

Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 15, 2022

9:00 a.m.

Welcome friends in Christ! We are glad you have come to worship today and to celebrate the love of God in Jesus Christ. We extend a warm greeting of Christian Fellowship to you. If you are visiting with us, please introduce yourself to the pastor following the service.

*Congregation standing for those who are able

Our Approach to God

Prelude *Breathe On Me, Breath of God* arr. Jason W. Krug
JuBELLation Choir

The Call to Worship Psalm 148:1-4
Praise the Lord, all the earth!
Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise the Lord in the heights.
Praise the name of the Lord, and the Lord's glory shall be praised,
for people near and people far, for people present and people to come, for the young and for those wise with age.
Come, let us praise the Lord; come, let us worship God. Amen!

*The Hymn of Praise *For the Beauty of the Earth* 473
Congregations sings verses 1, 3, & 4

*The Call to Confession
Because we are loved, we are called to turn to God in humility. We fall short of who God calls us to be, but we are never forsaken. In faith and with confidence as beloved children, let us confess our sins to God.

*The Prayer of Confession John 13:34
Holy God, you command us to love one another, yet we hold grudges and refuse to work for peace.
You command us to care for all of creation, yet we neglect the earth and abuse nature through carelessness. You command us to walk in the ways of Jesus, yet we too often walk our own way.
Forgive us, O God. Guide us as we work toward a new heaven here on earth.
Hear us O Lord, as we approach you from the silence of our hearts with our individual intentions (Silence).
Holy Lord, lead us to reconciliation and a vision for your beloved community, as we share your love with your people. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen

*The Assurance of Pardon
Brothers and Sisters, Believe the good news:
Jesus loves us and forgives us and sets us free.
Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.
Thanks be to God!

*The Response *He is Lord* Cloninger, Johnson & Fettke
He is Lord, He is Lord! He is risen from the dead and He is Lord!
Every knee shall bow, every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord!

The Anthem *The Gift of Love* arr. Hal Hopson
Chancel Choir

The Word of God

The Time with the Children
The New Testament Reading Revelations 21:1-6 page 352 NT
The Gospel Reading John 13:31-35 page 145 NT
The Sermon "Simply Love" Pastor Philomena

Our Response to Serve

*The Affirmation of Faith (From A Brief Statement of Faith) Matt. 16:16; Mark 16:1-9; John 20:28; 1 Cor. 15:1-6; Rev. 22:13)
This is the good news which we have received, Matt. 16:16; in which we stand, and by which we are saved, if we hold it fast: that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day, and that he appeared first to the women, then to Peter, and to the Twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses. We believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God. Jesus Christ is the first and the last, the beginning and the end; he is our Lord and our God. Amen.

*The Hymn *Let Us Build a House* see insert
Congregation sings verses 1, 3, & 5

The Morning Prayers and the Lord's Prayer (using sins)

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 sins as we forgive those who sin against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

The Offering of our Tithes and Gifts

The Offertory *Intermezzo No. 1 in E-flat Major, Op. 117(abr)* by J. Brahms

*The 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.

*The Prayer of Dedication

*The Charge and Benediction

*Postlude *Rondo from Sonata No. 3 in B-flat, K. 281(abr.)* by W.A. Mozart

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Liturgist: Billie Bauer

Greeter: Pete & Ginny Brucker

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All Are Welcome

Capo 3: (A7) (D) (A) (D) (G) (A) (Bm)
C7 F C F B^b C Dm

1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can
 2 Let us build a house where proph - ets speak, and words are
 3 Let us build a house where love is found in wa - ter,
 4 Let us build a house where hands will reach be - yond the
 5 Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and

(D) (A) (D) (Bm7) (Em) (A)
F C F Dm7 Gm C

safe - ly live, a place where saints and chil - dren tell
 strong and true, where all God's chil - dren dare to seek
 wine, and wheat; a ban - quet hall on ho - ly ground
 wood and stone to heal and strength-en, serve and teach,
 vi - sions heard and loved and trea - sured, taught and claimed

(Em) (A7) (G) (D) (F#m) (Bm)
Gm C7 B^b F Am Dm

how hearts learn to for - give. Built of hopes and dreams and
 to dream God's reign a - new. Here the cross shall stand as
 where peace and jus - tice meet. Here the love of God, through
 and live the Word they've known. Here the out - cast and the
 as words with - in the Word. Built of tears and cries and

(Em) (A) (D) (G)
Gm C F B^b

vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the
 wit - ness and as sym - bol of God's grace; here as
 Je - sus, is re - vealed in time and space; as we
 strang - er bear the im - age of God's face; let us
 laugh - ter, prayers of faith and songs of grace; let this

Refrain
(D) (G) (F#7) (Bm) (Em) (Bm)
F B^b A7 Dm Gm Dm

love of Christ shall end di - vi - sions:
 one we claim the faith of Je - sus:
 share in Christ the feast that frees us: all are wel - come;
 bring an end to fear and dan - ger:
 house pro-claim from floor to raf - ter:

(F#m) (Em) (D) (Em) (A7) (D) (G) (D) (A7)
Am Gm F Gm C7 F B^b F (C7)

all are wel - come; all are wel - come in this place.

Announcements and Upcoming Events

Scholarship Sunday



Mark your calendar for Sunday, May 22. We will hand out the scholarships to this year's recipients during worship. 2022 seniors are encouraged to drop off, send in the mail or email a picture we may use along with the school you are graduating from and what your future plans are so that we may decorate the bulletin board in the main hallway.

May Mission

For the month of May, the mission focus will be collecting books for Reach the Forgotten (formerly called "Forgotten Man Ministries"). These books will be provided to inmates at the Saginaw County Jail as a means to share the grace and love of Christ. Books that may be accepted include soft cover inspirational

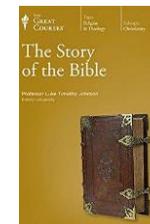


reading, devotions, and bibles. They may also accept puzzle books or magazines, such as crosswords or word-searches. Reach the Forgotten is unable to accept any hard-cover books or books with staples.

Old Town Soup Kitchen

For those who are interested in volunteering at the Old Town Soup Kitchen, please see the signup sheet on the mission table. We will have a rotating schedule the first week of each month. Old Town Christian Outreach is a wonderful organization committed to helping those in need. It's a lot of fun, a little hard work, great fellowship, and the spirit of helping others!

2nd @ Second



2nd @ Second will continue to meet on Sunday after worship with the continuation of "The Story of the Bible" one of the Great Courses of Religion and Theology by Professor Luke Timothy Johnson. Join us in the church library for a time of discussion after watching a short video, sharing and reflection.