



A joyful church, guided by God, loving our neighbors.

Fifth Sunday of Easter/10:30 AM & Virtual Service
Sunday, 15 May 2022

THE GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

INTROIT

Surely the Presence

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. K. Nicholas Yoda

PRELUDE

Prelude in F - J. S. Bach

Theresa Merrill

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: O Christ, in your resurrection, the heavens and the earth rejoice. Alleluia!
By your resurrection you broke open the gates of hell and destroyed sin and death.

Many: Keep us victorious over sin.

One: By your resurrection you raised the dead, and brought us from death to life.

Many: Guide us in the way of eternal life.

One: By your resurrection you confounded your guards and executioners, and filled the disciples with joy.

Many: Give us joy in your service.

One: By your resurrection you proclaimed good news to the women and apostles, and brought salvation to the whole world.

Many: Direct our lives as your new creation.

OPENING PRAYER: Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN #17

Sing Praise to God, You Heavens

WIE LIEBLICH IST DER MAIEN

Sing praise to God, you heavens!

Sing praise, each shining light!

Sing, planets in your orbits; sing, stars all burning bright!

Sing praise, you winds and tempests, you driving rain and snow!

Sing, clouds that race and billow and shadow earth below!

Sing praise, O earth, sing praises!

Sing praises, hill and plain, you mountains thrusting skyward, you valleys ripe with grain!

Sing praise, each fragrant flower; your fairest hues display.

Sing praise, you trees of autumn in glowing, glad array!

Sing praises, all you creatures in whom God takes delight: you whales that roam the oceans,
you eagles in your flight!

Sing praise, you sheep on hillsides, you cattle in the stall!

Though wordless, sing your praises to God who made you all!

***CALL TO CONFESSION:** If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not within us. In confession we acknowledge our brokenness and our need for God who is faithful, just, loving and forgiving. In humility and in faith let us confess our condition to God by praying together...

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION:** Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered the power of sin and death. We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death. We overlook the poor and the hungry, and pass by those who mourn; we are deaf to the cries of the oppressed, and indifferent to calls for peace; we despise the weak, and abuse the earth you made. Forgive us, God of mercy. Help us to trust your power to change our lives and make us new, that we may know the joy of life abundant given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord. Amen.

(Time of Silent Personal Confession)

***THE KYRIE:** Lord, have mercy upon us; Christ, have mercy upon us; Lord, have mercy upon us.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON:** Day to day, God offers us mercy and hope. Moment to moment, we are surrounded by God's never-ending love. Friends, trust in the Good News! By the grace of God, we are forgiven!

***GLORIA PATRI #581:** Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

GIFT OF THE WORD

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON:

Revelation 21:1-6

21 Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. 2 And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. 3 And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them and be their God; 4 he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away." 5 And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also, he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." 6 Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To the thirsty will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.

GOSPEL LESSON:

John 20:19-31

19 When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." 20 After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. 21 Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." 22 When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. 23 If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." 24 But Thomas (who was called the Twin[a]), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. 25 So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." 26 A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." 27 Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." 28 Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" 29 Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." 30 Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. 31 But these are written so that you may continue to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church. Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

We Live for the Lord

Tom Merrill

For none of us lives for ourselves alone, and none of us dies for ourselves alone.
If we live, we live for the Lord, and if we die, we die for the Lord.
So, whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord.
For this very reason, Christ died and returned to life,
So that He might be Lord of both the dead and the living.
It is written: "As surely as I live", says the Lord,
"Every knee will bend before me; Every tongue will acknowledge God".

