

## 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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**Seventh Sunday of Easter  
May 24, 2020, 11:00 A.M.**

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

OPENING PRAYER

CALL TO WORSHIP (Ephesians 1:18-19)

I pray that the eyes of your heart  
Will have enough light to see what is the hope of God's call,  
What is the richness of God's glorious inheritance among believers,  
And what is the overwhelming greatness of God's power  
That is working among us believers!!

HYMN # 145 "Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!"

**Rejoice, ye pure in heart!  
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!  
Your festal banner wave on high,  
The cross of Christ your King!**

*Refrain: Rejoice! rejoice!  
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!*

**Yes, on through life's long path,  
Still chanting as ye go;  
From youth to age, by night and day,  
In gladness and in woe. Refrain**

**At last the march shall end;  
The wearied ones shall rest;  
The pilgrims find their home at last,  
Jerusalem the blest. Refrain**

**Then on, ye pure in heart!  
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!  
Your festal banner wave on high,  
The cross of Christ your king. Refrain**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

**Merciful God, day by day we have failed to believe in your presence. We have not trusted in your power to forgive and redeem us. We have not honored our sisters and brothers as fellow heirs of your Kingdom of Peace, created in your image. Forgive us, Lord. Give us the wisdom and faith to be the Body of Christ in the world. Give us the courage to be witnesses to your presence and your life-changing grace. We pray in Jesus' name, Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

CHILDREN'S TIME

SCRIPTURE READING Acts 1:6-11

SERMON *"I've never heard of that Messiah"*

PRAISE SONG "Lord I Lift Your Name On High"

**Lord I lift Your name on high  
Lord I love to sing Your praises  
I'm so glad You're in my life  
I'm so glad You came to save us**

**You came from heaven to earth  
To show the way  
From the earth to the cross  
My debt to pay  
From the cross to the grave  
From the grave to the sky  
Lord I lift Your name on high**

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 - Memorial Day Offering Invitation  
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.**

HYMN # 562 "Eternal Father, Strong to Save"

**Eternal Father, strong to save,  
Whose arm has bound the restless wave,  
Who bade the mighty ocean deep  
Its own appointed limits keep;  
O hear us when we cry to Thee  
For those in peril on the sea.**

**O savior, whose almighty word  
The wind and waves submissive heard,  
Who walked upon the foaming deep,  
And calm amid its rage did sleep;  
O hear us when we cry to Thee  
For those in peril on the sea.**

**O Holy Spirit, who did brood  
Upon the chaos wild and rude,  
And bade its angry tumult cease,  
And gave, for fierce confusion, peace;  
O hear us when we cry to thee  
For those in peril on the sea.**

**O Trinity of love and power,  
All travelers guard in danger's hour,**

**From rock and tempest,  
Fire and foe, Protect them wheresoe'er they go;  
Thus ever-more shall rise to Thee  
Glad praise from air and land and sea.**

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 "God of Our Fathers, Whose All Mighty Hand"

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**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: Ed Kelsey (on or before 5/30)

**PENTECOST CELEBRATION!** On Sunday, May 31st we will celebrate the birthday of Christ's Church by sharing communion. Since we will still be worshipping virtually, please make plans to get bread or crackers and juice. While bread and grape juice are what we traditionally use, there will be an email sent with more information about alternative possibilities.

**BLOODMOBILE HERE NEXT SUNDAY** - The need for your donations are essential to the health of the community. Please give the gift of blood and make your appointment to donate **June 7th** when the blood mobile is at the church. A link, to make your reservation for donating blood, will be provided for you in an email at a later time.

**MISSING YUMMY CHURCH FOOD?!** On Sunday, **June 7th**, we invite you to share in the Presbyterian Church of Seffner's first Drive-Thru Luncheon! It will be a picnic menu and there will be double dessert! We will begin to take orders this week and will be encouraging donations at pick up. Anyone who is giving blood will get their meal donated. Look for an email with more details this week.

**Zoom SUNDAY SCHOOL** - Cindy Doyle is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting. Sunday School May 24th. 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.

**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](http://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 24, 2020**

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

**Monday, May 25, 2020**

**Memorial Day**

**Wednesday, May 27, 2020**

8:30 am Meals on Wheels

**Sunday, May 31, 2020 Day of Pentecost**

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

### A HOPEFUL LOOK AHEAD

May	24	Sunday Worship Online, Zoom Sunday School
	25	Memorial Day!
	27	Meals on Wheels
	31	Day of Pentecost
June	1	Committees Meet via Zoom, Email, Teleconference
	2	Staff Meets
	3	Meals on Wheels
	7	Trinity Sunday, Blood Drive, Curb-side Lunch Pick-up
	9	Session Meets
	14	Sunday Worship
	15	Newsletter Items for July and August Due
	17	Meals on Wheels
	21	Sunday Worship
	24	Meals on Wheels
	28	Sunday Worship

### 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