

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 15, 2022

Theme: Unraveling Easter: The Best Is Yet to Come



“Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.” John 14:27

GATHERING

Greeting and Welcome to Worship

Prelude: “Dear Lord and Father of Mankind” Robert Hebble

Call to Worship Psalm 67

Leader: Marked with grace, God smiles upon us, seeking to be known in all the earth,
God’s saving power among all nations.

People: Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

Leader: Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with
equity and guide the nations upon earth.

People: Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

Leader: The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God, has blessed us.

**People: May God continue to bless us; let all the ends of the earth revere and
honor God.**

*Hymn: #611 “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”(see download)

*Prayer of the Day

O God of earth, wind, water, and fire, we implore upon your mercy to spare the vulnerable, the disheartened, and the suffering of so many communities far away and yet near to us as the neighbors You call us to be. Our hearts are full of our own concerns yet open to that of others. Accept our humble petitions for them and their enormous needs. May help arrive speedily and your mercy provide reassurance. Grant the necessities needed to sustain life and endurance for the long and painful road ahead. Where lives are disrupted bring direction and new beginnings. Restore hope if it ever existed at all, and create a resilient hope for living in these times. Bring the peaceable kingdom where all may live together in harmony including all creation. Heal broken lives including our own as long as the healing takes, through Christ we pray. AMEN

Assurance of Pardon

***Response:** In the Lord I’ll be ever thankful; in the Lord I will rejoice! Look to God: do not be afraid. Lift up your voices; the Lord is near. Lift up your voices; the Lord is near. (#654)

PROCLAIMING GOD’S WORD

Anthem: “Let Us Pray for Peace” Thomas Keesecker
Chancel Choir

Children’s Message

Epistle Reading: Revelation 21:10-26, 22:5

*Hymn: #824 “Near to the Heart of God” (see download)

Gospel Reading: John 14:23-29

Sermon: “**Seeing with Our Heart**”
“Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it.” Proverbs 4:23

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

Sacrament of Communion

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Prayer of Thanksgiving

God of Plenty, You provide more than we can imagine. You give us everything we need and bless the work of our hands, our minds, and our hearts. Now we honor You with the gifts we bring. AMEN

Announcements and Sharing Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

An Affirmation of Easter Faith - Excerpts from the Confession of 1967

Leader: In Jesus Christ, God was reconciling the world through the eternal Son, who became human and lived among us to fulfill the work of reconciliation.

People: In Jesus of Nazareth true humanity was realized once for all. Jesus, a Palestinian Jew, lived among his own people and shared their needs, temptations, joys, and sorrows.

Leader: He expressed the love of God in word and deed and became a brother to all kinds of sinful people. His life and teaching judge our goodness, religious aspirations, and national hopes.

People: The risen Christ is the Savior for all. Those joined to him by faith are set right with God and commissioned to serve as his reconciling community.

Leader: Life in Christ is life eternal. The resurrection of Jesus is God's sign that he will consummate his work of creation.

People: Through the risen Christ, God will bring about reconciliation beyond death and bring to fulfillment the new life begun in Christ. Amen and amen!

*Hymn: #494 "Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts" (see download)

*Charge and Benediction (from Confession of 1967)

Leader: And so, the life, death, resurrection, and promised coming of Jesus Christ has set the pattern for the church's mission.

People: That in the power of the risen Christ and the hope of his coming, the promise of God's renewal of life and victory over all wrong is secured for the world and for us all.

Leader: Now to the One who is able to do far more abundantly than all we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to God be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen." Ephesians 3:20-21

Silent Prayer (be seated)

Postlude: "All Hail the Power" Edward Broughton

The End of Worship
The Beginning of Service

*Those who wish may stand

Rev. James Shuler, Interim Pastor
Mrs. Dianne Yuninger, Organist/Choir Director

**The Sanctuary Flowers today are given in Loving Memory of
our mother Marcia Joyce (Eshleman) Scott
by her daughters, Sharon Scott, Joyce Good and Brenda Schiel**

PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION:

PRAYER FAMILY THIS WEEK: Jenny, Alyssa, Sarah, Olivia & Emma Keenan

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1740, moved to Paradise in 1840.*



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