

## Happening Soon

\* - RSVP TO ATTEND

### TODAY - Sunday, May 2

On-Site Worship, 9:30am, Sanctuary

JYF, 11am, Yonker Fellowship Hall

CYF, 6:30pm, Meet in Yonker Fellowship Hall

\*Trivia Night, 6:30pm, Yonker Fellowship Hall \*\* RSVP TO JIMMY TODAY!

### Wednesday, May 5

Midweek Connect, 10:30am, Zoom

Bible Study, Noon, Zoom

Choir Rehearsal, 5-6:30pm, Meet in Yonker Fellowship Hall

### Thursday, May 6

Bell Choir Rehearsal, 5:30pm, Sanctuary

### Friday, May 7

DOC Breakfast, 8:30am, Bethany Hall

### Saturday, May 8

Breakfast for Brethren, 7-9am, Yonker Fellowship Hall

Chi-Rho Event, Time/Location TBD

### Sunday, May 9 - Mother's Day

Baptism Sunday & Baby Dedication

On-Site Worship, 9:30am, Sanctuary

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### Mark Your Calendars!

Sun., May 23, Celebration Sunday, Honoring Rev. Spear

Sun., June 13, Church Picnic

### Participants in Today's Service

Steve Humble, Elder

Annie Stagg, Sound Board Operator

Luke Stagg, Videographer

Travis McFarlane, Piano

Dr. Rochelle Parker, Organ

Michael Sauer, Director of Music

Rev. Jimmy Spear, Associate Minister

Rev. Dr. Brad Stagg, Senior Minister



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## The 5th Sunday of Easter

MAY 2, 2021

### Gathering in Praise

\* DENOTES TO STAND IF ABLE

Gathering Music

Welcome

Rev. Dr. Brad Stagg

Prelude

*Abiding Love*

Gloria Roe

Call to Worship (the people read the **bold**)

Rev. Jimmy Spear

Beloved, let us love one another.

**Love is from God.**

We are born of God and know love.

**Beloved, let us love one another.**

Our love is a testimony to God's goodness.

**Love is from God.**

We come to hear a bold word on the power of love for our time.

**God, abide in us for these days...**

Prayer

Rev. Spear

\* Hymn # 464

*God of Grace and God of Glory*

**Vs 1** God of grace and God of glory, on thy people pour thy power;  
crown thine ancient church's story; bring its bud to glorious flower.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the facing of this hour,  
for the facing of this hour.

**Vs 2** Lo! The hosts of evil round us scorn thy Christ, assail thy ways!  
From the fears that long have bound us, free our hearts to faith and praise.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the living of these days,  
for the living of these days.

**Vs 5** Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore;  
let the search for they salvation be our glory evermore.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, serving thee whom we adore,  
serving thee whom we adore.

## Proclaiming the Word

Children's Moment

Rev. Spear

Scripture: 1 John 4:7-21 (NRSV)

Dr. Stagg

**7** Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. **8** Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. **9** God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. **10** In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. **11** Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. **12** No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

**13** By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. **14** And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. **15** God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. **16** So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. **17** Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. **18** There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. **19** We love because he first loved us. **20** Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. **21** The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

No Fear

Dr. Stagg

Music

In Death's Strong Grasp the Savior Lay

J.S. Bach

Stewardship Campaign Member Witness

Bryan Garton

\* Doxology (Hymn # 46)

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

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

## Response of Great Thanksgiving

Invitation to the Table

Rev. Spear

Communion Hymn # 410

*Now We Come Before God's Presence*

**Vs 1** Now we come before God's presence, full of joy with songs of praise for the cup and bread life-giving, healing all our sinful ways.

**Vs 2** Bread of life, so freely given, keeping hungry spirits fed.

We, in turn, with great thanksgiving, freely share our worldly bread.

**Vs 3** Cup of sorrow, cup of joy, filling souls that come in thirst, likewise, we shall fill the cups of those who thirst throughout the earth.

Words of Institution

Rev. Spear

Elder's Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Steve Humble

**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.**

Receiving the Bread and Cup

\* Benediction

Rev. Spear

\* Postlude

*We're Marching to Zion*

Robert Lowry

*As the postlude is offered, please depart in quiet reverence, or linger/be seated in the pews to listen and reflect.*

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**Today's Chancel Flowers** are given by Perry & Helen Stemmons in memory of Perry's sister, Shirley Owen.

## Prayers of the Congregation

*Prayer is an important part of our ministry to each other and one way of sharing God's grace. This week the following requests have been made. Please lift their names to God, in support, hope, and healing:*

Carol Thomas

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