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Fifth Sunday of Easter Holy Communion Sunday May 2, 2021

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Christ is risen!

People: Christ lived and preached forgiveness and love among us.

Leader: We are witnesses to his mighty acts.

People: Christ rose from the dead and appears to us still.

Leader: We rejoice in the living Savior.

People: Come; let us worship the God of love and life!

HYMN OF PRAISE **Make Me a Channel of Your Peace** (TFWS Hymnal) No. 2171

*(1) Make me a channel of your peace. Where there is hatred, let me bring your love.
Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord, and where there's doubt, true faith in you.*

Refrain *Oh, Master, grant that I may never seek so much to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love with all my soul.*

*(4) Make me a channel of your peace. It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
in giving of ourselves that we receive, and in dying that we're born to eternal life.*

Refrain *Oh, Master, grant that I may never seek so much to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love with all my soul.*

PRESENTATION OF THE COMMUNION ELEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER (In Unison)

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Leader: This is the Word of God! For the people of God!

People: **Thanks be to God!**

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER (In Unison)

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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass 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.

GOSPEL LESSON

John 15:1-8

(NRSV) Pg. 109

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord!

People: **Thanks be to God!**

MESSAGE

Cleansed by The Word!

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

APOSTLES' CREED (In Unison)

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 Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at 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 Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

GLORIA PATRI

Glory Be to the Father

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.

HOLY COMMUNION

HYMN OF PREPARATION

Let Us Break Bread Together

(U.M. Hymnal) No. 618

*(1) Let us break bread together on our knees,
let us break bread together on our knees.*

*When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.*

*(2) Let us drink wine together on our knees,
let us drink wine together on our knees.*

*When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.*

*(3) Let us praise God together on our knees,
let us praise God together on our knees.*

*When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.*

THE INVITATION TO THE SACRAMENT

Pastor: Christ our Lord invites to our table all who love Him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND PARDON (In Unison)

All: Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive, us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Pastor: Hear the Good News: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

People: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

All: Glory to God. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Pastor: And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

CHORUS OF PRAISE

Holy, Holy, Holy!

(U.M. Hymnal) Pg. 64

(4) Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!

*All thy works shall praise thy name,
in earth and sky and sea.*

*Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity.*

Pastor: And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ. We offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living Sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

All: Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again. Amen.

THE PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

Pastor: On the night in which Jesus was betrayed, He took bread, blessed it and broke it, and gave it to His disciples and said, "**This is my body which is broken for you, as often as you eat of it, do this in remembrance of me.**" After supper, He took the cup and blessed it and gave it to His disciples and said, "**This is my blood of the new covenant poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins, as often as you drink of it, do this in remembrance of me.**"

COMMUNION OF ALL GOD'S CHILDREN

(In the Pews/Cars)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

CLOSING HYMN

Jesus' Hands Were Kind Hands

(U.M. Hymnal) No. 273

*(1) Jesus' hands were kind hands, doing good to all,
healing pain and sickness, blessing children small,
washing tired feet, and saving those who fall;
Jesus' hands were kind hands, doing good to all.*

*(2) Take my hands, Lord Jesus, let them work for you;
make them strong and gentle, kind in all I do.
Let me watch you, Jesus, till I'm gentle too,
till my hands are kind hands, quick to work for you.*

BENEDICTION

(Adapted from 2 Corinthians 13:13)

Pastor: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,

People: the love of God,

Pastor: and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you!

People: And also with you!

Pastor: And all God's children said,

All: Amen!

Flowers have been placed on the altar
~In honor of Natasha Popovich's
graduation from Pitt

FUMC ANNOUNCEMENTS 5.2.21

Office Announcements:

- Next Sunday, May 9th is the last day to submit 2020 and 2021 graduates for recognition.

Online Giving Announcement:

- There is a new option for Guest Giving through our website and app! You will be able to choose "Continue as Guest" when donating online and will not be required to set up an account. Contact Jodi in the office with any questions.

Summer Service Announcements:

- June 13th through September 5th we will hold one worship service at **9:00am.**
- As the pandemic conditions improve, we would like to move back to two services, 8:00am & 10:15am, on September 12th provided we have enough volunteers for each service. A/V volunteers are especially needed.

Outreach Announcements:

- A few volunteers are still needed for the May 10th Operation Fresh Express. Sign up on the Action Table.
- May collection: Outdoor toys such as balls, small Frisbees, and jump ropes for OCC Shoeboxes.

Prayer List – Faith UMC

(Any requests received after bulletin completion will still be passed on to the Prayer Chain but will be listed in next week's bulletin.)

Prayer requests received week of April 25:

1. Amy Pyle: in Magee hospital with Covid, showing improvement.
2. Mariann: friend of Irene Hanna, hospitalized with complications from chemo.
3. Dave Carroll: admitted to hospital with trouble breathing. Had a thoracic drain procedure on April 27th and a catheter inserted in the lung to help with future drainage.
4. Sarah Rowe: 12-year-old with brain tumor, is now home from St. Jude's cancer center with her family.
5. Dan Bazella: is back at Shadyside hospital. Was in ICU but is now in a regular room.
6. Della: Barb Hilty's aunt, recovering from surgery to replace mitral valve and repair another valve.
7. Lucy Ames: Cindy Weaver's 93-year-old mother, fell and broke left leg, is home recovering.
8. Janine & Dave: Yvonne Taczak's granddaughter and husband, recovering from Covid.
9. Mary Lighthall: Debbie Sicari's son-in-law's mother, passed away April 22nd.

Prayer requests received week of April 18:

1. Kevin Fox: recovering from Covid.
2. Shirley Navaroli: in the middle of radiation therapy for lung cancer.
3. Barb Bain: for relief from severe back pain.

Continued prayers for:

Dick & Natalie Berlin, Dick & Pat Bush, Nick Coppage, Dave Morris, Kathy Kosmatine, Steve & Su Iwanicki, Pam Osterwise, Debby Rager, Mitsie Szostak, Dave & Penny Carroll, Dan Bazella, Jack & Emogene Blair, Randy Ames, Joan Nellis, The White Family, John the local barber, Chris Scoletti, Michael Scoletti, Ronna Ryman, Obreda Fyock, Bill & Mary Weyel, Joe Ramus, Jane Rivers, Carolyn Carroll, Julie Kovacs, Joey Kasunic, Mary Zacharias, Shirley Fabrizi, Kim Keller, Sarah Rowe, Randi, Stephanie Taczak, Charlie & wife Della