

## Welcome to worship!

We are glad to have you worship with us today.

We practice safer worship together, following COVID-19 protocols for in-person gatherings, which may be adjusted as the situation in our area changes.

**COVID-19:** Currently the wearing of face masks in our worship is optional, welcomed, and encouraged, particularly for those who are at higher risk for complications. Please make compassionate and informed decisions for your own personal health and for the health and welfare of those around you.

**Childcare:** All children are welcome in our service. Parents please keep your children with you or at the activity tables. Our nursery reopened today. The nursery is located on the 2nd floor.

**Communion:** Our communion is open to all who seek to follow in the way of Jesus. Our communion cups are filled with grape juice.

## LIFE OF THE CHURCH

May 22	10:30 AM	-Nursery reopens during worship service. -Newsletter articles due.
May 23	6:30 PM	Executive Board Meeting (Zoom)
	7:00 PM	Full board Meeting (Zoom)
May 24	7:00 PM	Women of the Bible study (Zoom)
May 25	5:00 PM	Bell Choir rehearsal
May 26	7:00 PM	Vespers (Zoom)
May 29		-5th Sunday Offering for Christian Care Communities -Pentecost Offering
May 30	10:00 AM -12:00PM	Memorial Day Bake Sale. Please bring baked goods and drinks. Menu: Hot Dogs & Drinks

## OUR PRAYERS

### World Council of Churches ecumenical prayer calendar:

Indian Ocean Islands: Comoros, Madagascar, Maldives,  
Mauritius, Seychelles

### For those who desire our prayers:

**Susie Nixon**, Dianna Pettit, Carmen Swim, LeRoy Caudill, Jack Evans, Beverly Plummer & Family, Beverly Jones, Betty Miller, Lynn Moore, David Embry, Ronni Gilpin, Amanda Baldwin, Ben Webb, Cate Cook, Maggie Miles, Ned Breschel, Hedy Caldwell, Eva Johnston

*Prayer concerns and joys may be shared with the office.*

**Concerns will be posted  
for two weeks only unless otherwise requested.**

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## NURSERY REOPENS - 2ND FLOOR

We are delighted to provide a safe and clean environment to care for your child as you worship our Lord. The nursery is for children 0-4 years old. You are invited to visit the nursery. Our new nursery attendant is Katrina Allman.

## WE ARE DISCIPLES

We are Disciples.....  
 We prepare God's table for all,  
 as it was prepared for us.  
 We embrace the old,  
 the heartsick, the outcast,  
 the different.  
 We believe Love wins....

Guest Preacher.....Bob Pryor  
 Music Director/Keyboardist.....Genny Jenkins  
 Liturgist.....Joe Barrett  
 Worship Elder.....Sarah Chaney  
 Greeter.....Elizabeth Ash  
 Audio/Visual Team.....Ethan Jenkins, Wiley Tanner  
 Nursery Attendant.....Katrina Allman

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## SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 22, 2022

Sixth Sunday of Easter

\*indicates the congregation stands in body and/or spirit

### Acknowledgement of Land

For thousands of years, First People have walked on this land; their relationship with the land is at the center of their lives and spirituality. We are gathered on the traditional territory of the Shawnee, Cherokee, and Osage people, past, present, and emerging, and we acknowledge their stewardship of this land throughout the ages.

### CROSSING THE THRESHOLD

Welcome		Joe Barrett
Bell of Mindfulness		Joe Barrett
Prelude	<i>Oh How I Love Jesus</i>	Genny Jenkins
Call to Worship		Joe Barrett
Opening Prayer		Joe Barrett
*Gathering Song	<i>Gather Us In</i>	#284
Prayer of Confession and Assurance		Sarah Chaney

Before God, with the people of God, I confess to my brokenness:  
to the ways I wound my life, the lives of others,  
and the life of the world.

**May God forgive you, Christ renew you,  
and the Spirit enable you to grow in love.**

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### SACRED STORIES

Scripture Reading	Genesis 18:1-8	Joe Barrett
Scripture	Acts 16:9-15	Bob Pryor

Listen now for Word and Wisdom  
as it comes to us in the reading of Holy Scripture.

**Our hearts and minds are open,  
for the Word of God in Jesus,  
for God's Wisdom all around us,**

**For God's Word and Wisdom in us, thanks be to God.**

Sermon

*Radical Hospitality*

Bob Pryor

### RESPONDING TO GOD'S STORY

Call to Discipleship		Sarah Chaney
*Song of Response	<i>Called As Partners in Christ's Service</i>	#453
Lord's Prayer		Joe Barrett

**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.**

Communion		Sarah Chaney
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Peace be with you!

**And also with you.**

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Meditation	<i>Amazing Grace</i>	Genny Jenkins
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### GOING OUT AS GOD'S PEOPLE

*Benediction		Sarah Chaney
*Sung Response	<i>From All that Dwell Below the Skies</i>	#49
*Postlude	<i>Called As Partners in Christ's Service</i>	Genny Jenkins

Resources: Scripture readings: © 1989 *The New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)*; Music:  
Text and music: American folk song, "The Good Old Way," attr. to George H. Allan, from  
*Slave Songs of the United States*, 1867.



**READ:** Paul returns to our story today. After he had heard Jesus' voice when he was traveling on the road to Damascus, Paul became a follower of Jesus. He traveled to tell people about Jesus and God's love. Everywhere he went he told others about Jesus, and many people believed in Jesus. They began to meet in each other's homes to pray and learn more about Jesus. One night Paul had a dream in which a man asked him to come to Macedonia. The next day Paul made his way over to Macedonia and went to a city there called Philippi. He and his friends were looking for a place to pray, and they went down to the bank of a nearby river.

There they saw some women praying. One of the women was named Lydia, she was a business woman who bought and sold expensive purple cloth. Peter and his friends talked about Jesus, and Lydia listened closely. Listening to Paul telling how Jesus had changed his life, Lydia was moved. In her heart she knew she wanted to follow Jesus, too. She and her whole family listened to Paul, and they believed in Jesus. Paul baptized Lydia and her family in the river where they had met.

Lydia was happy to learn more about Jesus, so she invited Paul and his friends to stay at her home. While they were there, Paul continued to teach about Jesus. After Paul and his friends left, Lydia continued to welcome other followers of Jesus into her home, where they could worship and pray together. Her home became what was called a house church. (Acts 16:9-15)

**WONDER:** I wonder why the women were praying at the river?  
I wonder how it felt to hear Paul's story of Jesus?  
I wonder what it feels like to be baptized?  
I wonder why Lydia invited Paul and his friends to stay with her?  
I wonder what is the most important part of this story?  
I wonder where you are in this story?

**SAY:** Today we heard the story of the beginning of a house church, when Lydia opened her home to others who wanted to follow Jesus.

**PRAY:** Let's pray. Dear God, thank you for people who welcome us, who make space for others. Help us to be people who welcome others as we share your love with our world. Amen.

### EXTEND

- How do you and your family welcome others? Who welcomes you? Choose your favorite art materials and create a welcome sign. Is the sign for your home? Or is there someone you want to give it to?
- Do you live near a river or creek? Plan a walk there. Talk about the water and how it makes you feel. What would you want to pray for as you stand next to the river?
- Read *But Not the Hippopotamus* by Sandra Boynton. In the book animals enjoy many different activities, but not the hippopotamus. Until one day the animals shout, "Hey! Come join the lot of us!" and welcome the hippopotamus to join them. Have you ever been invited to join others? I wonder how that invitation made you feel?