

May 5, 2024 Sixth Sunday of Easter 10:30 AM

***Those who are able, please stand
WE GATHER TO WORSHIP**

WELCOME

We are pleased that you are worshipping with us today. We hope the service will be a blessing to you. This is the Sixth Sunday of Easter. Today our message is to Love One Another as Jesus loves each of us. Jesus says to “do as I do” Love One Another.

The Flowers on the Alter are given in Memory of Hilda Paul’s Birthday by Werner Paul

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

May 8, 2024 Mother’s Day Gift making Event with Cheryl Bielli

May 12, 2024 - Mother’s Day

Free Lunch May 13, 2024 11:30 - 12:30 w/North Main UMC

Food Pantry May 20, 2024 10:00 AM-1:00 PM

May 27, 2024 Memorial Day -- June 12, 2024 Baccalaureate @ 5:00 PM

MUSICAL PRELUDE: “The Voice of Jesus” Pianist Mavis Baldwin

WORDS OF ASSURANCE (In Unison)

We come here this morning to worship and to praise you, glad that we live in this country filled with such diverse and beautiful examples of your creation. With the light of God’s eternal love flooding into our hearts this day, may we feel the healing presence of God in our lives. Accept God’s love and hope for you and let God’s power and joy penetrate your hearts and spirits preparing you for new growth in the spirit of God. This is the gift freely given for you by Jesus Christ, God’s risen Son our Lord. AMEN.

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come, one and all. Gather together! For this is the day of the Lord!

People: Praise be to God who has drawn us from darkness and filled our world with light. Praise be to God who re-creates God’s love in us each day!

Leader: We come together this day, drawn by the light of God’s love!

People: Challenge and encourage our spirits to serve you, Lord.

Leader: In God’s eternal realm, peace and hope reign!

People: Let all the people praise God with their music and their voices!

Leader: Let all the people praise God with their deeds of loving-kindness!

People: We thank God for this invitation to worship, witness and serve. Praise be to God who has called us here this day. AMEN!

GATHERING SONG “More Love to Thee O Christ” UMH 453

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (In Unison)

Lord of love, You have asked us to keep your commandments. You know how easy it is for us to sit here and forget what we have been asked to do. We are not unlike the disciples who wondered and who feared and sometimes were unsure of the gifts You have given. Lord, come to us in our darkness. Flood us with your powerful light of love and mercy. Help open our eyes to the good news of your eternal glory. Give to us visions of the place in which love and hope will reign. Open our eyes to your presence that we may lean on You For we ask this in Jesus’ Name. AMEN

Time with God’s Children: Pray for all the children of the World today as they struggle with the same fears and concerns that we all have. Bring them peace.

SHARING OUR JOYS & CONCERNS (Prayer request forms are available at the back of the sanctuary)

Pastoral Prayer:

THE LORD’S PRAYER

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.

PRAYER RESPONSE “O Lord Hear My Prayer” TFWS 2200

GIVING OF OURSELVES & OUR OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY “God Sees the Heart” Chancel Choir

DOXOLOGY “Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow” UMH 95

UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND THANKSGING

God of joy, we offer our gifts this day, as we reflect on the wisdom of your Word. Jesus urges us to hold onto him, to stay connected to his example,

presence, and the fulfillment he brings. He reveals that our joy finds completeness when it is woven into his divine joy. Help us abide in him through love, obeying his commandment to love one another. In acts of service, healing, and selfless generosity, may our joy be sustained, a shared and everlasting gift from the source of all joy. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

SONG OF COMMITMENT "One Bread, One Body" UMH 620

Special Reading: Responsive Canticle of Love UMH 646

Psalter Reading: Psalm 16 UMH 748

Affirmation of Faith: A Modern Affirmation UMH 885

GLORIA PATRI (We use this ancient response to praise God for the Bible) UMH 70

SCRIPTURE Acts 10:44-48 John 15: 9-17

SHARING THE STORY: "No one can tell me what to do" Pastor Joyce Royal

HOLY COMMUNION (SEE INSERT)

SENDING SONG "Blest be the Tie that Binds" UMH 557

THE SENDING FORTH

May the love of God which was lavished upon you by Jesus Christ be in your hearts, your minds, and your spirits as you go forth into God's world. Be bearers of peace and hope to all you meet, and may God's peace be with you always. Take God's Commandment to love one another with You. AMEN.

MUSICAL POSTLUDE "God the Spirit, Guide and Guardian" Mavis Baldwin

Worship Reader: James Medbury

Prayer List: Alison Clun, Sue Tyler's Niece Emma, Family of Andrea Russell, Prayers for her daughter Zoey and Matt Brezofsky...The Korona family... Family of Lillian Chase, The Family of Joann Samrov, Family of Carol Cotton, Janine Dykeman, Ivy Patterson, Linda Sammons, Calae Bonfey, Mary Hayes, Linda Howland,

Louise Medbury, Kim Gottschalt, Dave Winnie, Crystal Lee, Beverly Bartlett, Family of Art Schrum, Carol Johnson, Kevin Quaresino, Portia Robles, Steve Miles

If you have a joy or a prayer request or would like to be a part of the Prayer Chain group, please call Carol Johnson at 518-921-9902***

Welcome to Worship

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We Gather to Worship

We Scatter to Serve

Sixth Sunday After Easter



*This is my commandment
Love one another
as I have loved you*

John 15:12