

May 5, 2024
Sixth Sunday of Easter
Sacrament of Holy Communion

WELCOME

PRELUDES

A Summer Song *Michael Shea*
Break Thou the Bread of Life *Van Denman Thompson*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER CONCERNS AND REQUESTS

CHORAL INTROIT #2088

Lord, I Lift Your Name on High

Lift Your Name on High

Lord, I lift your name on high; Lord, I love to sing your praises. I'm so glad you're in my life; I'm so glad you came to save us. You came from heaven to earth to show the way, from the earth to the cross my debt to pay; from the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky; Lord, I lift your name on high.

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RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Psalm 1)

One: We delight in God's Word,

All: We meditate on God day and night.

One: Our worship grounds us in God, like trees planted by streams of water.

All: God helps us yield good fruit. Let us worship God.

***OPENING SONG**

Come As You Are – The Many

Gary Rand

Soloists: Barb Anderson, Sue Doughman, Lois Urban, Mary Ball, Marilyn

Rodenhausen, Beth Krause, and Brenda Wahl (in order by singers)

(refrain)

***Come as you are, come you weary. Come and lay your burdens down.
Come as you are, bring your hopes. Bring your doubts and your scars,
come as you are.***

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CALL TO CONFESSION

There is nothing that can separate us from God's love. Therefore, let's confess our sins, trusting that God will forgive us and help us transform our lives:

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Savior God, we invite you into our lives, only to forget and neglect you once again. You beckon us, calling for our attention, but we are distracted and busy with other priorities. Remind us, Holy God, that you are the source of our flourishing. You are the living water by which we have been planted. Forgive our neglect. Forgive our unfaithfulness. Focus us on you, your Word, and all that your Spirit provides. Amen.

*Please stand as you are able.

(Time of Silence)

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S PARDON

One: Hear the Good News! The only one who could judge us calls us friends. Jesus chose us over his own life, so let us choose Jesus in the life we have now. By the power of the Spirit, our sins are washed away, and we are made new. Let us live as God's forgiven children.

All: Thanks be to God. Amen.

***SONG OF RESPONSE #743**

O God, You Are My God

Step by Step

O God, you are my God, and I will ever praise you. O God, you are my God, and I will ever praise you. I will seek you in the morning, and I will learn to walk in your ways. And step by step you'll lead me, and I will follow you all of my days.

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***SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

One: Welcome each other. Welcome the stranger. Welcome all who come. As Christ welcomed everyone, let us be Christ to everyone we meet. Peace be with you.

All: And, also, with you.

WORD

UNISON PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Open us, Holy One, to your Word and your Way. Clear our minds of daily distractions. Fill our hearts with the humility we need to hear and receive the message you intend for us today. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING *Psalm 36:5-10*

One: Your steadfast love, O Lord, extends to the heavens, your faithfulness to the clouds.

All: Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains; your judgments are like the great deep; you save humans and animals alike, O Lord.

One: How precious is your steadfast love, O God! All people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

All: They feast on the abundance of your house, and you give them drink from the river of your delights.

One: For with you is the fountain of life; in your light we see light.

All: O continue your steadfast love to those who know you and your salvation to the upright of heart!

CHORAL ANTHEM

His Mercy is More

Papa & Boswell

*Soloists: Marilyn Rodenhausen, Nancy Sullivan, Brenda Wahl,
Ron Cechner, Lillian Smyser and Don Sullivan (in order by singers)*

*Please stand as you are able.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

I Corinthians 12:4-13

⁴ Now there are varieties of gifts but the same Spirit, ⁵ and there are varieties of services but the same Lord, ⁶ and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. ⁷ To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. ⁸ To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, ⁹ to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, ¹⁰ to another the working of powerful deeds, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹ All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

¹² For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³ For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

SERMON

“Gifted All”

Rev. Dr. John Wahl

UNISON AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (adapted from *Belonging to God: A First Catechism*)

We are the church: the people who believe the good news about Jesus, who are baptized, and who share in the Lord’s Supper. Through these means of grace, the Spirit renews us so that we may serve God in love. We believe the good news that gives us comfort that we belong to our faithful Savior Jesus Christ, who died and rose again for our sake, so that nothing will ever separate us from God’s love. We know this good news through reading the Bible and hearing it taught and preached. The Holy Spirit inspired those who wrote the Bible and helps us rely on its promises today.

WITNESS

INVITATION TO OFFERING

We take this time to reflect and recognize all contributions of time, talent, and treasure. A basket is available for making monetary donations.

