

conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into Hades; 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.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER RESPONSE

"Hear Our Prayer"

Hear our prayer, O Lord. hear our prayer, O Lord.

Hear our prayer, O Lord, and grant us thy peace.

SERMON Poem "Rebirth" by Karen Georgia Thompson February 2017

OUR OFFERING AND OFFERTORY "As the Deer" Martin Nystrom

* THE DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him, all creatures here below. Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND LORD'S PRAYER (using debts and debtors)

* BENEDICTION AND THREEFOLD AMEN

Poem - "Lessons" by Karen Georgia Thompson December 2020

* HYMN "God, With Joy We Look Around Us" (insert)

* SILENT MEDITATION

POSTLUDE "I Will Call Upon the Lord"

Michael O'Shields

*Please stand as you are able

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June 9, 2024

Third Sunday after Pentecost

Reader: Steve Snyder

God is Still Speaking ...

"Unity in the church will not happen if members have unforgiving hearts. Few things can destroy the unity of a church like gossip. A unified church is powerful. Gossip tears apart that unity and renders a church powerless."

- Thom S. Rainer

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE "Name Medley" Don Wyrzten

* SOLEMN DECLARATION AND SUNG AMEN

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: From many lands, we gather as God's people. With diverse homelands, backgrounds, and experiences shaping who we are today:

People: Out of many, we are one.

Pastor: Of different ages and abilities, we gather as God's people. Wearing different clothing, filling different roles, speaking many languages, singing different songs:

People: Out of many, we are one.

Pastor: With diverse hopes and dreams, we gather as God's people. Of different personality types and interests, with multiple ministries and callings:

People: Out of many, we are one.

Pastor: Each carrying within us many voices, we gather as God's people, holding happiness alongside hurt, often in the same moment. Inside every one of us, a crowd of ideas, feelings, and questions:

People: Out of many, we are one.

Pastor: In Christ, we come together and find a deeper unity. People of God, come and worship, that out of many, all may be one!

People: Let us come together and worship God!

* HYMN #401 (Green Hymnal) "The Church's One Foundation"

* CALL TO CONFESSION

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Uniting God, we confess that sometimes we close windows against the fresh air of new ideas, against the noise of other people's worries, and against the winds of change. We confess that we often draw the curtains against people who are different, and against world news or community concerns. Forgive us our insulation in our own homes, our shuttered churches, the security systems on our hearts. Open up our lives so that we may experience the fullness of your presence in our lives...

Silent confession...

* KYRIE ELEISON

*Lord, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.*

* WORDS OF GRACE AND MERCY

Forgiveness is the threshold. First, we look out, then we receive. After we receive, then we are sent out to proclaim God's grace and mercy.
Thanks be to God! Amen!

HYMN #640 (Green Hymnal) "Sweet Hour of Prayer"

CHILDREN'S SERMON

THE SCRIPTURES (insert)

New Testament 1 Corinthians 12: 12 - 27
*Gospel John 17: 21 - 23

* THE 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.

* PROCLAIMING OUR FAITH – THE APOSTLE'S CREED

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ his only begotten Son, our Lord; who was

God, With Joy We Look Around Us

Sung to the tune of "Angels, from the Realms of Glory"

Lyrics by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette © 2000

God, with joy we look around us
At your world's diversity.
Folk of every kind surround us
And you call your church to see:
All are made in your own image!
All are people whom you love!

In the times we've hurt each other,
Lord, we've hurt the ones you bless.
Hating sister, cursing brother,
We've denied what you express:
All are made in your own image!
All are people whom you love!

God, you sent a Savior to us,
Breaking walls that would divide.
By your Spirit, now work through us
As we witness side by side:
All are made in your own image!
All are people whom you love!

Scriptures

and

Closing Hymn

June 9th, 2024

1 Corinthians 12: 12 – 27

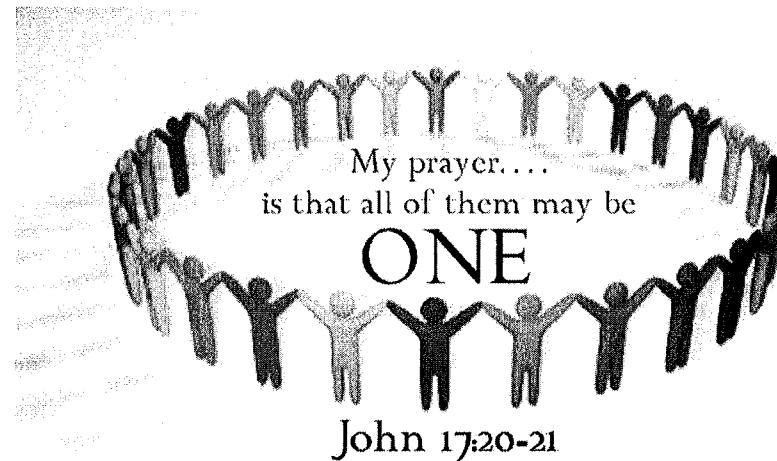
For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot would say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear would say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many members, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice

together with it. Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it.

