

WELCOME

This morning as we join in worship, our hope for you is that you will find renewed life, health and strength in God. We are glad that you have heard God's call to come and worship, and that you have chosen to do so with this congregation. If you do not have a church home in this area, we invite you to join with us as we seek to serve Christ and live as His disciples. You may be received into church membership by profession of faith, letter of transfer, or reaffirmation of faith. If you are interested in uniting with this church, please contact the church office or any elder.

Session Members

Nancy Mason - '20 - Worship	Cindy Doyle - '20 - Christian Ed.
Matt Shick - '20 - Stewardship	Carina Brushwood - '21 - Cong. Care
John Hehn - '21 - Facilities	Patty MacEwen - '21 - Administration
Bob Friskney - '22 - Fellowship	Carol Shick - '22 - Worship
Deborah Thatcher - '22- Mission	Cammie Williams - Clerk of Session

Our Mission Statement

To provide opportunities for people to
discover God's love,
seek God's purpose,
and do God's will.

Our Vision Statement

Glorifying God with
mind, body, and soul.

Pastor: The Rev. Loli Reiter
Ministers: The Congregation

*"But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation,
God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts
of him who called you out of darkness into
his marvelous light." 1 Peter 2:9*

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**Sixth Sunday of Easter
May 17, 2020, 11:00 A.M.**

PRELUDE "Pomp and Circumstance"

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER

CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 78:1-4)

Listen, my people, to my teaching;
tilt your ears toward the words of my mouth.
I will open my mouth with a proverb.
I'll declare riddles from days long gone —
ones that we've heard and learned about,
ones that our ancestors told us.
We won't hide them from their descendants;
we'll tell the next generation
all about the praise due the Lord and his strength —
the wondrous works God has done.
Alleluia! Amen!

HYMN # 324 "Open My Eyes That I May See"

**Open my eyes, that I may see
Glimpses of truth Thou hast for me;
Place in my hands the wonderful key
That shall unclasp and set me free.**

Refrain: **Silently now I wait for Thee,
Ready, my God, Thy will to see;
Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!**

**Open my ears, that I may hear
Voices of truth Thou sendest clear;
And while the wave notes fall on ear,
Everything false will disappear.**

Refrain: **Silently now I wait for Thee,
Ready, my God, Thy will to see;
Open my ears, illumine me, Spirit divine!**

**Open my mouth, and let me bear
Gladly the warm truth everywhere;
Open my heart, and let me prepare
Love with Thy children thus to share.**

Refrain: Silently now I wait for Thee,
Ready, my God, Thy will to see;
Open my heart, illumine me, Spirit divine!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Lord, forgive us for being bad students. We half-listen to your Word, distracted by the other noises in the classroom that is life. We sit back and let others do our work for us - the work of caring for those in need. We think we know it all and anything new or different can't possibly be worth our time. Forgive us and open our minds to seek understanding; open our hearts to empathize with others; and instruct our will in the ways we should go. We pray in Jesus' name, Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

CHILDREN'S TIME

SCRIPTURE READING Deuteronomy 6:1-9

SERMON "Lifelong Teachers and Students"

PRAISE SONG "Word of God"

**The Word of God is light in my darkness
Hope for the hopeless strong and true
The Word of God is strength for the weary
A shield for those who trust in You
A shield for those who trust in You**

**Everything will fade everything will fade
The heavens and the earth will pass away
But You will remain
Yes You will remain always**

**Jesus faithful Word of God
The anchor of my heart
You're everything You say You are Lord
Greater than my deepest needs
The ground beneath my feet
Your promises won't fail me now**

**You will not fail us (3x)
O Word of God**

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth.
And in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was
conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead
buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again
from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sits on the right
hand of God the Father Almighty; from there he shall come to
judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy universal church, the
communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the
resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

Offering - Thoughts from the Class of 2020

Doxology

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER
(Matthew 6:9-13)

**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.**

PRAISE SONG "Love the Lord"

**Love the Lord Your God with all your heart
With all your soul with all your mind
And with all your strength (2x)**

**With all your heart with all your soul
With all your mind with all your strength
Love the Lord your God with all your heart
With all your soul with all your mind
And with all your strength**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**I will serve the Lord
With all my heart with all my soul
With all my mind and with all my strength (2x)**

**With all my heart with all my soul
With all my mind with all my strength
I will serve the Lord with all my heart
With all my soul with all my mind
And with all my strength**

**I will love You Lord with all my heart
With all my soul with all my mind
And with all my strength (2x)**

**Will all my heart with all my soul
With all my mind with all my strength
I will love You Lord with all my heart
With all my soul with all my mind
And with all my strength**

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

The Grace of Our Lord Jesus Christ, be with you all, be with you all. The Grace of Our Lord Jesus Christ, be with you all. Amen.

POSTLUDE “Gaudeamus Igitur”
From the Academic Festival Overture by Brahms

CONGRATULATIONS CLASS OF 2020!!

Elias Mayfield, Alex Messina, and Lily Lavazza are graduating from high school.

