

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

Rev. David A. Jones

OUR OFFERING AND OFFERTORY "Songs My Mother Taught Me"

Dvorak arranged by Ellen Jane Lorenz

* 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

* LORD'S PRAYER (using debts and debtors)

* BENEDICTION AND THREEFOLD AMEN

* HYMN #648 (Green Hymnal) "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

* SILENT MEDITATION

POSTLUDE "We Have Heard the Joyful Sound"

Mary McDonald

*Please stand as you are able

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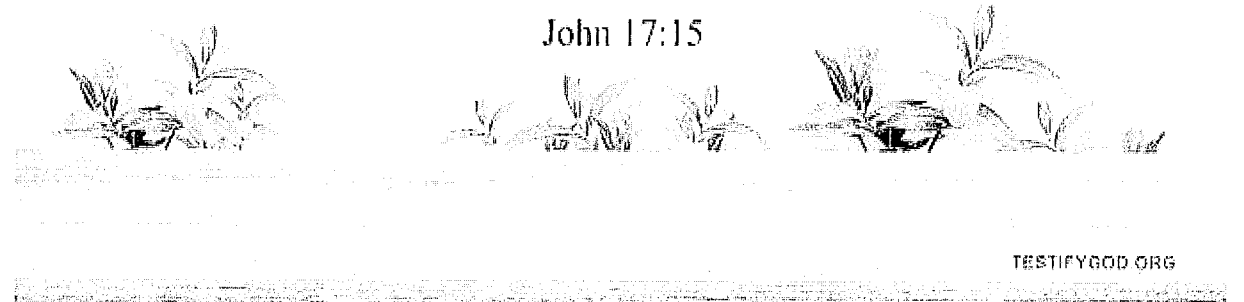
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I pray not that You should take
them out of the world,
but that You should keep
them from the evil.

John 17:15



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May 12, 2024

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Reader: Heather Noll

God is Still Speaking ...

"Mother is a verb. It's something you do. Not just who you are."

- Dorothy Canfield Fisher

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE "I Trust in Thee"

Mary McDonald

* SOLEMN DECLARATION AND SUNG AMEN

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Let us come together, expect great things, and wait for the promises of God.

People: Is this the time when God will come to reign? Will we receive power and authority?

Pastor: In God's time, the Holy Spirit will come, and we will be empowered as faithful witnesses.

People: We are here to learn about all that Jesus did. We are ready to listen to all that Jesus taught.

Pastor: Rise up, people of God and sing praises to the Creator of life.

People: God is ruler over all the earth. We seek to experience God's rule in our lives.

* HYMN #377 (Green Hymnal) "Alleluia! Sing to Jesus"

* CALL TO CONFESSION

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, it is hard for us to wait for anything. We want instant answers and immediate gratification of our desires. We are more adept at acquiring things than we are at being grateful for the things we already have. We forget the amazing riches of your gifts to us and we only want more. We do not take time simply to enjoy being in your presence, singing your praises, and delighting in your love. Forgive us for our arrogant and selfish pride and our neglect of values and relationships that would supply all we really need.

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 yours to receive and proclaim to the nations. The power of God at work in Christ is offered to us: the power of love to make a difference among us. Let us give thanks that we are restored as sons and daughters of the living God who promises to us the baptism of the Holy Spirit. **Thanks be to God! Amen!**

SPECIAL MUSIC "If You Love Me"

Choir

Joel Raney

CHILDREN'S SERMON

THE SCRIPTURES (insert)

New Testament Acts 1: 15 – 17, 21 - 26

*Gospel John 17: 6 - 19

* 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 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.

Acts 1: 15 – 17, 21 – 26

In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred twenty persons) and said, "Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus— for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry."

So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection." So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. Then they prayed and said, "Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place." And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

John 17: 6 – 19

Jesus prayed, "I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world,

and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.



