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Sixth Sunday of Easter – May 25, 2025

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE AND TOLLING OF THE BELL

CALL TO WORSHIP

Jesus said, "Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them."

God makes a home with us; the Spirit dwells among us. Let the peoples praise you, O God!

May your face shine upon us, and your peace fill our hearts.

Christ gives us peace — not as the world gives.

Let us worship God with joy, thanksgiving, and love!

HYMN #623 The Church of Christ in Every Age

CONFESSION

Gracious God, you call us to dwell in love, yet we confess the times we turn away from your word. We chase after comfort and control, ignoring your call to trust and obey. We carry anxious hearts and heavy burdens, forgetting the peace you freely offer. We hold back praise, withholding blessing from others. Forgive us, O God. Renew our hearts with your spirit and lead us in the ways of compassion, courage, and peace.

ASSURANCE

Friends in Christ, God's mercy is wider than we can imagine, and God's love is deeper than we can comprehend. Receive this good news: You are forgiven. You are loved. You are made new. Thanks be to God!

#734 GLORIA PATRI

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.

SCRIPTURE Psalm 67; John 14: 23-29

MEDITATION

HYMN #132 Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart

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 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.

OFFERING / OFFERING RESPONSE

Praise God from whom all blessings flow: Praise Him all creatures here below, Praise Him above the heav'nly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Generous and loving God, you have blessed us with your abiding presence and your peace. Receive these gifts as signs of our gratitude and our trust. Use them — and use us — to bring healing, hope, and joy to the world you so love. Amen.

HYMN #727 America, the Beautiful

BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION (#447 verse 1)
God sent his Son, they called him Jesus;
He came to love, heal, and forgive;
he lived and died to buy my pardon,
an empty grave is there to prove my Savior lives.
Because he lives I can face tomorrow;
because he lives all fear is gone;
because I know he holds the future,
and life is worth the living just because he lives.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The altar flowers this morning are presented by Judy Fehnel in memory of husband, Delbert, Brett and Lynn.

BIBLE STUDY will meet on Thursday at 10 am.

CHURCH LIBRARY will be open on the 1st Wednesday of the month from 9-10:30 am and the third Wednesday of the month from 5:30-7 pm.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK:

26 Jane Belkey, Bella Caffrey

28 Adeline Engle

30 Stanley Breidinger

5/18/25 GIVING--\$346.00 TOTAL GIVING YTD--\$14,836.00

5/18/25 MEMBER ATTENDANCE—25 5/18/25 TOTAL ATTENDANCE—27 YTD MEMBER ATTENDANCE AVERAGE—30 YTD TOTAL ATTENDANCE AVERAGE--36