



Service For The Lord's Day

Youth Sunday

May 15, 2022 **Those who are able, please stand.* **10:00 A.M. Worship**

WELCOME! We are glad you are worshiping with us today. We pray that you will be challenged and find joy, hope, and celebration in this time spent together in the presence of God.

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

God of Light, You alone are worthy of our worship. Fill this space with Your presence; make this a holy place. Help us to be in the “now”; make this a sacred time. Come and be with us today – fill us with the light of the Son, Jesus Christ. Let Your love dawn upon us and wash over us. Help us to be still and hear Your voice in this holy and sacred space.

GOD’S PEOPLE GATHER TO WORSHIP

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The Peace of Christ be with you

All: And also with you.

PRELUDE

“Minuet”

Mozart

*Benton Beerbower, alto saxophone
Lakeview Middle School*

CALL TO WORSHIP

(Responsive)

Leader: In the beginning, the universe was dark and cold. And the Spirit hovered and brooded and whispered: “Let there be life!” In the beginning, God said: “Let there be light!” In the beginning, the Word was spoken and light and life came into being! In the beginning God, looked at all that had been made and saw that it was very good. In the beginning... In the beginning...

All: In the beginning...

Leader: After the beginning, God handed the light to human beings.

All: And they handed the light on to their children.

Leader: And their children handed the light on to their children, who handed it on to their children, who handed it on to their children.

All: And to their children.

Leader: The light shone in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it... And some took the light into desert places. And some took the light into city places. And some to the east. And some to the west. And some to the north and the south. The light waits.

All: Who will keep the light burning in our day? Who will take the light into the world?

Leader: Who will carry the light if we do not? Whom, then, shall the Lord send?

All: Here we are. Send us.

***PRAYER OF INVOCATION** (*Responsive*)

Leader: If the human body, body of blood and muscle, is to live, it needs salt. If the body of Christ, body of peace and justice, is to live, it needs us! If the earthly creation, bustling and blooming, is to flourish, it needs the sun's light. If a new creation we are in Christ is to flourish, it needs the Spirit's light! Jesus says we are salt of the earth, light of the world. Our faith, our love, our hope – essential as salt and light. But if salt isn't salty?

All: It isn't what it's meant to be.

Leader: And if a light doesn't shine?

All: It isn't what it's meant to be.

Leader: Jesus says we are salt of the earth, light of the world. Briny and bright, we are God's faithful people.

All: We shall be who we are meant to be in Christ: a welcoming oasis, a compassionate community, a justice-making people, giving glory to God!

Leader: God of mystery and of judgement, Who has made us to be salt and light in the tasteless, shadowed world, guide us in this time of worship.

All: Grant us understanding and spiritual discernment so that others may see Your good works through us, give You the glory, and be moved to serve You. Amen.

***OPENING HYMN**

“Come, Live in the Light”

No. 749 GTG

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

(*Lay Reader*)

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (*In Unison*)

We have developed a stutter when it comes to being salt and light in Your world, O Lord. Our prayer is that we might covet the freedom to respond to Your love for us

with all our heart and soul and mind and strength. Forgive us our caution, our self-consciousness, our fear of spontaneity, the praises that get stuck on our stuttering tongues. Make of us the glad and contagious followers You created us to be, through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

***KYRIE**

No. 574

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON** *(Responsive)*

Leader: Loving God, Thank You that You made us in Your image. Help us to reflect Your light and Your image in this world. Thank You that You made us the [light of the world](#). Help us to never shrink back from who we are. Thank You that we are not meant to be hidden. Strengthen us to live as a city on a hill. Thank You for Your grace. May You be pleased with our good deeds offered in response to Your grace and may they bring glory to You. Thank You that You have called us the [salt of the earth](#). Help us to be salty. Let us bring out the flavors of righteousness, love, and mercy in this world. Help us to salt the world.

ALL: Jesus, You told us that we are salt and we are light. You told us that we are, not will be, these things. Help us to remove all doubt and disbelief and live as the salt of the earth and light of the world, so that You may be pleased with us. Amen.

***GLORIA PATRI**

No. 579

GOD'S PEOPLE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION *(Responsive)*

Leader: God, source of all light by Your Word, You give light to the soul. Pour out on us the spirit of wisdom and understanding, so that our hearts and minds may be opened to know Your truth and Your way.

All: Shine within our hearts, loving God, the pure light of Your divine knowledge, and open the eyes of our minds and hearts, so that we may understand and embrace the message of the Scripture.

Leader: Help us to hear Your Word, so that we may truly understand; that, understanding, we may believe; and believing, we may follow Your way in all faithfulness, seeking Your honor and glory in all that we do. Amen.

FIRST READING

Matthew 5:1-16

INTERLUDE

“Concerto for Horn”
Rory Sensabaugh, French horn
Lakeview Middle School

Mozart

MEDITATION

SECOND READING

Psalm 27:1-6

MEDITATION

“The Candle”

THIRD READING

Philippians 1:1-16

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Nicene Creed

Leader: We believe in one God!

All: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth of all that is, seen and unseen.

Leader: We believe in one Lord!