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)
Heather Whorley
Stephanie Wagner (Faye Fox's niece)
Jeffrey Clouser
Trudy Berkheimer
John Blanda (Lynn Balmer's brother-in-law)
Ed Olden
Shirley Shaak
Marie DiFava
John Schieber
Trudy Carmany (Becky Colban's cousin)
Cindy Johnson
Eva Miller
Andrew Scholl (Becky Colban's nephew)
Linda Brandt
Regine Halsall (Friend of Deb Ellis)
Meg Nagel
Billy Knight (Holly Brandt's cousin)
Megan Tilley
Lisa Beard (Holly Brandt's co-worker)
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 May 12, 2024

Sunday Choir Practice – 8:30 AM
Koffee Klatsch – 9:30-10 AM and 11-11:15 AM
Worship Service – 10:00
Congregational Meeting – 11:15 AM

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

Tuesday Women's Study Group – 6:30 PM
Bell Rehearsal – 7:30 PM

Wednesday Bible Study – 10 AM



ST. MARK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The flowers on the Communion Table are presented by Susan Fisher, Gayle Olden and Jeanne Miller in memory of their mother, Bertha E. Groff.

The bulletins are presented by Becky Colban in honor of her brother, Samuel Scholl, for his birthday on May 13th.

Flowers and Bulletins – Dates available for flowers are: June 2, 23 and 30. Dates available for bulletins are: May 19, June 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30. Please contact the office if interested in sponsoring any flowers or bulletins.

Congregational Meeting – There will be a special congregational meeting today, May 12, 2024, immediately after our church service. The purpose of this meeting is to introduce a proposed change in the number of members to our consistory. A second meeting to vote on this proposal will be held on Sunday, June 2, 2024, after our morning service. Both of these meetings should be brief and all members are encouraged to attend.

Cram-A-Cruiser – We will be collecting non-perishable food items and personal care products on May 12th to support Lebanon County Christian Ministries. This project is sponsored by The James Biever Police Community Alliance.

May 19, 2024 – Pentecost and Confirmation Service – Christian Ed Committee will be hosting a luncheon after the worship service in Fellowship Hall. This luncheon will be catered by Angelo's. Menu includes: salad, baked ziti, sandwiches, a cake honoring the confirmands, and gluten-free pasta and dessert option. Please sign up in the narthex or call the office. We need to know a count because of having it catered. Please let us know by today, May 12, if you will be attending the luncheon.

Sno Cone Day – will be on June 6, 2024. Snack donations of chips, pretzels or popcorn would be appreciated. Thank you.

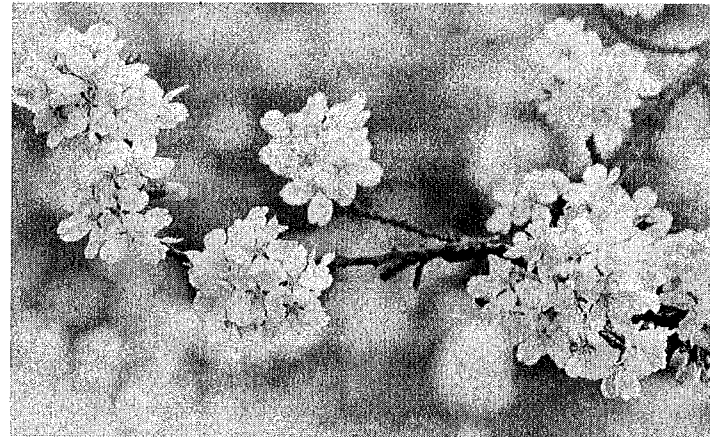
Graduates – Any members who have children or grandchildren that are graduating from High School or College, please give their information to the office.

Save the Dates:

May 19 Confirmation Service and Luncheon
May 31-June 2 – Youth Spring Retreat
June 2 Worship and Communion Service – 10 AM
Congregational Meeting – 11:15 AM
June 6 Sno-cone Day
June 2 – 16 – Sale of Dinunzio Sub Coupons
June 22 Women's Painting Party – 9 AM – 12 PM
(Includes Breakfast)
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



HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY EVERYONE!!

PLEASE TAKE A DEVOTIONAL

THAT IS IN THE NARTHEX