Bill Pinches

+**HYMN:** GTG #379 "We Shall Overcome" WE SHALL OVERCOME

+**CHARGE** John 15:11; Ps. 98:1

Live in the joy of Christ's love
and in all the marvelous things that God is doing!
Amen.

+**BLESSING**
May the righteous fairness of God,
the loving friendship of Christ,
and the gift of the Holy Spirit
go with you all.
Alleluia!

CHORAL BENEDICTION "Love Each Other" Bushong

POSTLUDE "G minor passacaglia" Bach

You are invited to join us
for fellowship and refreshments
after worship in the Memorial Room.
It is not necessary to remain seated during the postlude.

SERVING US TODAY
Liturgist: Debbie Shellenbarger
Greeters: Ron Dlouhy and Jane Hamelink
Next Week's Greeters: Susan Chien and Marge Welch
Sound: Marty Subject
Livestream: Tami Chapman
Security: Dan Baker

Today's flowers are given by
Loren and Jay Harkness
in memory of
Roger Harkness

CHURCH HISTORY IN MINIATURE

#83. Jewish Revolt (Part 2):

After the Jewish rebels win numerous victories and gain control of Jerusalem, Emperor Nero sends his best general, Vespasian, to crush the revolt. (AD 67)

THE STUDY CATECHISM

Question 6. What is the first article of the Apostles' Creed?
"I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth."

Question 7. What do you believe when you confess your faith in "God the Father Almighty"?

That God is a God of love, and that God's love is powerful beyond measure.

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Class of 2024: Jerry Ambrose, Lucinda Davenport, Loren Harkness, Tonya Seely.
Class of 2025: Doreen Chapman, Mary Garland Jackson, Monte Shuck.
Class of 2026: Bruce Archer (*Clerk of Session*), Ginnie Gibson, Jane Hamelink, Tim Hammond

DEACONS

Class of 2024: Donna Hujsak, Issie Nielsen, Camille Subject.
Class of 2025: Marge Clarke, Julie Dart, Timothy Pinches, Tom Seely (*Moderator*).
Class of 2026: Ron Dlouhy, Bill Leutscher, Sandy Leutscher, Nancy Sue MacDonald, Laurie McGonigal

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Today	Adult Sunday School	11:15 am
	Explorers Class	11:30 am
Monday	Mission Committee	4:00 pm
Tuesday	Visitation for Kathleen Miilhbach	9:30 am
	Memorial Service for Kathleen Miilhbach	11:00 am
Wednesday	Lunch Packing for Advent House	10:30 am
	Prayer Fellowship (in the Chapel)	12:00 pm
	NO Wonderful Wednesday program this week	
	Wednesday Night Dinner	6:00 pm
	Bell Choir Rehearsal	6:30 pm
	Choir Rehearsal	7:10 pm
Thursday	<i>Ascension of the Lord</i>	
	Spiritual Growth Committee	6:00 pm
	Administration Committee	7:00 pm
Friday	Church Office closed / Pastor's Sabbath	

BIRTHDAYS

Mary Ozee	May 6	Camille Subject	May 6
Lyle Brockman	May 9	Judy Caswell	May 11

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Love for One's Neighbor
National Museum of Scotland (Edinburgh, Scotland)

*The fruit of the Spirit
is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity,
faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.
(Galatians 5:22-23)*