Danh Cooney is graduating with an Associates Degree from St. Leo University and **Logan Sorey** is graduating with a Masters Degree in Music from University of South Florida.

We are very proud of our graduates and pray that God continues to guide and bless them!

CHURCH ACTIVITIES The office is PHYSICALLY closed as we continue to be a part of the effort of keeping our congregation and community safe. Kara will continue to be available by telephone and email during regular church hours (Mon.- Thurs., 9:00am to 2:00pm), and the mail will continue to be picked up regularly. If there is a need, don't hesitate to contact us. Meals on Wheels will continue to prepare food on Wednesdays, but we encourage all other groups to refrain from gathering until further notice. Please continue to pray and know you are being prayed for. God bless!

VOLUNTEERS IN SERVICE THIS WEEK

Temple Keeper: Fred Shambach (on or before 5/23)

Zoom SUNDAY SCHOOL - Cindy Doyle is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom Sunday school May 17th. See the link to join Sunday school on email that also guides you to worship.

HEALTHCARE WORKERS - If we have healthcare workers who are part of our extended church family not mentioned in the prayer list, please let us know so we can add them to the list.

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING THE MINISTRIES OF OUR CHURCH! We are so grateful for your faithful giving! Today and during the month of May, we also have an opportunity to give toward our denominational offering, **PENTECOST OFFERING**, supporting ministries that unite young people and inspire them to share their faith in Christ. You can continue to give through the mail; by setting up “Bill Pay” with your bank; and now you can make a secure gift on our website. May God continue to bless you, as you continue to be a blessing to others!

OUR MEALS ON WHEELS PROGRAM continues to feed those most in need even during these difficult times. Please continue to keep this ministry and its volunteers in your prayers.

KAIROS PRISON MINISTRY is alive but on hold. Once the State prison system opens the doors for visitors and ministries, and the Kairos state council agrees, the team will be right back at it. The generous donations that were received from the church remain in the church account for future disbursement. We are hoping that we can have a weekend event this coming fall. The team is always recruiting for volunteers and if any of our men, ages 18 and older want to find out more about this ministry, please contact Aaron Sampson or Greg Uebel. Thank you very much for your support.

BLESSING BAGS - During our current health situation, many of the community who depend on soup cafes are not always able to receive assistance; therefore in your daily walks or other outings, if you see someone who might need assistance and want to help them, Blessing Bags are available on the benches in the walkway of the court yard at the church. Take one to have when needed.

EGG CARTON COLLECTION is an ongoing ministry. The cartons are taken to E.C.H.O. to be used for distribution of eggs to families when picking up food. Currently the cartons may be left on any of the benches around the court yard at the church. Upon returning to the church, a plastic silver container is available for collection, inside the front entry to the fellowship hall.

ANNOUNCEMENT FROM CEDARKIRK - After prayerful discernment, the Board of Trustees at Cedarkirk decided to suspend residential and day camps for the summer 2020. Please go to their website www.cedarkirk.org for more information, if you have registered for camp already or if you want to know more about how you can support this amazing, faith-shaping ministry. We thank God for Cedarkirk's ministry. We pray for the wellbeing of their staff and the camp. And we look forward to going back to playing in the "ga-ga pit", splashing in the pool, and canoeing down the Alafia!

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday, May 17, 2020

11:00 am Worship Service Online Live
12:30 pm Zoom Sunday School Live

Wednesday, May 20, 2020

8:30 am Meals on Wheels

Thursday, May 21, 2020 Ascension of the Lord

10:00 am Staff Meeting for Set-up

Sunday, May 24, 2020

11:00 am Worship Service Online Live
12:30 pm Zoom Sunday School Live

A HOPEFUL LOOK AHEAD

May 17 Sunday Worship Online, Zoom Sunday School
20 Meals on Wheels
21 Ascension of the Lord
24 Sunday Worship Online, Zoom Sunday School
25 Memorial Day!
27 Meals on Wheels
31 Day of Pentecost

PRAISES and CONCERNS

Pray at all times in the Spirit...Ephesians 6:18a

Our ministry is to pray for our members who are hospitalized, ill, home bound, attending college, and in the military; and to also encourage others to send cards, make a phone call or visit if possible. If you do not have a directory or need an address not listed, please contact the church office, we will be happy to help.

Rob Bargo	Robert Lavazza	Bill Worth
George Kosan	Susan Kriska	Tammy Wooster
Terry Cooney	Bob Stetler	Jim Barfield
Charles Brandt	Joy Lavazza	Bonnie & John Taylor

Healthcare Workers: Waleska Alvarado, Jenny Carswell, Lexi Crawford, Maggie Hehn, Patricia Hudson, Cheryl High Sawyer

College: Kai Abe, Elizabeth Banks, Michaela Brushwood, Danh Cooney, Michael Hawkins, Christian Jaimungal, Rachel Kosan, Peter Lapham, Amber Todd, Jenny Todd

Military: Jeff Mason Jr., Diego Rincon, Justin Ernul, Wyatt Harris, Michael Paynter, Sherryn Ramkarran, Aaron Sampson