



***St. John's United Church of Christ
Chambersburg, PA
May 15, 2022***

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

*Please stand in body or in spirit

GATHERING SONG

"Find a Home Here"

UNISON WELCOME

"No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here"

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASSING OF THE PEACE

"The peace of Christ be with you"

"And also with you"

OPENING SONG

"Halle, Halle, Hallelujah"

Hal H. Hopson

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

adapted from Touch Holiness: Resources for Worship

God has made this day.

Let us rejoice and be glad.

The God who raised Jesus Christ from the dead raises us to new life daily.

Thanks be to God.

**Glory be to God our Creator, to Jesus our risen Christ,
and to the Spirit our Comfort. Amen.**

***PRAISE SONG**

"Bind Us Together"

Bob Gillman

CALL TO CONFESSION

from Gathered by Love: Worship Resources for Year C

The God revealed to us in the pages of Scripture is a welcoming and inclusive God who directs us to love one another. So we gather to seek removal of all barriers to that love. Come to confess all that separates you from others and from your own best.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

adapted from Gathered by Love

We admit, holy God, that we find it hard to hear your promise of new life. Even when we are dissatisfied with our lives, it is easier to cling to what we know than to risk the unknown. You challenge us to accept people who are different from us, but we are not eager to associate with them. You command us to love one another, but some people are not lovable. O God, melt our defenses so we can accept your love and let it flow through us. Grant us courage and grace to embrace newness. Amen.

KYRIE

Hymnal Companion C-4

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

adapted from Gathered by Love

God promises to dwell with us, to ease our pain and wipe tears from our eyes. Dare to trust, for God accepts us as we are, that we might become all we are meant to be. God grants us the opportunity to repent. It is a gift that leads to new life. Accept God's gift.

***GLORIA #360**

"We Will Glorify" (v. 1)

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 11:1-18; Revelation 21:1-6

RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 148

Hallelujah! Praise GOD from the heavens; praise God in the heights!

Praise God, all you angels; praise God, all you multitudes in heaven!

Praise God, sun and moon; praise God, all you shining stars!

Praise God, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens!

Let them praise the name of the Most High, for God commanded and they were created.

God established them forever and ever; God fixed their bounds, which cannot be passed.

Praise GOD from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps, fire and hail, snow and frost, stormy wind fulfilling God's command!

Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars! Wild animals and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds!

Sovereigns of the earth and all peoples, royalty and all rulers of the earth!

Young men and women alike, old and young together!

Let them praise the name of GOD, for God's name alone is exalted; God's glory is above earth and heaven.

God has raised up a horn for God's people, praise for all the faithful, for the people of Israel who are close to God. Hallelujah!

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Roxanne Davenport

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Holy and Anointed One"

John Barnett

SCRIPTURE READING

John 13:31-35

SERMON

Rev. Peter Emig

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (DEBTS)

INVITATION TO GIVING

OFFERING SONG

"Step by Step"

David (Beaker) Strasser

***OFFERTORY RESPONSE #706**

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

from Gathered by Love

Thank you, gracious God, for making your home with us and claiming us as your own people. We dedicate ourselves and our gifts toward the new world you are creating among us—a world where peace emerges from mutual respect and honest encounters. May your love be reflected in our attitudes and actions when we are together and when we are scattered. Amen.

***CLOSING SONG**

"They'll Know We Are Christians"

Peter Scholtes

***COMMISSION & BENEDICTION**

SENDING SONG

"Soon and Very Soon"

Andraé Crouch

The "Nursery Nook in the Narthex" and play area in the Parlor are available for children and families to use during worship.

Activity bags are also available for children.

See an usher or deacon for assistance.

Birthdays this week: Joe Wohl 5/17; Zoe Dereef 5/18; Rafael Cuesta 5/20; Jared Reichelderfer 5/20; Vera Reber 5/23; Joann Snider 5/23; James Patterson II 5/23

| Worship Participants: | |
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| Guest Pastor | Rev. Peter Emig |
| Praise Team | Tim Long, Jose Ricardo, Diana Kongkeattikul, Roxanne Davenport, Aaron Hartman, and Carol Yarema |
| Deacon in Charge | Calvin Frantz |
| Lector | Henry Hopper |
| Hospitality Team | |
| Media Coordinators | Scott and Ginny Cairns |
| Pastor Emeritus | Rev. Stephen W. Hoffman |
| Bulletin cover | "Look Forward" by Edd Scheer |

The Flowers at the Foot of the Cross are given by The Evans family in grateful memory for the life and love of LaRoy "Bud" Evans. Thanks be to God

St. John's Vision

We are called to love, to learn, to worship and to witness in Christ as a congregation that welcomes everyone, and seeks service that will advance God's realm on earth.