John 17: 21 – 23

Jesus said, "That they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me."



ST. MARK'S PRAYER LIST

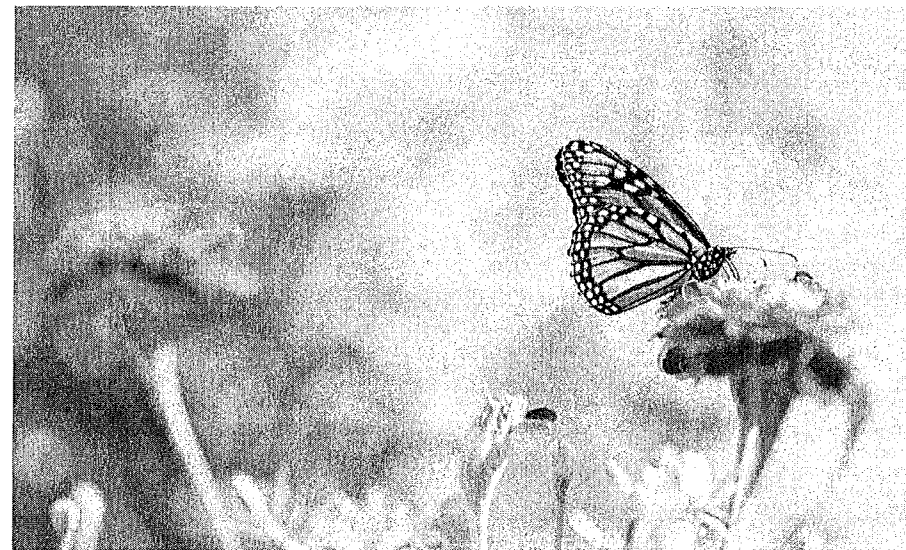
Andy Shearer
Deb Weise
Ken and Charlotte Wengert
Lynn Balmer
David Ansalvish (Cindy Johnson's Brother)
Rod Nissley (Deb Ellis' son)
David Minnich (Friend of Deb Ellis)
Stephanie Wagner (Faye Fox's niece)
Jeffrey Clouser
Trudy Berkheimer
John Blanda (Lynn Balmer's brother-in-law)
Ed Olden
Shirley Shaak
Marie DiFava
Trudy Carmany (Becky Colban's cousin)
Cindy Johnson
Eva Miller
Andrew Scholl (Becky Colban's nephew)
Regine Halsall (Friend of Deb Ellis)
Meg Nagel
Billy Knight (Holly Brandt's cousin)
Megan Tilley
Lisa Beard (Holly Brandt's co-worker)
Pam (Peg Clark's sister-in-law)
Dick Winters
Victor Vega (Holly Brandt's co-workers husband)
Members from our church family who are shut-in or
home bound
The People of Ukraine
The Victims of War in Israel and Palestine

ST. MARK'S CALENDAR
For the Week of June 9, 2024

Sunday Koffee Klatsch – 9:30-10 AM and 11-11:15 AM
Worship Service – 10:00
Adult Sunday School – 11:15 AM
Mission Trip Meeting – after worship service

Monday Christian Ed Meeting – 6:30 PM – Deb Follett's
Home

Wednesday Bible Study – 10 AM



ST. MARK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The flowers on the Communion Table are presented by Becky Colban in honor of her brother, Russell Scholl's birthday on June 8th.

The bulletins are presented to the Glory of God.

Flowers and Bulletins – Dates available for flowers are: July 7 and 28. Dates available for bulletins are: June 16, 23 and 30, July 21 and 28. Please contact the office if interested in sponsoring any flowers or bulletins.

DiNunzio Sub Coupons – Fellowship and Hospitality Committee will be selling coupons starting June 2 and will continue to June 16. Cost will be \$12.00 per coupon and there is no expiration date.

Women's Painting Party – We will be painting a wine bottle and adding a string of lights on Saturday, June 22nd, 9 AM to 11 AM. Light breakfast will be served. Cost is \$10.00 per person. See sign-up sheet in narthex.

Pine Acres Service – June 23, 2024, our worship service will be held out at Pine Acres at 10 AM. The Evangelism and Mission Committee will be providing lunch after the service.

Save the Dates:

June 2 – 16 – Sale of DiNunzio Sub Coupons
June 22 Women's Painting Party – 9 AM – 11 AM
(Includes Breakfast)
June 23 Worship Service 10 AM @ Pine Acres
July 15-18 Kid's Kamp at Pine Acres

Conference Call information:
Dial (215) 383-1625 Enter conference code: 569284
Press* when asked for your attendee pin

*Grace is when God gives us good things that we
don't deserve.*

*Mercy is when He spares us from bad things we
deserve.*

Blessings are when He is generous with both.

*Truly we can never run out of reasons to thank
him.*

God is good all the time!!