

For Prayer & Contemplation

"Some men see things as they are, and say why. I dream of things that never were, and say why not. - *Robert Kennedy*

Welcome & Sharing Information

Prelude "Will You Come and Follow Me" - arr. Lasky

Call to Worship (written by Mary Sue Brookshire)

One: Welcome home, people of God.

All: We have come to find refuge in the shelter of God's care.

One: Come and sit down. There is room for everyone in God's house.

All: We have come to be nourished by God's word.

One: We are God's own people and are precious in God's sight.

All: We have come to give thanks for God's faithful love.

*Hymn No. 767 "Together We Serve"

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, you have called us to build and to plant, but instead we tear down ourselves and others, and plant thorns of indifference and despair.

Forgive us, Lord. As your son was rejected by humanity but became the chief cornerstone of our salvation, make us living stones, built into a house for all people. Set us free to create the world we long to live in, on earth as it is in heaven, and let your mercy blossom into new life for us all.

Moment of Silence

Words of Assurance

One: Don't be troubled. When we ask for anything in Jesus' name, it will be done

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.

*Hymn No. 581 "Glory Be to the Father"

"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, amen."

Passing of Peace

One: May the Peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also, with you.

Anthem "There Is A Balm in Gilead" - Spiritual, arr. Witherup
Sanctuary Choir

Time with Children (Dismissal to Sunday School)

Pastor: It is time for you to depart.

Adults God be with you there.

Children: God be with you here.

Scripture

1st Reading: *1 Peter 2: 1-10*
New Testament pg. 233, LP pgs. 282-283

2nd Reading: *Acts 7: 55-60*
New Testament pg. 126, LP pg. 153

Sermon "The Martyr" – *Rev. Drew Harrison*

*Affirmation of Faith (*Apostle's Creed*)

I believe in God, the Father, almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead...

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Minute For Mission Jackie Sandy

Invitation to Offering

Offertory

*Doxology No. 606 "Praise God...All Blessings Flow"
"Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below. Praise Him above ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen."

Unison Prayer of Dedication

Good Shepherd, you spread a table before us. We offer you our gifts, signs of your gracious love and tokens of our grateful hearts. Nourish us at the feast of the Lamb, that we may proclaim to all the world your triumphant love in Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Invitation to Communion

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

All: And also, with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise to God.

Pastor: It is right and a good and joyful thing... therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

The Prayers of the People

Maureen St. John, Roxanne Somers, Terri D'Onofrio, The Family of Mike Savage, Terry Savage, Peggy Price, Meg Yanefski, The Family of Joe Bradley, The Family of Ryan McCleery, The Family of Susan Hans, Ellorah Maeve, Erin Fitzpatrick, The Family of John Clayton, Caroline, David, Jamie, Hayden, Cindy Sudano, Sue Hummel, The Family of Mavis Finch, Jessie Scanlon, Elaine Sheetz, Alan Henry

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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

The Words of Institution

Prayer after Communion

Merciful Lord, thank you for feeding us with the bread of life and cup of salvation. Send us out to tell everyone about your grace and love. Amen.

***Hymn No. 539** "We Will Go Out With Joy"

***Benediction**

***Benediction Hymn No. 243** "Be Not Afraid"

**"Be not afraid; sing out for joy! Christ is risen, alleluia!
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Postlude "Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee"
- Beethoven, arr. Weber

***** ***Please stand as you are able.*** *****



<i>This Week's Calendar May 7 – May 14</i>	
Sunday May 7	Deacon's Meeting 8:30am, 10 AM Worship Service – Sanctuary/Livestreaming, Sunshine Singers 11:15am,
Monday May 8	Property Committee 7pm, Boy Scouts Social Hall 7pm
Tuesday May 9	PW Meeting 9:30am, Girl Scouts – Social Hall 6:30pm, I&O Meeting 7pm
Wednesday May 10	Sparrow Chorale – Music Room, 6:30
Thursday May 11	Bell Choir 7pm, Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal 8pm
Friday May 12	Theology on Tap 7pm at Steve and Karla Langlois' house
Saturday May 13	
Sunday May 14	10 AM Worship Service - Sanctuary/Livestreaming, Mother's Day in the New Library 11:00am, Sunshine Singers 11:15am,

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<i>Thank you to our Worship Servers</i>	
Ushers	Vicki & Jeff Downing
Liturgist	Vicki Downing
Acolyte	Jane Harrison

Music Notes

Today's prelude is David Lasky's 2020 setting of the hymn tune "Kelvingrove," based on a traditional Scottish melody.

The anthem is William Witherup's 2016 choral arrangement of the African American spiritual "There Is A Balm in Gilead." It provides the answer to the question in Jeremiah 8:22, "Is there no balm in Gilead? Is there no physician there?" Mr. Witherup served as organist and choirmaster at Christ Episcopal Church in Meadville,

PA before his death in 2020. The postlude is taken from Jacob B. Weber's 2018 set of variations on the tune "Ode to Joy" by Ludwig van Beethoven. We thank the Sanctuary Choir for sharing special music with us this morning.

Happy Birthday!

- May 7** Robin Euler
- May 8** Stephen Hwang & Kurt Leach
- May 11** Liz Gianfortune
- May 12** Dan Enright & Thomas Enever
- May 13** Sarah Wlodarczyk
- May 14** Drew Staman



*10 AM Worship Service
May 7, 2023
5th Sunday of Easter
Rev. Drew Harrison*