All: We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten not made, of one being with the Father; through Him all things were made. For us and for our salvation He came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake, He was crucified under Pontius Pilate; He suffered death and was buried. On the third day, He rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and His kingdom will have no end.

Leader: We believe in the Holy Spirit!

All: We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, Who proceeds from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, Who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

JOYS AND CONCERNS

HYMN

“Holy Spirit, Come to Us”

No. 284 GTG

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 debts as we forgive our debtors, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory forever. Amen.”

OFFERTORY

“Canon”

Byrd

*Addison Schubert, Diana Wagner, Gabrielle Woodyard, Sofia Venniti
Lincoln PK-8 Middle School*

***DOXOLOGY**

No. 592

***OFFERTORY PRAYER**

(In Unison)

Holy One, You have given Yourself to us in Creator, in Christ, in the Spirit. We now give back to You: this money that seems so little; this worship that seems so small; these words that never quite get it right. Receive what we offer and transform it by the power of Your Spirit into enough money, sufficient praise, worthy words for proclaiming and enacting Your peace, justice, and love in the world.

***HYMN**

“Lord, the Light of Your Love Is Shining”

No. 192 GTG

GOD’S PEOPLE GO FORTH TO SERVE

***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

POSTLUDE

“Renaissance Festival”

Susato

*Addison Schubert, trumpet
Lincoln PK-8 Middle School*

***THE CELEBRATION HAS ENDED;
LET OUR SERVICE BEGIN!***

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Welcome Visitors!



The Nursery is available for infants to 4-year-olds—see Donna Latessa
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THE DEACONS would like to thank all who remember the Deacons' Cupboard while shopping. They are requesting **tuna, Kleenex, and toilet paper** for the month of **May**. You may leave your items in the Deacons' box in Fellowship Hall.

RADIO MINISTRY is funded today by **Janet Williams**. Our service is broadcast at 10:00 a.m. Sundays on 1570 AM and 97.7 FM. If you would like to contribute to this ministry, donations designated for the Radio Ministry may be placed in the offering box; contributions may also be mailed to the Church Office with "Radio Ministry" in the memo of the check. Our Radio Ministry costs \$125.00 per week; your financial support will keep this ministry alive.

RIVER ROCK AT THE AMP: The concerts are back this year, which means we will be charging for parking. The series starts Saturday, May 28; runs through Saturday, Sept. 3, and has 14 events. We need people in three shifts (4:15 to 6:15, 6:15 to 8:15, and 8:15 to 9:45) to collect money and assist people attending the Amp events. There will be a sign-up sheet in Fellowship Hall, so please take a shift or two or three. The money raised is split half for Relay for Life and half to the Church for upkeep of the parking lot.

MEET-n-EAT: The last Meet-n-Eat before Summer Break is **Wednesday, May 18**, 5:30-7:00. Chef Dave Angelini will again serve a wonderful meal followed by a CE activity, a Hymn Sing. Sign up in Fellowship Hall or call the office by **Monday, May 16**, so we know how much food we need. All you need to do is come and bring a friend, too.

VACATION: Pastor Betty will be on vacation **May 19 – 24**. If you need pastoral care during this time, please call the Church Office. **Bryce Wiebe**, Eastminster Presbytery's Staff Person for Vital Congregations, will lead us in worship on **Sunday, May 22**.

THANK YOU to **Russell Zampino** for designing today's liturgy and working with the youth in leading worship.

STRAWBERRY SHORTCAKE: Mark your calendars for **Sunday, May 22!** The Fellowship Committee is planning a Strawberry Shortcake Social after church. Plan to come and enjoy fellowship and strawberries! AND plenty of whipped cream, too!



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CANTOR:
RADIO, LIGHTS AND SOUND SYSTEM:
VIDEO PROJECTION:

Alexis Musgrove
Luke Heiligenberg
Bob Stahl

WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE

Sun, May 15	- Youth Sunday - Choir Rehearsal 9:00 am - Worship 10:00 am - Soul Seekers/Youth, Extreme Air 11:15 am
Mon, May 16	- OA, P..... 10:00 am - Girl Scouts, B 5:30 pm - AA, MC..... 7:00 pm - Deacons, FH 7:00 pm
Tues, May 17	- Al-Anon, MC 9:30 am - Community Lunch & Grocery Distribution 10:30 am - Finance Meeting 4:00 pm - Girl Scouts, B 5:30 pm - NA, MC..... 7:00 pm
Wed, May 18	- M.V.I., P..... 1:00 pm - Meet-n-Eat, FH 5:30 pm - AA, MC..... 6:30 pm - Communications Meeting, P 7:00 pm
Thur, May 19	- Prayer Talk, FH 9:00 am
Fri, May 20	- Church Office Closed
Sat, May 21	- AA, MC..... 11:00 am
Sun, May 22	- Choir Rehearsal 9:00 am - Worship 10:00 am - Sunday School 10:30 am - Strawberry Shortcake Reception, FH 11:15 am - Shower, FH 2:00 pm

FH-Fellowship Hall MC-Mable Culver P-Parlor B-Badger Hall T-Tieffle Lounge Z-Zoom

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