

May 2, 2021 11:00 a.m.

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Return to Worship – In-Person & Drive-in Services

All vehicles must park with an empty space on each side of your vehicle. In-person worshipers must wear their facemask and remain socially distant; enter the sanctuary's front door and leave from the back door.

Welcome

Greeting

Leader: Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life.

ALL: Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die."

Opening Prayer

ALL: O Lord, your wondrous birth means nothing unless we are born again, your death and sacrifice mean nothing unless we die to sin, your resurrection means nothing if you be risen alone. Raise and exalt us, O Savior, both now to the estate of grace and hereafter to the state of glory; where with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, God for ever and ever. Amen.

Prayer of Confession

ALL: Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.

Hymn #384 "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" {1, 2 &4}

Scripture 1 John 4:7-21 John 15: 1- 8

Sermon "To Be a Good Branch"

Holy Communion

Pastor: The Lord be with you

Cong.: And also with you.

Pastor: lift up your hearts

Cong. We lift them up to the Lord.

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

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

Pastor: It is right and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty, God, creator of heaven and earth. And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Cong.: 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.

Pastor: Holy are you, and blessed is your Son, Jesus Christ. By the baptism of his suffering and death, and resurrection you gave birth to your Church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit. On the night in which he gave himself up for us,

Jesus took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: Take eat, this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

When the supper was over, Jesus took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples and said: Drink from this all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this as often as you drink of it in remembrance of me."

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

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

Pastor: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and upon these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

By your Spirit, make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

ALL: Amen

Hymn #389 "Freely, Freely" {All}

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer

Benediction

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

#384 United Methodist Hymnal

VSS. 1, 2 & 4

<https://youtu.be/JGGcqhKShQ8>

1 Love divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heav'n, to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling,
all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion,
pure, unbounded love thou art.
Visit us with thy salvation;
enter ev'ry trembling heart.

2 Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit
into ev'ry troubled breast.
Let us all in thee inherit,
let us find the promised rest.
Take away the love of sinning;
Alpha and Omega be.
End of faith, as its beginning,
set our hearts at liberty.

4 Finish, then, thy new creation;
true and spotless let us be.
Let us see thy great salvation
perfectly restored in thee.
Changed from glory into glory,
till in heav'n we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love and praise.

Scripture Reading:

1 John 4:7-21

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Saviour of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So, we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgement, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, 'I love God', and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

John 15:1-8

'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-grower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.

05/02/2021

Remember in Prayer

Nancy George	Wayne Smith (medical issues)
The Keane Family at the death of Kathy Keane George	Roberta Blackwell (metastasized breast cancer)
The family of Nell Casto	Candy (Karen Carter's sister) needs heart valve replacement
Bobby Long (dialysis)	Shirley Leyland (recovering from heart valve replacement)
Margaret Carter (Karen Carter's mother-in-law)	Jim Bishop
Karen Carter	John Carter (Karen Carter's Son)
Michael (Mickey) Burshell (biopsy for lung cancer)	The Asian American Community
Joann Clark (complications from diabetes)	Praise for Nancy Miller's great niece
Praise - Vickie Hogge – cancer has shrunk and doctors have been able to do surgery to remove tumor from part of her pancreas & part of her spleen	All First Responders & Essential Personnel

OTHERS IN NEED OF LONG-TERM PRAYER:

Dana Arnold (Donna Bishop's daughter)	Donna Bishop
Cheryl Eanes Dunaway	Lori Eanes (kidney transplant recipient)
Miriam Foote (Barbara Oestreich's mother)	Connie Eanes George
The Keane Family	Patsy Kitching
The Mahoney Family (V. L. Brown's daughter, son-in-law, and grandchildren)	Angela O'Brien (V. L. Brown's daughter)
Ace Oestreich	Anne Owen
Phyllis Pape	Barbara Ritch-Brant
Jay Sadler (Nancy Miller's nephew)	Burch & Kendall Vickery
Sue Wilson	ALL CAREGIVERS

"Freely, Freely"

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<https://youtu.be/xDeQF9rmGfl>

1 God forgave my sin in Jesus' name.
I've been born again in Jesus' name
And in Jesus' name I come to you
To share his love as he told me to.

He said 'Freely, freely you have received;; freely, freely give.
Go in my name, and because you believe others will know that I live.

2 All pow'r is giv'n in Jesus' name
In earth and heav'n in Jesus' name
And in Jesus' name I come to you
To share his pow'r as he told me to.

He said 'Freely, freely you have received;; freely, freely give.
Go in my name, and because you believe others will know that I live.