Worship Resources:

Gathered by Love: Worship Resources for Year C

C-4

Kyrie

Lord, Have Mercy on Us

KYRIE

Traditional: 6th century

John Ylvisaker, 1971

The musical score consists of three staves of music in 2/4 time, with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are: "Lord, have mer-cy on us. . . Lord, have mer-cy on us. . ." on the first staff; "Christ, have mer-cy on us. . . Christ, have mer-cy on us. . ." on the second staff; and "Lord, have mer-cy on us. . . Lord, have mer-cy on us. . ." on the third staff. The guitar chords are Em, D, B7, and Em, which are repeated across the staves.

This Kyrie may be sung responsively.

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We Will Glorify

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1. We will glo - ri - fy the King of kings, we will glo - ri - fy the Lamb;
2. Lord Je - ho-vah reigns in maj-es - ty, we will bow be-fore His throne;
3. He is Lord of heav - en, Lord of earth, He is Lord of all who live;
4. Hal - le - lu - jah to the King of kings, hal - le - lu - jah to the Lamb;



we will glo - ri - fy the Lord of lords, Who is the great I Am.
we will wor-ship Him in righ-teous-ness, we will wor-ship Him a - lone.
He is Lord a - bove the u - ni - verse, all praise to Him we give.
hal - le - lu - jah to the Lord of lords, Who is the great I Am.



WORDS: Twila Paris, 1982

MUSIC: Twila Paris, 1982; arr. David Allen, 1986

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WE WILL GLORIFY
Irregular

706 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below;

WORDS: Thomas Ken, 1674
MUSIC: *Genevan Psalter*, 1551

OLD 100TH, alt.
LM
Lower key, No. 331

DOXOLOGIES

praise Him, above ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

NEWS IN THE PEWS May 15, 2022

The Rev. Caroline E. Saxton, pastor@sjucc1811.org (641) 260-1868 (cell)
Gloria & Gary Crum, Tim Long, Music Directors
Roxanne Davenport, Director of Children & Youth
The Rev. Stephen W. Hoffman, Pastor Emeritus

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

Monday, May 16

4:30 pm Cooking Class - Kitchen
6:00 pm Boy Scouts - Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, May 17

9:00 am Summer Singers - Fellowship Hall
5:30 pm Yoga Class – Fellowship Hall
6:00 pm Ladies Bible Study via Zoom
6:30 pm Amistad PT Rehearsal – Sanctuary
7:00 pm Cub Scouts - Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, May 18

6:00 pm Nursery School Graduation - Sanctuary

Thursday, May 19

9:30 am Mothers Group – Parlor
4:00 pm Belltones –Room 117
5:00 pm Dance - Fellowship Hall
6:00 pm Nursery School Graduation - Sanctuary
7:00 pm PFLAGG organizing group meeting - Conference Room
7:00 pm The Bells of St John's – Room 117
7:30 pm Senior Choir – Room 103

Sunday, May 22

9:00 am Adult Sunday School with Ernie Welch via zoom
9:00 am Children's Church School
10:00 am Worship – Sanctuary
2:00 pm Retirement Party - Fellowship Hall

NOMINATIONS NEEDED FOR THE 2022-2023 CONSISTORY
FOR THE PROGRAM YEAR STARTING SEPTEMBER 2022

It is that time of year when we have the opportunity to nominate the people who will represent us on our Consistory. This year there are openings for 3 Deacons 3 Elders and 1 Trustee. Please use this form to nominate folks you think would serve well in these capacities.

The qualifications are as follows:

- Deacon: One who is willing to serve Christ and Christ's people through the organization of worship activities
- Elder: One who is willing to serve Christ and Christ's people through supporting the spiritual life of the congregation
- Trustee: One who has experience or interest in the care and control of both the real and personal property of the congregation as a sacred trust, in accordance with the provisions of the governing documents of St. John's

The following persons are INELIGIBLE to be nominated because they are currently on Consistory or have recently served and have not been off Consistory the required time before being eligible to serve again.

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| Peter A'Zary | Mike Blumberg | Peg Bryner |
| Harold Collier | Julie Dereef | Calvin Frantz |
| Thomas Harrison | Michael Herbert | Cathy Kinton |
| Tom Kinton | Diana Macfarlane | Connie Morrill-Hair |
| Sarah Myers | Gary Patterson | Eileen Shaffer |

Please enter your nominations on this form and place it in the offering plate or in the secure box outside the church office.

Deacon (3 needed) _____

Elder (3 needed) _____

Trustee (1 needed) _____