OFFERTORY

Christ, the Life of All the Living

Johann Sebastian Bach

PRAYER OF DEDICATION / PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE

PRAYER OF GREAT THANKSGIVING

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And, also, with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

One: From everlasting to everlasting, you are God. You set the stage of our world, placed stars and tides into motion...We pray that we might be signals of your glory, thankful and transformed, so our lives may proclaim the one crucified and risen. Great is the mystery of faith.

All: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

One: Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us...Until that day, we lift our prayer to you, using the words recited by all generations, saying:

THE LORD'S PRAYER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

UNISON PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Lord, this communion is a little thing – a piece of bread, a sip of juice, a monthly rhythm – make it everything to us. Our life is full of little things – make them everything to us. Because you are everything to us. Our constant hope, our ceaseless peace, our everlasting Lord. Amen.

***SENDING SONG #705**

You Are Holy
(refrain)

You Are Holy

You are holy; you are mighty; you are worthy, worthy of praise. I will follow; I will listen; I will love you all of my days.

(voice 1)

I will sing to and worship the King who is worthy. I will love and adore him; I will bow down before him. I will sing to and worship the King who is worthy. I will love and adore him; I will bow down before him. You're my Prince of Peace, and I will live my life for you.

(voice 2)

You are the Lord of lords; you are King of kings; you are mighty God, Lord of everything. You're Emmanuel; you're the great I AM; you're the Prince of Peace, who is the Lamb. You're the living God; you're my saving grace; you will reign forever; you are Ancient of Days. You are Alpha, Omega, Beginning and End. You're my Savior, Messiah, Redeemer, and Friend. You're my Prince of Peace, and I will live my life for you.

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***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

***BENEDICTION**

Go Now in Peace

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POSTLUDE

Fanfare and March

Henry Purcell

Liturgy adapted from Rev. Carol Prickett at *Deep Well Worship*.

*Please stand as you are able.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sarah Circle – Tuesday, May 14, 2024

This year's final Bible study is:

Sacred Encounter: The Power and Presence of Jesus Christ In the Gospel of Luke

**Meeting: VPC Library, The 2nd Tuesday of the month
10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m., September through May**

All women interested are welcome to join.

Knitting For Others



Inviting all folks from 12-100 years of age, who like to knit or who would like to learn, to be a part of Valley's Knitting Group. We will be knitting special items like prayer shawls, blankets, and other helpful and comforting items for our members and people in our community.

The group will meet (come when your schedule allows):

Sunday, May 5 — 12:15 - 2:00 p.m.

Tuesday, May 14 — 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, May 22 — 10:30 a.m. - noon

For questions, please call one of our Co-Chairs, Beverly or Bev:

Beverly Wahl

502-553-7255

Bev Keough

330-888-5385

CFPCC Food Bank Needs

Please consider donating the following items to help stock the shelves at Chagrin Falls Park Community Center:



May is Cleaning Supply Giveaway month – toilet bowl cleaner, sponges, scrub brushes, paper towels, Windex, Murphy's Oil Soap, Mr. Clean/Lysol, Pinesol, Comet, etc. or anything you would like to donate.

CFPCC is receiving donations at your car. Someone will come out and retrieve donations.

Pass-it-on Resale Store



The **store will be open** on:

Friday, May 17, 2024 (1 p.m. – 4 p.m.)

Saturday, May 18, 2024 (10 a.m. – 2 p.m.)

Pass-it-on is accepting donations. Please contact Brenda Wahl at 440-829-7841 or passitonamissionoflove@gmail.com.

Faith Garden

We believe that it is a good thing to spend time in God's creation, and to be faithful stewards of the good gifts that God provides.

All the produce raised in the Valley Faith Garden is donated to the food pantry at Chagrin Falls Park Community Center.

You are invited to come and spend time in and around the Faith Garden – weeding, planting, picking, or just sitting for a rest – at these times (from May – September):

First and third Tuesdays of each month – 6 - 7 p.m.
Second and fourth Wednesdays of each month – 9:30 – 10:30 a.m.

Graduate Recognition



On Sunday, May 19, we will be honoring graduates from high school, college, and other training or degree programs. If you would like a family member to be recognized in that Sunday's bulletin, please contact the church office with the information. Thank you.

Church Work Days

Saturday, May 18 / Sunday, May 19

Our church building and grounds require many helping hands to keep it functional and beautiful. There will be tools and jobs available on Saturday, May 18 (9 a.m. to noon) and after church on Sunday, May 19 for those who would like to help. You can, also, pitch in a different time at your convenience. Please see Elder Jerry Moreno for project ideas.



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Keyboard: Nancy Sullivan

Percussion: Mike Pauley

Director: Don Sullivan

Liturgist: Judith Campbell

Greeter: Beth Krause