



Sunday Worship

May 12, 2024

Draw near
to our Risen Lord

* indicates where the congregation is to stand if able
italic type is spoken by the liturgist – bold is spoken by the congregation

PRELUDE

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

We gather together to worship our loving, nurturing God.

Like a mother, God knows us intimately, loves us unconditionally, teaches us the way we should go, and comforts us in times of need.

Let us praise God, the Source and Sustainer of life!

***OPENING PRAYER**

God our Parent, we gather to open our hearts to you trusting that you will welcome us with open arms. We come to worship you. The One who leads us through times of trial; the One who supports us in sorrow and struggle; the One who is beside us when all is bleak. Holy One, we praise you and worship you. Amen.

***HYMN #643** Now Thank We All Our God

1. Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices, who wondrous things hath done, in whom this world rejoices; who, from our mothers' arms, hath blessed us on our way with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

2. O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us, with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us and keep us in God's grace, and guide us when perplexed, and free us from all ills in this world and the next.

3. All praise and thanks to God, who reigns in highest heaven, to Father and to Son and Spirit now be given; the one eternal God, whom heaven and earth adore, the God who was, and is, and shall be evermore.

CALL TO CONFESSION AND RECONCILIATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND BROKENESS

O Creating God who loved us into being, we your children praise you. When we fall, you lift us up; when we fail you restore us; when we are wounded you nurse us; when we grieve you weep with us; when we celebrate you laugh with us. But sometimes we fail to acknowledge your presence; we are embarrassed, or we forget, or we feel silly. Help us to reach out to you at any and all times of our lives we pray. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE AND BLESSING

... Jesus died for me. Jesus forgives me. Jesus loves me. Jesus is good to me. Amen.

***GLORIA PATRI**

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.

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON Matthew 22:34-40

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

***HYMN #849** Everyone Who Longs for the Boundless Love of God

1. Everyone who longs for the boundless love of God, everyone who hopes for the coming of God's peace, the Lord God who created all things beautiful and good loves you more than you can ever know.

2. Everyone who worships God and sings glad songs of praise, everyone who follows God's good and holy way, the Lord God who created all things beautiful and good loves you now as one of God's own.

3. God is always watching over you, God is watching you with loving eyes. God is hearing you in all your prayers; God is listening with tender, loving ears. God shines light in every dark and fearful place we go and will answer every little cry that you make, so wherever you may go follow in God's holy way and trust God to take you home. *Repeat verse 3.*

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON 1 John 4:7-21

SERMON Jesus Loves Me

CALL FOR THE OFFERING AND MOMENT OF FRIENDSHIP

OFFERTORY

***DOXOLOGY**

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

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

With what you see before us, God, we demonstrate our deepest love. Receive our gifts – our very best – as sweet offerings before you. May they be the blessing to others that they have been for us. Amen.

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS Betts Slim, Susan Thomes, Edna Voegelé, Kevin and Mary Young

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** The Apostle's Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; 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 #188** Jesus Love Me!

1. Jesus loves me! This I know; for the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to him belong. They are weak but he is strong.

Refrain: Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.


2. Jesus loves me! This I know; as he loved so long ago,
taking children on his knee, saying "Let them come to me." *Refrain*

3. Jesus loves me! He will stay close beside me all the way;
he's prepared a home for me, and some day his face I'll see. *Refrain*

***BENEDICTION
POSTLUDE**

ANNOUNCEMENTS, May 12, 2024 *Happy Mother's Day*

This week's carillon is in memory Given Landis. Given lived local to the church and was most supportive of the youth.

STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL: On June 7 at 6:00pm Parish Life will be hosting our annual Strawberry Festival. It's almost that time of year when the strawberries are plump and flavorful, so let's enjoy by getting together for food, fun and fellowship. There will be hot dogs and of course our famous *STRAWBERRY SHORTCAKE!* We are asking you to bring a side dish to share if you can. Sign-ups are in Fellowship. Weather permitting; we will hold this event outside. It is open to the public so invite your friends! 

GUEST PREACHERS WHILE PASTOR SU IS AWAY:

Pastor Su will be in Scotland from May 16 – June 2. While she is away please contact a Session member for pastoral emergencies. Our current elders include: Maggie Rash, Donna Jencks, Sharon Ruth, Amy Raab, Bill Wark, Courtney Woolslayer, Janice and Bob Propsner.

Sunday morning the congregation will be blessed by the following guest preachers: May 19 and June 2: Rev. Sarah Cowill, Director of Lilly Initiatives of the Philadelphia Presbytery (the reason Pastor Su can make this trip!) May 26: Rev. Cassie Heintz, Administrative Assistant to the Executive Presbytery.

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS: This week we are asking for the following items: Cleaning products such as: Liquid Dish Detergent, Laundry Detergent, Counter top cleaner and bath soap. Donations are to be placed in the wagon located in the vestibule.-

This week's calendar of events:

May 12	10:00 am	Worship followed by Fellowship
	4:00 pm	Iglesia Pentecostal Asamblea De Dios Worship Service
May 13	7:00 pm	Boy Scout Troop 71 Meeting
May 14	9:00 am	Christian Education Meeting
	5:00 pm	Worship and Music Meeting
	6:00 pm	Beekeepers Meeting

Elder of the month: Janice Propsner

Deacon of the month: Gerry Stemplewicz

Ushers: Craig and Donna Jencks

Fellowship: Bob and Janice Propsner

In our thoughts and prayers:

The Conner/Lang Family, Aleena Lang, Raymond Tinari, Jim Turner, Violet Sanders,
Mary Lou Humlhanz, Pat Pizza, Kara Holton, Becky Schroeder,
Wes Schroeder, Eloise Hyndman, Don Huber, David Posnett, Dick Wright, Shannon Foster

We extend our deepest sympathy to Bob and Janice Propsner at the passing of Bob's mother, Dolores Propsner. Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die."



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