



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

*Fourth Sunday of Easter / 10:30 AM & Virtual Service*  
**Sunday, 8 May 2022**

THE GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

INTROIT

*Surely the Presence*

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. K. Nicholas Yoda

PRELUDE

*He Shall Feed His Flock - G. F. Handel*

Theresa Merrill

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.

**Many: You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies.**

One: You anoint my head with oil, my cup overflows.

**Many: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life.  
And I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.**

OPENING PRAYER: Shepherd God, around whose table we gather, we give you praise. You lead us beside still waters, restoring our souls with your comforting presence. You lead us in paths of righteousness for the sake of Christ Jesus, who died for our salvation. Even though we walk through valleys that threaten us, we fear no evil. We shall dwell in your house all the days of our lives. For that assurance in Christ we give you glory and honor. Amen.

\*OPENING HYMN #182

*I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say*

KINGSFOLD

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Come unto me and rest; lay down, O weary one, lay down your head upon my breast."

I came to Jesus as I was, so weary, worn, and sad; I found him in a resting place, and he has made me glad.

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Behold, I freely give the living water, thirsty one; stoop down and drink and live."

I came to Jesus, and I drank of that life-giving stream; my thirst was quenched, my soul revived, and now I live in him.

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "I am this dark world's light; look unto me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright."

I looked to Jesus, and I found in him my star, my sun; and in that light of life I'll walk till traveling days are done.

LITANY OF ASSURANCE

One: Brothers and sisters, to us has been sent the message of salvation.

**Many: Salvation belongs to our God who sits upon the throne, and to the Lamb!**

One: God raised Jesus from the dead; and for many days Jesus appeared to those who are now witnesses to the resurrection.

**Many: Salvation belongs to our God who sits upon the throne, and to the Lamb!**

One: We bring you the good news that what God promised to our fathers and mothers has been fulfilled: Jesus is risen!

**Many: Salvation belongs to our God who sits upon the throne, and to the Lamb!**

One: Whoever does right is righteous, as God is righteous.

**All: What God foretold by the mouths of the prophets, God fulfilled.**

\*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

NEW TESTAMENT TEXT:

Acts 17:22-28

22 Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. 23 For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. 24 The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, 25 nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. 26 From one ancestor[a] he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, 27 so that they would search for God[b] and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. 28 For 'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said, 'For we too are his offspring.'

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

ANTHEM

*Brother James's Air*

Gordon Jacob

The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want. He makes me down to lie  
In pastures green; He leadeth me The quiet waters by.  
He leadeth me, He leadeth me, the quiet waters by.

My soul He doth restore again, And me to walk doth make  
Within the paths of righteousness, Ee'n for His own Name's sake.  
Within the paths of righteousness, Ee'n for His own Name's sake.

Yea, though I pass through shadows death, Yet will I fear no ill;  
For Thou art with me, and Thy rod And staff me comfort still.  
Thy rod and staff they comfort still They comfort still.

My table Thou hast furnishd In presence of my foes.  
My head with oil thou dost anoint, And my cup overflows.  
My head thou dost with oil anoint, And my cup overflows.

Goodness and mercy all my days Will surely follow me,  
And in my father's heart alway My dwelling place shall be.

SERMON

*It Is All Greek To Me...*

Dr. K Nicholas Yoda

## 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 #803

*My Shepherd Will Supply My Need*

RESIGNATION

My shepherd will supply my need; Jehovah is his name.  
In pastures fresh he makes me feed, beside the living stream.  
He brings my wandering spirit back when I forsake his ways, and leads me, for his mercy's sake, in paths of truth and grace.  
When I walk through the shades of death your presence is my stay; one word of your supporting breath drives all my fears away.  
Your hand, in sight of all my foes, does still my table spread; my cup with blessings overflows; your oil anoints my head.  
The sure provisions of my God attend me all my days; O may your house be my abode, and all my work be praise.  
There would I find a settled rest, while others go and come; no more a stranger, or a guest, but like a child at home.

The flowers are given by Barb Imm to honor the faith-filled life of her mother, Susan Imm.

REMEMBER THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS:

New Prayer Concerns:

- **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:

- 15/Fifth Sunday of Easter/*Graduation Celebration*
- David Paulik preaching
- Congregational Meeting
- Reception after 10:30 AM service

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



## GRADUATE INFORMATION

Do you know someone who is graduating this Spring? Please send us the graduate's information: Full name, graduating from, and relation to you. We will add their name for recognition in our May 15<sup>th</sup> Bulletin—as we recognize those in our congregation at worship that Sunday! Send your information to [sullivanjrprc@gmail.com](mailto:sullivanjrprc@gmail.com) or hand your graduate information to Nicholas.

## 2022 PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN BENEVOLENCE GRANTS

Reminder: **Requests for 2022 PW Disbursement Grants are due TODAY Sunday, May 8th.** Please place in PW box in the Communications Room. Questions - contact Betty Merriman 513-563-1469

## 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

## RUMMAGE SALE NEWS!

### SPRING RUMMAGE SALE

The Spring Rummage Sale will be held Friday, May 13th - 2-6 & Saturday, May 14th from 9 -2.

**What Items to Donate:** Any clothing that's in decent shape but you don't want anymore, shoes, sneakers, and boots that are in good shape, linens, bedding, towels, electrical appliances that still work, sports equipment you don't use, toys that still work and have all their parts, books, furniture (call first), costume jewelry, paintings, posters, and wall art, pillows, etc.

**What Items Should You Throw Away?** If you say to yourself "who would want this piece of junk?" then it's likely that you should just toss it. Toss out items like these: clothing that's falling apart, broken toys that are missing many pieces, broken electronics, furniture that's falling apart, anything that you believe holds no value for anyone. (If you wouldn't give it to your grandma, it is likely trash). We are unable to accept: televisions, computer monitors, tires, large appliances, encyclopedia sets or any item containing Freon.

### Donations are now being accepted ONLY:

Sunday 8:30 am- 12:00 pm.

and

Wednesday 9:00 am- 11:30 am\*

\*Wednesday drop off of donations is by APPT ONLY. Please send email to Judy Davis: [judyd1957@gmail.com](mailto:judyd1957@gmail.com)

**Donations are being accepted through May 10th.**

**ITEMS LEFT OUTSIDE OUR DOORS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED**

## IT'S NOT TOO LATE! WE NEED YOU: RUMMAGE SALE VOLUNTEERS!

- Please sign up on the sign-up sheets located at the front desk. **Most needed spots needed are indicated.** They can also call me at 513-207-6906 if they are not present in church. (or email [judyd1957@gmail.com](mailto:judyd1957@gmail.com))
- Posters are available at the desk to take to your business, local grocery, etc. to advertise the event.