SERMON

A New Creation

RE David Paulik

THE RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: The Apostles' Creed (Ecumenical)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of the Father, and will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN #300

We are One in the Spirit

THEY'LL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS

We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord; we are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord, and we pray that all unity may one day be restored:

And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love; yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

We will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand; we will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand, and together we'll spread the news that God is in our land:

And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love; yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

We will work with each other; we will work side by side; we will work with each other; we will work side by side, and we'll guard human dignity and save human pride:

And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love; yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

All praise to the Father, from whom all things come, and all praise to Christ Jesus, God's only Son, and all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one:

And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love; yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

* BENEDICTION

RE David Paulik

POSTLUDE

Look, Ye Saints, the Sight is Glorious - Michael Ryan

Theresa Merrill

The flowers are given by Trevin Dillon to the Glory of God in loving memory of her mother Elaine Pearl.

Thank you to David Paulik for preaching this morning. David is a seminary student under the care of PRPC.

Congratulations Graduates!

Sharon Clegern, United Theological Seminary, Master of Divinity
Grandson, Isaiah Cole, Bachelor of Arts in Communication from Tiffin University, Tiffin, Ohio.

Betty Merriman, Granddaughters, Caroline Merriman, High School in Montgomery Alabama.
Meghan Nadzam, Whittenburg University.
Courtney Gamage, IUPUI, Indianapolis.

Richard and Mary Overman, Granddaughter, Hailey Lemire is graduating from Villa Madonna Academy.



Rev. Dr. Amy Snow, Louisville Theological Seminary, Doctor of Ministry.
Children, Zoë Goode class of 2022 Wyoming High School and will attend Agnes Scott College in Decatur, GA
Zachary Goode class of 2022 Wyoming High School and will attend the College of Wooster in Wooster, OH.

Dr. K. Nicholas Yoda, Xavier University, Master of Business Administration.

UPCOMING CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

There will be a called Congregational Meeting today 15 May, after our 10:30 AM worship for the purpose of electing officers. *

A report from the Nominating Committee:

Nominations for 2022- 2025 are as follows for Elders

JoAnn Woodcock, Diana Hargrave

Nominations for 2022-2025 are as follows for Deacons

Greg Reece, Scott Hatch

Officers: President of the Corporation: Don McLennan

Treasurer: Jim Valentine

*Please note any nominations from the floor must be with the person's consent.

REMEMBER THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS:

New Prayer Concerns:

- **Janice Boyce**, passing of her mother Phyllis Clark, friend of Jennifer Sullivan
- **All Families who have suffered a loss**

Ongoing Prayer Concerns:

- **Darryl Davis**, health concerns, brother of Diana Hargrave
- **Dorothy Fisher**, Health concerns
- **Jen Hargrave**, daughter of Diana, sister of Wes, health concerns

- **George Horning**, Health concerns
- **Vera Lambert**, Health concerns
- **Dan Snow**, Cancer diagnosis, father of Rev. Amy Snow
- **Jo Ann Woodcock**, recovering from surgery

Serving in the Armed Forces:

- **Zachary Huffman**, Friend of Barb Imm

Mission Coworkers:

- **Jim McGill**, in Africa

****Please notify the church office of any prayer requests you may have including those of you who have loved ones in the Armed Forces or in Mission.**

BLESSED BIRTHDAY WISHES TO:

Month of May: 1 Nancy Wickemeyer, 3 Lauren Maynus, 6 Mary Overman, 7 Greg Reece, 12 Elizabeth Horn, 15 Richard Kapfer, 16 Richard Overman, 17 Phyllis Marshall, 19 Harold Marshall

SPECIAL WORSHIP ANNOUNCEMENTS & DATES

May:

29/Seventh Sunday of Easter/ *Farewell to Rev. Dr. Amy Snow*

-NO 8:30 AM SERVICE

-Rev. Dr. Amy Snow preaching

-Reception after service

June:

5/Pentecost/*Confirmation Sunday/ Baptisms*

-Communion

-Reception after 10:30 AM service

12/Trinity Sunday*

-Executive Presbyter Lisa Allgood preaching

19/Second Sunday after Pentecost*

-Sharon Clegern preaching

26/Third Sunday after Pentecost*

-Retired Executive Presbyter Jim Diegidio preaching

*Dr. K. Nicholas Yoda Out of Town

